



**Minutes of  
 March 9, 2011 Meeting  
 at Littleton/Englewood WWTP**

In Attendance:

Dennis Stowe	L/E WWTP
Bob Hansen	City of Lafayette
Dave Meyer	Westminster
Bob Anastasov	City of Aurora - via telephone
Mark Streed	City of Lafayette
Jerry Jacobson	Woodman Hills
Jim Kendrick	Monument Sanitation District
Mike Wicklund	Monument Sanitation District
Tim Grotheer	Centennial Water & San. Dst.
Bill Burks	Tri-Lakes WWTF
Jill Piatt-Kemper	City of Aurora
Sarah Reeves	Brown and Caldwell
Colleen Young	City of Greeley - via telephone
Martha Hahn	PCWA
Al Baker	Highlands Ranch
Brenda Stansbury	BHCCSD
Mike Bittner	Silverthorne/Dillon
Mark McCormack	Widefield Sanitation District
Roy Heald	Security Sanitation District
Dennis Schump	City of Greeley
Ginny Johnson	Colorado Springs Utilities
Amy Woodis	Metro Wastewater Reclamation Dist.
Mary Gardner	L/E WWTP
Martha Rudolph	CDPHE
Dave Akers	WQCD
Tad Foster	Foster Law Offices
Paul Ferraro	CWWUC

**I. State Environmental Program & Legislative Update, Martha Rudolph (CDPHE)**

A. Update on what is new with the Department.

- New Director, Chris E. Urbina, M.D., MPH, Ex. Dir. & Chief Medical Officer
  - 5 weeks on the job.
  - Meeting with people within the Department and stakeholders.

- Getting up to speed, especially on the Environmental Program.
- Baptism by fire.
- Will come to meet with the Council. We need to invite him.
- Team of Department Managers meet with Chris regularly.
- Water Group (Doug Young, Roxanne and others) meets weekly and they discuss water issues (mostly) projects.
- Martha is in charge of the Environmental Programs again.
- Senate Bill 21 - Eliminate Board members term limits. Senate passed, no problem in passing.

## **II. Update on Nutrient Issues - Martha Rudolph and Dave Akers (CWQCD)**

- Nutrients Criteria - Highlights
  - EPA comments (letter posted on WQ Forum website). Click [here](#) to see the EPA letter.
  - WQCC Public Information Briefing on nutrients in April.
  - State will respond to EPA's letter which is very negative to the State's nutrient proposal.
  - Good to have EPA's thoughts out.
  - Council has been working with the Division and is concerned what is in the EPA letter. Are we wasting our time, members asked?
  - Department to develop a strategy on specific points of rebuttal to the EPA's letter.
  - Department has been working on nutrients for several years. The State does not like EPA's letter. EPA Region VIII needs to be consistent with all six states in Region VIII. Letter was signed by a lower level person, not by top management.
  - Council members suggest that the State recommend that the letter be retracted.
  - May have to go to the Legislature because municipalities cannot afford what EPA wants the facilities to treat to.
  - EPA is not being realistic.
  - Dave Akers indicated there are three options:
    1. State/Coalition keep working on the path they are going.
    2. Start fighting the EPA.
    3. Prepare for all out war.
  - Facilities go to State Legislators and US Congress?
  - Martha Hahn suggested monitoring and then set standards based on the conditions in the stream.

- Tad Foster - monitoring first then set site specific standards where needed. What is the problem and where?
- The Nutrient Coalition is the largest coalition in the State ever.
- Recommendation - keep working on our process together - Martha's approach.
- Minority recommendation - One member recommended asking EPA to retract the letter.
- The Council will write a letter to Steve Gunderson expressing our concerns about the EPA's letter.
- Tad suggested that the letter needs to address point and nonpoint sources of nutrients.
- Dennis made the following points:
  1. EPA letter - let the State deal with it.
  2. Opposite opinion - retract the letter.
  3. Continue the process.

**It was moved by Tim Grotheer, seconded by David Meyer, to continue the process while the State develops their strategy to approach the EPA regarding the EPA's nutrient letter to the State. The motion was approved unanimously.**

### III. Permitting Seminar

Dennis recommended continuing doing the seminars, but not this year.

Issues:           Spills  
                       State proposed Nutrient Regs  
                       In-kind replacement of equipment  
                       Pilot Studies  
                       Site Application concerns

Contact / work with other entities like CRWA, Special Districts, etc.

### IV. Updates

- Colorado Water Utility Council - No report.

### V. Open Discussion

- Water Resources & Power Authority: SRF - It would take 63 years to meet existing treatment needs. A small town needs \$2 million for wastewater improvement for 153 people.
- Cost study for nutrients is being funded by the Power Authority.
- Dennis said that it takes 4.5 years to construct a WWTP, not what the State suggests. L/E 8 years to construct nutrient units.

- Dennis updated the Council on L/E's Sanitary Overflow (spills) issue.
  - Meetings with State regarding spills have occurred.
  - Penalty not set.
  - L/E followed the regulations regarding reporting spills.

Meeting adjourned at 3:40 pm.

***Next meeting: April 13, 2011***  
***Location: Littleton/Englewood WWTP***

**Note: Those calling in by phone need to email Jeannie that they are planning to participate by phone.**