



**Minutes of
February 11, 2009 Meeting
at L/E WWTP, Littleton, CO**

In Attendance:

Paul Grundemann	CWSD
Bob Anastov	City of Aurora
Bret Linenfelser	Boulder
Ginny Johnson	Colorado Springs Utilities
Blair Corning	SACWSD
Mary Gardner	L/E WWTP
Dennis Stowe	L/E WWTP
Martha Hahn	PCWA
Nancy Keller	Pueblo
Richard Leger	Aurora
Joan Chavez	City of Thornton
Randall Smith	Northglenn
Charlie Stevens	Rifle (via telephone)
Jeannie Bowser	CWWUC (via telephone)

I. Wastewater Treatment in Iraq, Joan Chavez (City of Thornton)

Joan Chavez gave an overview of her work in the wastewater industry and daily life while being in Iraq for 42 months. Click here for access to her PowerPoint presentation and a short video. In the end, she indicated she would do it again and that the projects she worked on were worthwhile and that the wastewater plants will be there when the US is no longer there. However, she admitted that the work was very mentally draining and that it was hard to be apart from her family for so long.

II. Updates

- Water Utility Council - No report.
- Mentoring - Paul G. indicated that the Mentoring Committee is working with the Easter Seals Camp to resolve a wastewater issue without spending millions of dollars. He indicated they had a good meeting with the Division. Paul also discussed receiving information picked up by Amy Woodis at the Water Quality Fourm meeting regarding the cost for the Town of Rangely to meet the new ammonia standards, which will cost \$10 million. The Town of Rangely requested a waiver from the Division, but it was denied, even though there are no environmental issue identified. Although no formal request for

Mentoring assistance has been made, Paul asked if the Mentoring Committee might assist.

- Legislative Report - Members discussed the Division fee bill and the inaccuracies in a recent letter from the Division. Members discussed the pros and cons of responding to the Division's letter. Members also discussed that the State is seeking primacy on the new drinking water regulations. Members felt there is no issue with the EPA retaining primacy. The Division is reviewing. The consensus was that the Council should response to correct the Division on work group information. Dennis, Amy and Paul G will draft a response, fashioned in a positive tone. Members agreed that it is always important to work with the Division. It was noted that this was the first time that the Council did not support a fee bill.
- WEF Biosolids - No report, but it was noted that for Monument Creek the transportation costs are going to rise. The Division has stated that the comingling of water plant residuals and biosolids will not be allowed. Members questioned why there would be a problem if they are comingled and meet the biosolids regulations.
- Antidegradation Policy - Information has been posted on the Council's website and was also sent to Steve Gunderson and he agreed to review. There has been mentioned that antidegradation review will need to occur on every lake and river. In the Regulation 38 notice, the Division is adding 41 reviewable segments. Members discussed commenting on Regulation 38, but agreed that there is an ongoing review taking place and that the Council would wait until the Basic Standards review to comment. It was noted that the Commission wants to know more about antidegradation. Paul G. will work on a strategy.

III. Open Discussion

- Selenium - Steve Canton has been asked to participate in a Selenium Workshop and is seeking \$3,000 from the Council to fund his participation. An email will be sent out asking for contributions via special assessment.
- Stimulus Package - Members discussed the implications of money available through the proposed Stimulus Package. There has been mention that the funds might go through the Revolving Fund with a new category and opening up eligibility. In a teleconference yesterday with CML, the Colorado Water Congress and others, discussion was had about a different way to distribute the money. Entities are trying to insure that the State can match what Congress has proposed so that the funds don't get lost. It will be important to expeditiously get the funds out to projects. Mary Gardner noted that often there is a hold up at the State level to get a project ready to go in 90 days. Nancy Keller noted that Pueblo got a letter from Steve Gunderson allowing a project to move forward without an actual permit. There are more projects on the list than there will be available funding. If a new process is put into place, it may take too long. Members supported the Council commenting that they support using an existing system for appropriation of funds. Nancy Keller

mentioned that in order to get projects started quickly, an entity may need to split the project up - do some prep work and then do the design work while completing the prep work. The State is trying to work to push through projects so they are "shovel ready."

- It was mentioned that you can no longer apply pesticides via air spraying if they may contaminate the waters of the State.
- The Division made a proposal to the South Platte Cure which is undermining the current cooper standards. There has been a 30-year battle with the Division over misclassification of waters. Littleton/Englewood temperature standards are in Tier 2. The Division is now proposing Tier 1. This is the first time that temperature standards have been applied to the South Platte River.
- The Division is proposing to break out all lakes for nutrients on segments 22 and 23.

The meeting adjourned at 3:04 PM.

Next Meeting: March 11, 2009 at 1 PM at L/E WWTP