



**Minutes of  
 June 10, 2009 Meeting  
 at L/E WWTP, Littleton, CO**

In Attendance:

Paul Grundemann	CWSD
Bob Anastov	City of Aurora
Amy Woodis	Metro WRD
Andrew Neuhart	WQCD
Tim Woodard	City of Westminster
Bret Linenfelser	Boulder
Jim Kendrick	Monument Sanitation
Steve Frank	Metro WRD
Tad Foster	Law Office of Tad Foster
Jerry Raisch	Vranesh & Raisch
Nancy Keller	Pueblo
Janet Kieler	WQCD
Dave Akers	WQCD
Blair Corning	SACWSD
Dennis Stowe	L/E WWTP
Lee Bergstedt	GEI Consultants
Jill Piatt Kemper	Aurora
Christine Gray	City of Westminster
Richard Leger	Aurora
Michael McCrary	City of Loveland
Lesa Julian	Broomfield
Steve Gunderson	WQCD
Paul Ferraro	Ferraro Associates / CWWUC

**I. WQCD Activities / Legislative Issues, Steve Gunderson (CWQCD)**

Steve gave the following overview:

- S. Platte Rule Hearing was over on Tuesday, June 9, 2009.
- Tad asked what were the take home issues: Steve is having monthly meetings with key staff. Steve is concerned with permits.
- Stimulus - by September 30, 2009, projects to be funded. \$62 million for Drinking and Clean Water projects. Problems: Green building, Davis Bacon and Buy American. State Revolving Loans to increase next year. EPA, Pete Silva, Deputy Administrator for Water, NPS and nutrients are his priorities.

- Antidegradation - Steve is waiting for comments. He is looking at a discharger specific variance. Need someone with an economic background to work with the Division. Water quality in Colorado is Standards driven. He is trying to have more dialog with Permitting and Standards staff. Nutrients is a long-term issue. Low hanging fruit is gone. CDPHE Executive Director wants to have the Division revisit a fee bill in 2010.

Paul Grundemann noted that the EPA oversight is increasing and questioned what we can do to help the Division. Martha and the five states in the Region met with EPA yesterday. One issue was what needs to go due to staffing issues. EPA is going to comment on permits on a regular basis. Coalbed methane Permits are an issue in Wyoming and Montana. There will be a Regional Administrator in 2 months. Utah has seen a 20% reduction in funding. EPA's organization is a problem since it takes 4 people to cover one issue.

## **II. Permits, Dave Akers and Janet Kieler (WQCD)**

- Workgroups - Major permits backlog is a priority. Permits - PEL. CMOM.
- Workgroups Discussion - Lack of Division's involvement in the workgroups is due to staffing shortfall. One workgroup is meeting without the Division. Problem is the Division's workload. At the Forum Retreat there will be a discussion on how to improve the Forum meetings / discussions. Workgroups are useful and give the opportunity to work on issues more effectively.
- Permit Backlog - - This is a broad issue. Comment period at times is too short. Suggest having a precomment period with dischargers before going to the public comment period. Dischargers working together on key issues before the permits go to public notice.
- Permit Amendments - seeking the Council's comments. Concern with PQLs in permits.

## **III. Update on Nutrients and Other Issues, Lee Bergstedt (GEI Consultants)**

Lee gave the Council an overview of Aquatic Life and Nutrient Workgroups. [Click here to download his presentation.](#)

## **IV. Updates- No reports were given.**

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 PM.

Next Meeting: July 8, 2009 at 1 PM at L/E WWTP