



**Minutes of
January 13, 2010 Meeting
at Littleton/Englewood WWTP**

In Attendance:

Steve Tuber	EPA, Region 8
Bob Anastasov	City of Aurora
Dennis Stowe	Littleton/Englewood WWTP
Blair Corning	SACWSD
Dale Murphy	EPA, Region 8
Amy Woodis	MWRD
Ginny Johnson	Colorado Springs Utilities
Bret Linenfelser	Boulder
Richard Leger	City of Aurora
Jill Piatt Kemper	City of Aurora
Tim Woodard	Westminster
Nancy Keller	Pueblo
Al Baker	Centennial
Jim Kendrick	Monument San. Dst.
Mary Gardner	Littleton/Englewood
Sarah Reeves	Brown & Caldwell
Tim Grotheer	Carollo
Tad Foster	Law Office of Tad Foster
Martha Hahn	Plum Creek
Cal Youngberg	City of Longmont
Paul Ferraro	Ferraro Associates / CWWUC

I. State/EPA Partnership Performance Agreements, Steve Tuber, Assistant Regional Administration (Region 8, EPA)

Steve gave the Council an overview of EPA's Top Priorities and talked about the State/EPA Partnership Performance Agreements.

EPA's Top Priorities (From Lisa Jackson, EPA Administrator)

1. Taking Action on Climate Change:

- Last year saw historic progress in the fight against climate change with a range of greenhouse gas reduction initiatives.

- EPA will continue to support the President and Congress in enacting clean energy and climate legislation.
2. Improving Air Quality:
 - EPA will develop a comprehensive strategy for a cleaner and more efficient power sector, with strong but achievable emission reduction goals for SO₂, NO_x, mercury and other air toxins.
 3. Assuring the Safety of Chemicals:
 - One of the Administrator's highest priorities is to make significant progress in assuring the safety of chemicals in products, the environment and our bodies, including modernizing Toxic Substances Control Act, developing chemical management plans, and peer-reviewed health assessments for dioxins, arsenic, formaldehyde, TCE and other substances of concern.
 4. Cleaning Up Our Communities:
 - In 2009, EPA accelerated its Superfund Program and confronted significant local environmental challenges like the asbestos Public Health Emergency in Libby, Montana and the coal ash spill in Kingston, Tennessee. EPA will continue to focus on making safer, healthier communities for maximizing the potential of the Brownfields Program.
 5. Protecting America's Waters:
 - Water quality and enforcement programs face complex challenges from nutrient loadings and stormwater runoff to invasive species and drinking water contaminants. These challenges demand both traditional and innovative strategies, including comprehensive watershed protection programs, post-construction runoff, water quality impairments from surface mining, and stronger drinking water protection.
 - EPA will work with states to develop nutrient limits and launch an Urban Waters Initiative.
 - They will also revamp enforcement strategies to achieve greater compliance across the board.
 6. Expanding the Conversation on Environmentalism and Working for Environmental Justice:
 - EPA has begun a new era of outreach and protection for communities historically under represented in EPA's decision-making process.
 - They are building strong working relationships with tribes, communities of color, economically distressed cities and towns, young people and others.
 7. Building Strong State and Tribal Partnerships:

- EPA must do its part to support state and tribal capacity and through strengthened oversight, ensure that programs are consistently delivered nationwide.
- EPA will also focus on improving its internal operations.

These priorities will guide its work in 2010 and the years ahead.

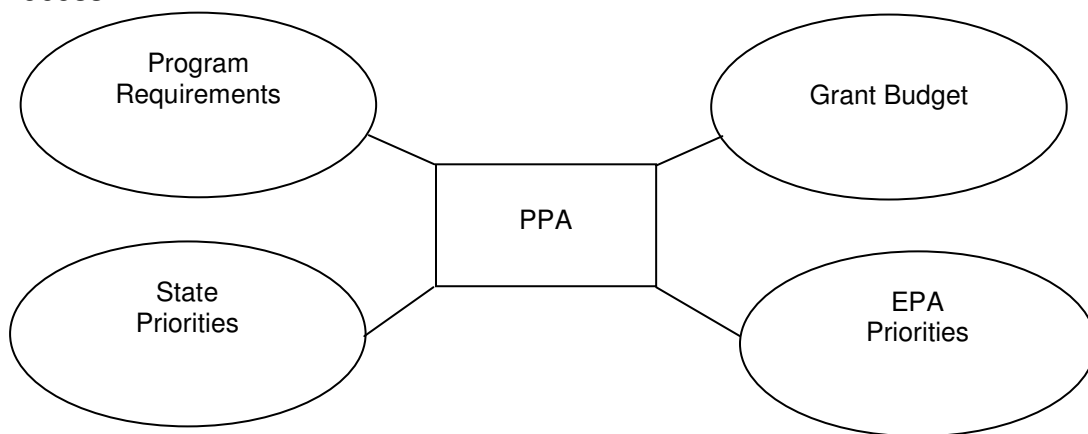
Source - a memo from Lisa P. Jackson, EPA Administrator to All Employees.

State/EPA Partnership Performance Agreement (PPA)

Steve highlighted the Agreements as follows:

- The annual agreements between EPA Region 8 and the six states.
- Contain the grant work plans for the ongoing programs managed by each State.
- Reflect joint planning and priority setting

PPA Process



PPA Timeline (Partial)

- February - Draft National Program Guidance
- March/April - Regional Program Guidance
- April - Final National Program Guidance
- May/June - State/EPA Planning Meetings
- June/July - Program Negotiation
- August - Draft PPA
- September 15 - Final State Submittals
- September 30 - Signatures

Issue

- WET was an issue in the Agreement, but was resolved as follows:
"Sublethal whole effluent toxicity (WET) limits will be included in permits in accordance with a revised Water Quality Control Division WET Policy that will be developed in conjunction with interested stakeholders beginning in March of 2010 and culminating in final adoption of the policy no later than September 30, 2010. The policy will be implemented beginning in FY 2011." (Source: Letter from Steve Tuber to Martha Rudolph.)

II. Updates

- **Standards Framework Workgroup.** Workgroup work is done.
- **Water Utility Council.** No report.
- **Antidegradation.** No report.
- **WET.**
 - January 19, 2010 Stakeholders Meeting. Tim Moore to participate in the meeting by phone.
 - Council reviewed GEI's proposal for WET. Estimate \$30,000. Council rejected the proposal. Will use Tim Moore. Bret to take the lead and tell GEI that we will not be using them.
 - Nancy to be the facilitator for WET working with Tim Moore.

Nancy Keller moved, seconded by Dennis Stowe, that the Council have a Special Assessment for WET. The motion passed.

- **Bret to prepare the email requesting funds for WET.**
- **Discharger Specific Variances** - No discussion. It will be dropped from the agenda.

III. Open Discussion

- Dennis offered to become the Chair for the Council with Paul Grundemann's passing. A vote of the membership will be conducted.
- Council to present a plaque to Theresa Grundemann in honor of Paul's work for the Council. The Governor is to sign a letter regarding Paul's serving on the CWQCC. Will need to set up a meeting.

Dennis Stowe moved, seconded by Nancy Keller, to establish a Scholarship Fund in honor of Paul Grundemann. The motion passed unanimously.

- Nancy will research setting up the fund. The Council will contribute \$100 to the fund. Lehrer's sent a basket of fruit (free) to Theresa at her home since they failed to send flowers to the memorial service that were ordered by the Council. The \$100 that was to be used for the flowers was credited

to the Council by Lehrer's. The \$100 will be given to the Scholarship Fund. Once the Fund is established, the Council will contact many asking for contributions to the Fund.

- Nancy mentioned that the WESTCAS 2010 Winter Conference will be held in Albuquerque, New Mexico, February 17-19, 2010.
- Paul F. mentioned that the Annual Permitting Seminar will be held on March 24, 2010 as part of the Grand Junction Conference.
- *The Confluence* contains a tribute to Paul Grundemann.

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 PM.

Next Meeting: February 10, 2010 at 1:00 PM at L/E WWTP