



**Minutes of  
 January 9, 2008 Meeting  
 Littleton/Englewood WWTP**

In Attendance:

Dennis Stowe	L/E WWTP
Colleen Young	City of Greeley
Mary Gardner	L/E WWTP
Dennis Stowe	L/E WWTP
Blair Corning	SACWSD
Nancy Keller	Pueblo
Tim Woodard	Westminster
Randy Siddens	Boxelder
Donna Davis	WQCD
Dave Akers	WQCD
Keith McLaughlin	CWR&PDA
Amy Woodis	MWRD
Fred Walker	Boxelder
Jim Egan	RMI
Jill Piatt-Kemper	Aurora
Paul Grundemann	CWSD
Lesa Julian	City & County of Broomfield
Bret Linenfelser	Boulder
Sharon Davis	MWRD
Gayle Packard	Niwot
Dennis Schump	City of Greeley
Paul Frohardt	WQCC
Jarrold Biggs	DOLA - DLG
Barry Cress	DOLA - DLG
Paul Ferraro	Ferraro Associates, Inc.

**I. Colorado Water Quality Control Commission - 2008 Activities, Paul Frohardt, CWQCC**

Paul reviewed the January - July activities of the Commission. To visit the monthly Long-Range Schedule for 2008, click [here](#).

Paul gave a status of the Water Quality Forum Workgroup as shown below:

### Water Quality Forum Work Groups Status

Last Updated October 31, 2007

Work Group	Chair/Coordinator/ WQCC Contact	Next Meeting(s)	Status
1. Standards Framework	Paul Frohardt (303-692-3468)/Amy Woodis (303-286-3240)/ <b>Andrew Todd</b>	November 28, 2007; 2:00 p.m. CDPHE Room C1A  March 19, 2008 June 23, 2008	New work group to address issues for potential consideration in 2010 Basic Standards rulemaking and/or for revised interpretation of existing Basic Standards provisions. <b>Initial meetings addressing temporary modifications and drinking water classifications and standards issues.</b>
2. Nutrient Criteria	Jim Saunders [lakes] (x3572)/Blake Beyea [streams] (x3656) (co-chairs)/Mary Fabisiak (303-430-2400 x2187)/ <b>Jeff Bedingfield</b>	January 23, 2008; 1:30 p.m. CDPHE Sabin Room  April 15, 2008	<b>At the October 23, 2007 meeting, the Division reported on: (1) the updated Nutrient Criteria Development Plan and schedule; (2) linking the nutrient status of rivers and streams to the pending bioassessment tools for aquatic life classifications; (3) linking lake and reservoir chlorophyll a levels to DOW's high quality fisheries; and (4) data base development regarding DO in reservoirs.</b>
3. Aquatic Life Classification	Chris Theel (x3558)/Barb Horn (970-382-6667)/ <b>Andrew Todd</b>	November 27, 2007; 9:00 a.m. CDPHE DOC Room  February 21, 2008 May 20, 2008	Continuing efforts to delineate statistically valid zones of transition from which to further refine current aquatic life use classifications; continuing efforts to add an OE-RIVPACS type fish model as another bioassessment tool; continuing efforts to finalize statewide reference sites for recalibration of existing indicator tools; continuing efforts to refine current aquatic life use classifications.
4. Membrane Treatment work group (formerly RO Roundtable)	Dave Akers (x3591)/Laurie Rink (303-777-0188) (co-chairs)/ <b>Robert Sakata</b>	Quarterly meetings, generally first Tuesday of the month each quarter; 9:00 to 11:30; FRICO offices.	<b>Work group collaborative report is complete and will be presented to the WQCC in January 2008. A Pilot Project subgroup is working on the scoping and funding of a zero liquid discharge technology demonstration project for statewide scale up applicability. The project intends to provide</b>

		Next: January 8, 2008 Location TBD	<b>information regarding technology performance, reliability and energy consumption.</b>
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5. Practical Quantitation Limits Guidance	Dave Akers (x3591)/ Sharon Davis (303-286-3360)/ <b>Andrew Todd</b>	November 2, 2007 9:00 a.m. CDPHE Room C1C	<b>November 2 meeting to finalize guidance for organic parameters and to discuss next steps for development of PQLs for inorganic parameters.</b>
6. Discharge Permit Regulations	Dave Akers (x3591)/Janet Kieler (x3599) (co-chairs)/ Carol Webb (970-221-6231)/ <b>Chris Wiant</b>	February 14, 2008 1:00 p.m. Metro Wastewater	<b>Notice for March 11, 2008 rulemaking hearing to be approved at November 2007 WQCC meeting; WQCD is developing language to address statutory issues identified by work group, which is intended to be included in a bill for the 2008 legislative session.</b>
7. Spill Reporting and Response	Dave Akers (x3591)/ Dave Meyer (303-430-2400, x2376)/ <b>Robert Sakata</b>	November 8, 2007 10:00 a.m. CDPHE  January 10, 2008	<b>WQCD Spill Reporting Guidance finalized pending receipt of public comments. Public comments as well appropriate discharge permits regarding spills will be discussed at the November 8 meeting.</b>
8. Agricultural Diversions	Gary Beers (x3524)/ Landon Gates (303-749-7516)/ <b>Gary Teague</b>	November 15, 2007 10:00 a.m. Colorado Farm Bureau Office	Work group will address how to implement the statewide narrative standards to protect agricultural uses. Work group has held a series of meetings with an educational focus before scoping the goals of the work group and setting specific objectives. A draft guidance document for implementing the narrative standard was circulated for comment in May. <b>A revised draft will be discussed at the November meeting and then released for public comment.</b>
9. E. coli Issues	Becky Anthony (x3339)/ Jim McCarthy (720-898-7765)/ <b>Chris Wiant</b>	December 6, 2007 1:00 p.m. UDFCD	<b>EPA effort to develop new or revised recreational water quality criteria has resulted in reevaluation of work group plans. At the next meeting, work group will address how to combine the following topics into a workable plan: (1) tiered approach to E. coli TMDL; (2) stormwater permit requirements; and (3) EPA report re research needs for new or revised criteria.</b>

## **II. CWQCD 2008 Fee Bill, Dave Akers (CWQCD)**

Dave Akers talked about the Division funding difficulties. He mentioned that a Fee Bill will be needed in 2009. The Division will begin stakeholders meetings in late February to deal with the 2009 Fee Bill.

## **III. Revolving Fund - Funding Alternatives, Donna Davis (WQCD), Keith McLaughlin (CWR&PDA), and Barry Cress (DOLA)**

Donna gave the following overview:

- The EPA has reduced its funding to the Wastewater State Revolving Fund from \$10.2 million in 2004 to \$5.6 million in 2008 with \$14 million in 2008 for the Water Program.
- The estimated total loan amount for the Spring 2008 Bond Issuance is \$17 million and \$43 million in the Fall. Transferring \$10 from Water will give a \$76 million potential for Wastewater.
- The Division is not making many Water loans.
- State Grants - Received \$3 million in 2006 (\$1.5 for Water and \$1.5 million for Wastewater) compared to zero funds this year. The Grants are for small communities.
- In 2006, permit penalties went into the Water Quality Implementation Fund. The fund is divided as follows:
  - 40% to communities impacted by a penalty.
  - 30% to communities not impacted by a penalty.
  - 30% to nonpoint source project - State's share portion.
  - This amounted to only 3 projects.
- Donna distributed two sheets regarding changes to the Revolving Fund - Eligibility List Categories. The first sheet is the existing language and the second one is the proposed changes. The Division is proposing five categories compared to the three existing categories. Donna asked that the Council comment on the proposal as soon as possible.

Keith distributed a report, "Program Update for the Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund," and gave a few highlights. The Report includes:

- Capitalization Grants
- 2008 Loan Capacity
- Loan Summary Report
- Administration/Planning and Design Grants
- 2008 Draft Project Eligibility List
- 2008 Intended Use Plan

For a copy of the Report, contact Keith at 303.830.1550, ext. 22 or [kmclaughlin@cwrpda.com](mailto:kmclaughlin@cwrpda.com).

Barry reviewed DOLA's role in the Program and distributed a sheet that summarized the 2006 Water & Sewer Projects funded by DOLA - 41 water projects totaling \$12.9 million and the 2006 Energy Impact Program Awards, 32 Wastewater Projects totaling \$9.5 million. He also mentioned that DOLA conducts workshops regarding the Program for small communities. We can use the workshops to distribute information regarding the Mentoring Program.

#### **IV. Updates**

- Water Utility Council
  - The contract is to be signed by Paul G. soon for the Mentoring Program.
  - State to fund ne-half of the Water portion of the Mentoring Program.
  - Drinking Water rules to be changed.
  - Design Criteria for Drinking Water - no workgroup.
- Mentoring
  - Have received Mentor and Mentee forms from water people.
  - Will seek TUs for a Mentor/Mentee Agreement and a Water Workshop.
  - CRWA - Table at their annual conference.
- Legislative - No report.
- Biosolids
  - Meeting on 1/10/08 between WQCD & CWWUC regarding Biosolids Delegation.
  - Three options for Biosolids Program
    1. State Program and EPA Program - two permits issues. Leave as is.
    2. Seek delegation.
    3. Let EPA only issue permits.
  - Senator Tapia is moving ahead with legislation for delegation of the Biosolids Program.
  - Pretreatment facility people want a State Program.
- Biosolids Subcommittee -
  - Dennis - go with State Delegation.

#### **V. Open Discussion**

- The Council's 2008 Program Plan and 2007 Annual Report are on the website.
- Reg 61, WET Testing, comments due by January 30. Approved to send a letter.
- Tax return to be submitted on 1/12/08.
- Nancy to email members Jim Egan's document regarding Site Application changes.

- Use Attainability Analysis - EPA - What is their process as well as the State's. Have both agencies involved in the monthly meeting. Party line of EPA (Region VIII) and Headquarters, and the State. Contact Dave Moon.
- Council is considering conducting a survey of stakeholders to see how the WQCD works with them.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 PM.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 13, 2008 at L/E WWTP