



**Minutes of
 April 14, 2010 Meeting
 at Littleton/Englewood WWTP**

In Attendance:

Bob Anastasov	City of Aurora
Dennis Stowe	Littleton/Englewood WWTP
Blair Corning	SACWSD
Amy Woodis	MWRD
Bret Linenfelser	Boulder
Julie Stahl	MWRD
Martha Hahn	PCWA
Richard Leger	COA
Al Baker	Centennial
Jim Kendrick	Monument San. Dst. & Upper Monument WQMA
Paul Bremser	Louisville
Dave Akers	WQCD
Dave Meyer	Westminster
Tad Foster	Law Office of Tad Foster
Nancy Keller	Pueblo
Lesa Julian	Broomfield
Brenda Stansbery	BHCC Water & Sanitation District
Mary Gardner	L/E WWTP
Jim Dorsch	MWRD
Connie Olson	NFRWOPA
Charlie Stevens (via telephone)	Rifle
Julie Piatt Kemper	Aurora
Colleen Young (via telephone)	Greeley
Roy Heald	Security Sanitation District
Tim Grotheer	Carollo Engineering
Martha Rudolph	CDPHE
Stu Fonda	L/E WWTP
Paul Ferraro	CWWUC

I. State Environmental Program, Legislative Overview - Martha Rudolph

- This is Martha's third visit to a monthly Council meeting.

- Martha wants to hear the Council's issues / concerns. She enjoys meeting with the Council. She will talk about legislation, EPA, and then hold a discussion with feedback.

Legislation - Environmental

- It is painful due to the budget.
- Looks like there will be no additional cuts to Environmental Programs (Water Division gets General Funds).
- She does not anticipate having fees replace General Funds.
- Clean Air Bill is being considered that upgrades aging coal-fired power plants to run on natural gas.
- Solid Waste Tipping Bill - fees would be set by the Commission, not the legislature. Funds would be to run the solid waste facility/landfills and oversight activities. 10% of State funds are for clean up of Superfund sites plus ongoing treatment. Years 1 - 10: 90% EPA, 10% State. 11 years and ongoing: 100% State. This will likely pass. This has received stakeholder support. This is the most important bill for the Environmental Program.
- Radiation Control Act
 1. Clean up changes to conform to EPA requirements.
 2. Radiation Standards to Board of Health.
 3. Enforcement requirements need to be changed. Penalties from \$5,000 to \$15,000.
- EPA's Enforcement
 1. Clean Water Act
 - Critical activities for Clean Water / Drinking Water - reporting electronically.
 - What does the data mean?
 - Open to the public.
 - The State is concerned that there are issues in Colorado which are different from other states - regional issues - good items which are the problems. The State is making headway, but not sure that the State should be telling EPA what are the State's issues.
 2. Energy - Natural Gas
 3. Nutrients Criteria
 - The Florida decision by EPA is driving compliance with nutrient standards in other states.

- 4. WET is an ongoing concern and details will be worked through in the WET Work Group..
- 5. Pesticides - concern that the Department will not be able to issue permits by the June 2011 deadline.
 - Need additional resources.
 - New stakeholders - health professionals.
 - What can the State do before issuing the permits?
 - Need help this year.
- Fee Bill - next year. A Fee Bill that goes across the board for all Water Programs.
- Questions / Comments
 - Dennis Stowe: overwhelmed. Need to pick and choose issues to work on - L/E and the Council. Need to get things to work. EPA is not really helping. The easy issues are gone (low hanging fruit). The difficult issues need to be dealt with. Standards are becoming more stringent. EPA says to the State you have to deal with the problems. The technology is not there for some issues.
 - Tad Foster: Resources are needed - Council / WWTPs.
- Mary Gardner: What are the benefits of these actions. Isn't our main concern human health?
- Martha Rudolph: EPA required to take certain actions because of losing court cases. EPA withholding money where the States do not do what EPA requires.
- Dennis Stowe: The Council should be a resource / help vs. digging our heels in further. WET approach with Council - good.
- Martha Rudolph: Nutrient issue - need the Council's help.

II. Update on Electronic Data Reporting - Dave Akers (WQCD)

- The State needs volunteers to work with them on Electronic Data Reporting. The State needs to move ahead since it makes sense. The Council to find a few dischargers that will participate in this pilot project. The State wants 3-5 facilities:
 - Small < 5 mgd
 - Medium 5-20 mgd
 - Large 20+ mgd

- Meet with the State to develop the details of the program.
 - Nutrient Data
 - The State has not receive much data yet and asked that the Council again help with getting entities to submit data. Raw data are acceptable in Excel format if possible.
 - Partner with Rural Water Association regarding availability of data.
 - Who can or cannot get data to the State?
 - Let Dave know who can participate.
 - Total Nitrogen - smaller facilities do not collect the data needed. Email to members requesting data - need last two years of data.
- III. WET Discussion** - will be discussed this afternoon at the WET Work Group meeting.
- IV. Nutrients Criteria, Julie Stahl and Jim Dorsch (Metro)**
- Julie and Jim gave a the presentation "Statistics and Nutrient Levels." [Click here to access the presentation.](#)
- Council members stated that a lot of good information was provided and the Council should ask Julie and Jim to come back to discuss the results in more detail.
- V. Updates.**
- Letter to Theresa Grundemann. Dennis showed the Council the letter. It will be given to her at a Council meeting or at Centennial Water and Sanitation District with a small group.
 - Seminar - 100 people attended. It went well.
 - Pilot Projects - Need Division approval. L/E has a pilot project and needs to notify the Division and get approval. It is in L/E's permit (UV pilot work).
 - Water Utility Council - no report.
- VI. Open Discussion**
- Comment - needed more time with Jim Dorsch's presentation.
 - Future - regulatory changes, i.e., amendment to Reg. 612. How do we compile the needed changes to regulations. Work with the WQ Forum.
 - NPDES Permits have some mistakes, errors.
 - Martha Hahn - need to get public support of funding by having a campaign. Next month will discuss how to get people educated

regarding wastewater treatment plants and the need for funding.
Will ask Chatfield consultants to come and give a presentation.

- Dennis Stowe - need to explore different approaches.
- Stu Fonda - What do you want the customer to do? Focus on legislators/staff.

Meeting adjourned at 12:10 pm.

Next meeting: May 12, 2010 at Highlands Ranch Sanitation District