

**Upper Clear Creek Watershed Association
Meeting Minutes
April 13, 2023**

Call to Order/Establish Quorum

A regular meeting of the Upper Clear Creek Watershed Association was called to order at 8:37 am by Acting Chair Patrick O’Connell on April 13, 2023. 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 March 9, 2023, UCCWA meeting; motion carried unanimously.

Secretary/Treasurer Report

Account Status: CHECKING (3/28/23)	\$ 13,122.00
SAVINGS (3/28/23)	\$ 68,517.88
INVESTMENTS (3/31/23)	\$ 21,892.46

Invoices: Clear Creek Consultants Inv# 2630 for \$1,210.00
Historic District Public Lands Commission Dues 2023 for \$100.00
Kielty Diversified Projects Inv#597 for \$750.00
Total Invoices for payment - \$2,060.00

It was moved by John Curtis and seconded by Aaron Hilshorst to approve the invoices presented for payment in the amount of \$2,060.00; motion carried unanimously.

Referrals

- None received.

Water Quality Incident Reports

- From March 13th – 16th, the Idaho Springs Wastewater Treatment Plant discharged at a rate of 650 gallons per minute into Clear Creek near mile post 242 Interstate 70, and on March 17th at a rate of 700 gallons per minute. All testing for possible contamination came back within normal parameters. A non-toxic contaminant, pink in color was believed to be some kind of red dye or food coloring. It wasn’t florescent. Aurora lab tested it.
- On March 29, 2023, at 10:40 AM Jeffcom Dispatch received information of a possible contamination of the water in Clear Creek at Mile Marker 270 due to a vehicle into the creek.

Discussion

- Chatfield Watershed Authority user fee bill as an alternative funding option for another 208 Management Agency (Senate Bill 23-267) Jefferson and Douglas Counties (Town of Castle Rock, Larkspur, City of Littleton). The members pay fees the same as UCCWA. The Chatfield Watershed Authority has identified projects in the watershed but it does not have the funding to provide a match for projects. If this legislation is approved, there may be other entities across the state that will look at this user fee approach as an option to help fund projects.

[Chatfield State Park Water Quality Fee | Colorado General Assembly](#)

Other Business

- **Vote** - UCCWA 208 Management Plan RFP Final for revision and distribution
It was moved by Lisa Leben to approve the RFP final and publish with the new UCCWA logo added and seconded by Aaron Hilshorst. Motion carried with one no vote from Idaho Springs.
- **Vote** - UCCWA Webpage Development and Maintenance on CCWFHP Website
This has been approved in the 2023 UCCWA budget. Clear Creek Watershed & Forest Health Partnership has agreed to have a UCCWA presence on its website. UCCWA would have an annual renewal contract for webpage maintenance and a small platform sharing fee.

A motion was made by Sally Rush to approve UCCWA webpages on the Clear Creek Watershed and Forest Health Partnership website and Brian Tracy seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Action: Diane Kielty will work to develop a contract with an annual renewal option and work with UCCWA Chair to finalize contracts to proceed.

- Colorado Geological Survey Alluvial Fan Small Community Grant Request

A motion was made by Lisa Leben to approve \$2,500 from the Small Community/Contingency Fund to support this study and it was seconded by Aaron Hilshorst. The motion carried unanimously.

Standing Items:

- **Code Red Call Down System Update** (Shelley Stanley & Diane Kielty)
- **Bakerville SWEEP Update** (Kerry Major & Ryan Zabel)
- **Regulatory Bulletin** (Jessica DiToro) A presentation of the bulletin highlights was provided.
- **Clear Creek Watershed & Forest Health Partnership Update** (Diane Kielty)
A presentation on the high-priority project scope of works was provided.
- **Integrated Watershed Management Plan** (Ashley Giles)

CDPHE Stormwater Weblink: [Notice of Responsive comment period for Stormwater Discharges Associated with Active and Inactive Mining Industrial Activity COR040000](#)

Member Updates

- Cabin Creek Pumped Storage Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 2351) Water Quality Adaptive Management Plan 2022 Annual Report was shared with the membership.
- Henderson Mine is in the process of amending their reclamation process for affected land boundaries under their reclamation permit. This is being done on the mill side of the operation in Grand County. Increasing by 224 acres at the mill site east of the tailing facility to install well and ground water monitoring.
- Members were reminded to send any accomplishments to Trea Nance for the 2022 Annual Report to be submitted to the Colorado Water Quality Control Commission.
- The Division of Reclamation, Mining, and Safety has been doing a lot of mine closures in the Clear Creek Watershed. They offered to send that information to Trea Nance.

Announcements

- **Watershed Academy's new Hazard Mitigation Planning and Water Resource Management Module Ready** - The EPA [Watershed Academy](#) has released their new Hazard Mitigation

Planning and Water Resource Management Module. This module is intended for water quality and hazard mitigation professionals that are interested in integrating water quality issues and/or nature-based solutions into state or local Hazard Mitigation Plans (HMPs) and highlights the benefits of working across water quality and hazard mitigation programs. Modules in this series can be used as training tools to help planners from both worlds explore activities of mutual interest and benefit. Case studies and examples are provided to assist hazard mitigation planners with integrating water resource programs into HMPs and help watershed planners understand the synergies between water resource plans and HMPs. Visit [this link](#) to begin the course.

- **[June 12th, 2023 | Colorado Brownfields Conference](#)**. This year's theme, Brownfields – Redevelopment Gold, explores the many opportunities associated with brownfields. With unprecedented levels of funding for brownfields cleanup and support and an ever-growing need for community revitalization and affordable housing, it's time to cash in on the Redevelopment Gold. Everyone from community leaders and municipal staff to consultants and development professionals will be able to learn, grow, and network at this year's conference.

Adjournment

Next Meeting: **May 11, 2023**

Site Visit TBD - Loch Lomand and Fall River Reservoir - Anthony Cline

CDOT Floyd Hill 1041 Process (Josh Giovannetti, CDOT)

[I-70 Floyd Hill to Veterans Memorial Tunnels Design and Construction — Colorado Department of Transportation \(codot.gov\)](#)

Adjournment

At 9:49 am, Acting Chair Patrick O'Connell adjourned the meeting. The next meeting will be Thursday, May 11, 2023.

Diane Kielty, Secretary/Treasurer

MEMBERS ROLL CALL:

Albert Frei & Sons: Absent
Black Hawk: Jessica DiToro
Black Hawk/Central City San. Dist.: Brad Dallam
CDOT: Josh Giovannetti
Central City: Absent
Central Clear Creek San. Dist.: I (opted)
Clear Creek County: Lisa Leben
Clear Creek Ski Corp.: Cindy Olson
Empire: Sally Rush
Georgetown: Excused
Gilpin County: Absent
Golden: Brian Tracy, Sam Zrust
Henderson Mine: Aaron Hilshorst
Idaho Springs: John Curtis
Jefferson County: Pat O'Connell
Molson Coors: Absent
Saddleback: I (opted)
Silver Plume: Absent
St. Mary's Water & San. Dist.: Chris Oeland

Trout Unlimited: Katrina Hettinger

Others Present:

Diane Kielty, Secretary/Treasurer UCCWA
Andy Cross, City of Westminster
Trea Nance, City of Westminster
Julie Annear, DRMS
Evelyn Rhodes, City of Arvada