

**Upper Clear Creek Watershed Association  
Meeting Minutes  
February 9, 2023**

**Call to Order/Establish Quorum**

A regular meeting of the Upper Clear Creek Watershed Association was called to order at 8:32 am by Chair Benning on February 9, 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 January 12, 2023, UCCWA meeting; motion carried unanimously.

**Secretary/Treasurer Report**

The following invoice was presented for approval: Kielty Diversified Projects Invoice #580 for \$750.00. Total invoices for payment, \$750.00; motion carried unanimously.

Account Status: CHECKING (01/26/2023)	\$ 100.00
SAVINGS (01/26/2023)	\$69,210.54
INVESTMENTS (12/30/2022)	\$21,836.09

Other Matters: [Clear Creek County Recreation in the Outdoors Management Plan \(ROMP\) | Clear Creek County](#)

**Referrals**

- St. Mary’s Glacier WSD Wastewater Treatment Plant Wastewater Improvements Project – Members have made a review. The project is important and needed. They are in the process of getting a grant. St. Mary’s field engineer can provide a full presentation to UCCWA later in the spring. The status of the permit will be followed up on by Chris Oeland. He will bring this information back to UCCWA.

John Curtis moved to have UCCWA approve the St. Mary’s improvement project and Sally Rush seconded; motion approved unanimously.

**Water Quality Incident Reports**

- None

**Other Business**

**Standing Items:**

- **Code Red Call Down System Update** (Shelley Stanley & Diane Kielty) Diane will send out a NeedToMeet poll for the next committee meeting. Jefferson County offered to help with UCCWA GIS map layers for dispatch borders and water quality monitoring stations. A Standard Operation Procedure (SOP) is under development, and a general process for how all three systems will interact. There are elements for consideration with the system being evaluated, including how the information notices are received, what type of notification (text, voice mail, etc.), phone settings to receive notices, phone carrier services, and who is to receive the messages. The three dispatches work well when there is a very solid SOP. A process that all three counties agree will be helpful to all.
- **UCCWA 208 Management Plan Update Committee** (Brad Benning) The committee has met. The 2013 RFP has been located and is being used as a template for a 2023 RFP. The method of distribution for will

be supported by Gilpin County. Brad Benning will be speaking with CDPHE about an overarching regional plan. Diane will provide the RFP as a Google doc to members to provide comments once she receives a notice to proceed from the committee.

- **Bakerville SWEEP Update** (Kerry Major & Ryan Zabel) – There will not be another meeting until March.
- **Floyd Hill / Technical Team** (John Curtis & Jo Ann Sorensen) [I-70 Floyd Hill to Veterans Memorial Tunnels Design and Construction — Colorado Department of Transportation \(codot.gov\)](#) – This week’s meeting was cancelled. They have not received answers on how much deicer will be needed for the bridges. Right now, the discussion is on bridges. There is concern about all the elevated bridges and snowplowing going to lower levels. There is good representation at the meetings.
- **LRE Regulatory Bulletin** (Jessica DiToro) – State focus is the Lakes Nutrients Criteria. If you have a rebuttal have it submitted by the deadline of February 15<sup>th</sup>.
- **Clear Creek Watershed & Forest Health Partnership Update** (Diane Kielty) There is a second MOU in progress with the US FS and State FS for forest projects. CDOT is navigating water quality and wetland mapping in the Bakerville area. Diane will send a NeedToMeet poll to Josh Giovannetti and Kerry Major to discuss Pre-wildfire planning intersection with the Bakerville SWEEP..
  - UCCWA Webpage Hosting on CCWFHP Site Update – The CCWFHP is reviewing the webpage proposal and will make a decision at their March general meeting.
- **Integrated Watershed Management Plan** (Ashley Giles) – Contact Ashley to discuss UCCWA 208 Management Plan update and possible coordination with the IWMP.
- **CDPHE Stormwater Weblink:** [Notice of Responsive comment period for Stormwater Discharges Associated with Active and Inactive Mining Industrial Activity COR040000](#)

## Member Updates

- Trea Nance with the City of Westminster is preparing the CC/Standley Lake Annual Report for the CWQCC and will be making a request for Regulation 85 data as well as projects completed for WQ in 2022.
- A review of the color palette for a new UCCWA logo was shared and discussed. The blue color was chosen as the preferred logo.

## Announcements

- [May 2nd-4th, 2023 | Cross-Boundary Landscape Restoration Workshop | Colorado State University](#). This multi-agency and stakeholder gathering will build on the first Cross-Boundary Landscape Restoration Workshop, which took place in March 2020 in Albuquerque, New Mexico. The 2020 workshop directed and empowered attendees to use future workshops to address the issue of climate change on cross-boundary restoration, and innovative mechanisms for accomplishing restoration, from implementation approaches to financing options. The 2020–2022 fire years have only increased the need to broaden post-fire restoration knowledge to better align with expected ecological and social climate futures.
- [Water Conservation Field Services Program Financial Assistance for Fiscal Years 2022 and 2023](#). Development of Water Conservation Plans to meet state or local water conservation goals and water management improvements through system optimization review are supported by this grant. **May 31, 2023 Electronically submitted applications must be submitted no later than 5:00 p.m., ET**

## Adjournment

At 9:36 am, Chair Benning adjourned the meeting. The next meeting will be Thursday, March 9, 2023.

The **March 9, 2023, UCCWA regular meeting will be Hybrid**. The live portion will be held at Albert Frei & Sons Quarry. **[Send your RSVP to UCCWA@live.com on or before Monday, February 27 if you plan to attend.](mailto:UCCWA@live.com)** AFS will be arranging for transportation from their office, where the UCCWA business meeting will be held, to the Quarry for the tour.

- **AFS OFFICE ADDRESS:** 35715 US Hwy 40, Bldg. B, Ste. 120, Evergreen, CO 80439

*Diane Kielty, Secretary/Treasurer*

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**MEMBERS ROLL CALL:**

Albert Frei & Sons: Al Frei, Jr.  
Black Hawk: Jessica DiToro  
Black Hawk/Central City San. Dist.: Jessica DiToro  
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: Absent  
Gilpin County: Brad Benning  
Golden: Kerry Major  
Henderson Mine: Geoff Niggeler  
Idaho Springs: John Curtis  
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: Need new representative.

**Others Present:**

Diane Kielty, Secretary/Treasurer UCCWA  
Shelley Stanley, City of Northglenn  
Andy Cross, City of Westminster  
Evelyn Rhodes, City of Arvada  
Trea Nance, City of Westminster  
Tara Kratzer, City of Arvada