

**Upper Clear Creek Watershed Association
Meeting Minutes
September 8, 2022**

Call to Order/Establish Quorum

A regular meeting of the Upper Clear Creek Watershed Association was called to order at 8:35 am by Co-Chair Brad Benning on Thursday, September 8, 2022. A quorum was declared established.

Agenda Approval

It was moved and seconded to approve the agenda as presented; motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the August 11, 2022, UCCWA meeting; motion carried unanimously.

Secretary/Treasurer Report

Account Status: CHECKING (8/26/2022) \$ 1,100.00
SAVINGS (8/26/2022) \$75,937.91
INVESTMENTS (6/30/2022) \$21,765.45

Secretary/Treasurer Report

The following invoices were presented for approval: Kielty Diversified Projects Invoice #557 for \$750.00 and LRE Invoice #20644 for \$832.50 Total invoices for payment, \$1,582.50; motion carried unanimously.

Other Matters:

- **Current Call-Down** - List is from 2018
There was member support to start a committee to reach out to Clear Creek County. The Standley Lake Cities financially support the Clear Creek County code red. They would welcome a discussion to get clarity on this issue. This is a critical program to protect water quality.

Action: Standley Lake Cities and Clear Creek County will reach out to their entities and get an answer on the status of the Clear Creek County call-down list and determine if the Cities will continue financial support.

- **2023 Budget** - Appoint budget committee for 2023
 - 2023 Budget Committee: Pat O’Connell, Lisa Leben, Brad Benning

- **2023 Positions** – Appoint nominating committee for 2023
 - 2023 Nominating Committee: Ben Moline, Patrick O’Connell, Brad Benning

- Electronic vote on request from the Colorado State Forest Service to have access to the Pre-Wildfire Study GIS database was approved unanimously.

Referrals & Reviews

- Proposed Metal Mining General Stormwater Permit - Water Quality Control Division's proposed permit requirements for Stormwater Discharges from Active and Inactive Metal Mining Operations. There is a response period to comments through October 6th. There were comments sent in asking for additional time. Colorado Counties Inc. is keeping Gilpin County abreast of this proposal. Climax Molybdenum also submitted comments. Information is posted on the CDPHE website.

Action: Include link to CDPHE website page on this proposal in future agendas.

Water Quality Incident Reports

- On August 17th at 7:00 am, Golden Police Department dispatch center received information of a possible contamination of the water in Clear Creek at approximately mile marker 268 due to a vehicle accident.

Presentations

- 2021 Clear Creek/Standley Lakes Annual WQ Report (John Winterton, City of Northglenn)
 - Presentation to the Water Quality Control Commission will be on December 12, 2022 and there will be a virtual option to attend. The Standley Lake Narrative Standard is evaluated annually. *"The trophic status of Standley Lake shall be maintained as mesotrophic"* - 4.0 ug/L chlorophyll *a* standard, 4.4 ug/L assessment threshold. An average of nine monthly averages March through November must be met in four of five years. Standley lake is within compliance. They have started a scoping process for nutrient modeling to get greater accuracy with their data. They will be working with Hydros to determine if adjustments can be made to the model for improvements. Presentation available by request.

Member Updates

Standing Items:

- LRE Regulatory Bulletin – No report.
- Clear Creek Watershed & Forest Health Partnership Update (Diane Kielty) Update was provided on scoping for projects in the Bakerville to Silver Plume portion of Clear Creek.
- Integrated Watershed Management Plan (Ashley Giles) – No report.

CDOT update on CC40 equipment replacement. CDOT is in the procurement process with a purchase order. There was dual ownership of the equipment. CDOT is backfilling to get replacement equipment in place. They have a contractor hired. They may be able to get out to the sampling site next week. CDOT has four stations. The station by Herman Gulch is running. The next station downstream above Georgetown Lake is running. The bottom two are not currently running. CDOT is considering elevated bridges in the Floyd Hill planning. There is concern there will be additional mag chloride winter product applications. CC40 will stay in operation to monitor the Floyd Hill project. They will be putting in viaducts that will involve changes in the winter application maintenance process. UCCWA members asked if there is a budget need from UCCWA to help maintain CC40. CDOT has a separate budget for the next three years, but they are not monitoring for flow. The CDOT plan is to continue monitoring indefinitely. During the winter they grab for temperature and turbidity using a formula to determine mag chloride levels. Clear Creek Consultants still has the flow gauge, and it is up and running. This is funded by UCCWA.

Announcements

- [September 24th, 2022, 8am-2pm | Clear Creek Cleanup](#). Volunteers will be cleaning 22 miles of the Peaks to Plains Trail including Clear Creek Canyon Park and portions of the US Highway 6 canyon corridor. Afterwards, celebrate at the new Gateway Trailhead with food trucks, live music, and a raffle for prizes.
- [December 8th, 2022 | South Platte Forum](#). This year, the South Platte Forum will be taking place at a new location, the Lionsgate Event Center. Lionsgate is a locally owned venue with idyllic scenery. You can read more about their story [here](#). Building off the positive feedback from 2021, they will once again host a **one-day conference** on Thursday December 8, 2022.

Adjournment

At 9:44am, Co-Chair Benning adjourned the meeting. The next meeting will be Thursday, October 13, 2022.

Diane Kielty, Secretary/Treasurer

MEMBERS ROLL CALL:

Albert Frei & Sons: Absent
Black Hawk: Excused
Black Hawk/Central City San. Dist.: Excused
CDOT: Josh Giovannetti
Central City: Absent
Central Clear Creek San. Dist.: I (opted)
Clear Creek County: Lisa Leben
Clear Creek Ski Corp.: Absent
Empire: Sally Rush
Georgetown: Excused
Gilpin County: Brad Benning
Golden: Kerry Major
Henderson Mine: Geoff Niggeler, Aaron Hilshorst
Idaho Springs: John Curtis, John Bordoni
Jefferson County: Pat O'Connell
Molson Coors: Ben Moline
Saddleback: I (opted)
Silver Plume: Absent
St. Mary's Water & San. Dist.: Chris Oeland
Trout Unlimited: Excused

OTHERS PRESENT, PER SIGN-IN SHEET:

Diane Kielty, Secretary/Treasurer UCCWA
Andrew Cross, City of Westminster
Kelly Cline, City of Westminster
Shelley Stanley, City of Northglenn
John Winterton, City of Northglenn