



**Minutes of
 October 14, 2009 Meeting
 at L/E WWTP, Littleton, CO**

In Attendance:

Paul Grundemann	CWSD
Bob Anastasov	City of Aurora
Amy Woodis	Metro WRD
Jim Kendrick	Monument Sanitation
Linda Boyle	City of Aurora
Jim Dorsch	Metro WRD
Blair Corning	SACWSD
Dennis Schump	City of Greeley
Dave Meyer	City of Westminster
Mary Fabisiak	City of Westminster
Craig Wolf	GEI
Ginny Johnson	Colorado Springs Utilities
Martha Hahn	PCWA
Lesa Julian	Broomfield
Bret Linenfelser	Boulder
Tim Woodard	Westminster
Jill Piatt Kemper	City of Aurora
Mike Bittner	Silverthorne/Dillon
Lee Bergstedt	GEI
Steve Canton	GEI
Stu Fonda	L/E
Paul Ferraro	Ferraro Associates / CWWUC

I. Nutrients - Colorado Issues and National EPA Issues, Steve Canton (GEI Consultant) and Mary Fabisiak

Steve Canton gave the Council an overview of National and Colorado issues related to nutrients, as follows:

- EPA decided over 10-12 years ago that there was a need for nutrients criteria.
- States are troubled over the nutrient criteria to protect the lower Mississippi River.
- A federal program has collected nutrient data. Review is underway by the Science Advisory Board.

- Colorado will consider nutrient criteria standards in June 2011, not June 2010 as originally proposed.
- Region III EPA methodology will be considered as a strawman.
- There are questions about whether site specific standards should be developed versus state wide standards?

Member comments:

- Lake nutrient criteria should be based on a technical approach.
- Implementation is a problem--need long compliance schedules and technology based requirements.
- Achievable treatment must be cost effective.

Mary Fabisiak gave a PowerPoint Presentation - "The Other Side of the Nutrient Coin." [Click here to see it.](#)

II. Colorado Basic Standards

A letter was emailed to members regarding Colorado Basic Standards Hearing support and the need to raise additional funds for the Council.

- Options - increase annual fees vs. a special assessment.
- Member Responses -
 - 2 members were in favor of increasing annual dues.
 - 2 members were in favor of special assessments as needed.
- Paul G. suggested that each organization could decide on which approach they would like.
- Monument favors an annual fee increase.
- Keep the fees low was a general consensus.
- Send another reminder to members with more information.
- Paul G. recommended a small increase in annual dues and continue with the special assessments approach.
- The Water Quality Forum is short \$9,000. The Council has agreed to award two scholarships to a small facility and an environmental organization.

III. Whole Effluent Toxicity, Paul Grundemann

- Steve Canton to submit a cost estimate to help the Council with WET.
- EPA has allowed other state approaches so EPA Region 8 should consider these as options.
- The Council to prepare a review of other state approaches and put together a recommendation.

- Council will need to request a special assessment to support a WET study and develop a recommendation.
- Council sent a letter to the State supporting their approach to not modify the current WET guidance at this time..
- Court approved the EPA WET guidance document - not an implementation approach.
- WET is not a high priority for the State of Colorado.

IV. Seminar and Annual Meeting Report, Paul Grundemann

Twelve people attended the seminar. Dennis gave the State perspective since the Division did not send a person from Denver and they did not want the District Engineer to give Denver's perspective. The District Engineer gave a good presentation.

The Annual Report details are presented in the September 2009 meeting minutes.

V. Updates

- **Stormwater.** Jill mentioned that there are problems with the Division in implementing Phase I facility construction permits.

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 PM.

Next Meeting: November 11, 2009 at 1:00 PM at L/E WWTP