



**Minutes of  
May 12, 2010 Meeting  
at Centennial Water & Sanitation District**

In Attendance:

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| Bob Anastasov      | City of Aurora                              |
| Dennis Stowe       | Littleton/Englewood WWTP                    |
| Blair Corning      | SACWSD                                      |
| Amy Woodis         | MWRD  |
| Bret Linenfelser   | Boulder                                     |
| Tamm Moon-Curlson  | Northglenn                                  |
| Martha Hahn        | PCWA  |
| Bruce Joslin       | Northglenn                                  |
| Al Baker           | Centennial                                  |
| Jim Kendrick       | Monument San. Dst. & Upper<br>Monument WQMA |
| Bill Burks         | Tri-Lakes WWTP                              |
| Ginny Johnson      | Colorado Springs Utilities                  |
| Dave Meyer         | Westminster                                 |
| Tad Foster         | Law Office of Tad Foster                    |
| Nancy Keller       | Pueblo                                      |
| Jerry Jacobson     | Woodmen Hills Metro                         |
| Brenda Stansbary   | BHCC Water & Sanitation District            |
| Mary Gardner       | L/E WWTP                                    |
| Melanie Goetz      | Hughes & Stuart                             |
| Doug Kemper        | Colorado Water Congress                     |
| John Hendrick      | Centennial                                  |
| Julie Piatt Kemper | Aurora                                      |
| Paul Ferraro       | CWWUC                                       |

**Noon Luncheon**

Dennis Stowe presented Theresa Grundemann a plaque in memory of Paul Grundemann.

**Meeting**

**I. Public Support of Funding - Melanie Goetz (Hughes and Stuart)**

Tad Foster and Martha Hahn gave opening comments regarding public support.

Comments by Melanie and Council members:

- What information do you want to get to the public and/or stakeholders?
- Benefits of our services need to be stressed in our outreach.
- Water out of plant is better than the quality of the water in the stream.
- Still asking the public for funds.
- We want to meet environmental regulations as WWTP operators.
- Get the leaders in the community to get the message out about WWTP services.
- TV ads by coals and natural gas industries are good.
- What is the problem and the solution?
- Preparing the public for rate hikes.
- Public will be more tuned into pharmaceutical contaminants then nutrients.
- Public needs to trust the operators.
- HB 1365 - Energy Bill signed by Ritter. X-Cel - coal to natural gas will raise the cost for generating electricity by a multiple of three. Impact will be a rate increase. Call for change from coal to natural gas by 2015/2017.
- The members' Boards will need to be behind the rate increase.
- Information package needs to be prepared and made available. Do a risk assessment. Tell the public we need to raise their rates and why.
- How do we get funding to support the nutrient studies?

**II. Colorado Water Congress Activities and Issues - Doug Kemper (CWC)**

- The legislative session is over.
- Doug gave an overview of changes of senators and representatives.
- 50 years since the Senate, House of Representatives and Governor were controlled by Democrats.
- Legislatively it was a light year.

- Water bills that are being tracked by CWC are on the CWC website.
- CWC opposed 4 out of 13 House bills which the Governor supports.
- CWC support 8 out of 11 Senate bills.
- To date the Governor has signed 8 bills.
- CWC is tracking 40 bills and has taken a position on 20 bills.
- May 25, 2010 at 1:30 PM at the CWC office there will be a meeting on Water Quality - Nutrients.

### **III. Updates.**

- Water Utility Council - no report.
- Nutrients.
  - Need an economist to evaluate the cost of implementation of the nutrient standards
  - Have a subcommittee (CWWUC) to study the nutrients standards
  - CWQCD held a meeting yesterday on nutrients.
  - White Paper by John Hall and Tad Foster was due by May 1, 2010.
  - Tad recommended raising \$100,000 by getting 100 organization to give \$1,000 each.
  - MMI - Tim Moore can help and it needs to be done soon.
  - Nutrients - John Hall to help.

It was moved by Nancy Keller and seconded by Jim Kendrick that the Council retain John Hall to scope and price the nutrient evaluation and retain Tim Moore to do the same for MMI. Motion passed unanimously.

- Electronic Data Reporting - Upper Monument, Westminster and Metro have volunteered to work with the State.

### **VI. Open Discussion**

- Dennis Stowe sent a letter to the Division asking about the definition of total nitrogen.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm.

***Next meeting: June 9, 2010 at 1 PM at L/E WWTP***