

**Upper Clear Creek Watershed Association  
Meeting Minutes  
January 13, 2022**

**Call to Order/Establish Quorum**

A regular meeting of the Upper Clear Creek Watershed Association was called to order at 8:32 am by Vice-Chair Brad Benning on January 13, 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 December 9, 2021 UCCWA meeting; motion carried unanimously.

**Secretary/Treasurer Report**

The following invoice was presented for approval: Kielty Diversified Projects Invoice # for \$600.00. Total invoices for payment, \$600; motion carried unanimously.

Other Matters: 2022 Membership Invoicing will begin soon. Need contingency refund decisions from Central City, Idaho Springs, and St. Mary's.

- St. Mary's will apply the contingency refund.
- Idaho Springs will apply the contingency refund.

**Referrals**

- None received.

**Water Quality Incident Reports**

- The Golden Police Department dispatch center received information of a possible contamination of the water in Clear Creek on January 6th at 2:45pm at approximately mile marker 271 due to a vehicle accident.
- There was a question on a release from Henderson in 2020 that worked through the code red policy in place at that time. A reverse 911 went through and Henderson received many calls. Have there been updates to this procedure? Dispatch is changed to a central location and Jeffco Dispatch is revising their contact system. UCCWA should initiate a Call-Down Committee to address this system.

**Action:** Secretary contact Ben Moline about creating a new Call-Down Committee to clarify the procedure. There is a dial-down list of who should be notified. Track down this list and make sure all counties have the same list.

- Committee Volunteers - Anne Beierle, Andy Cross, Brad Benning, Geoffrey Niggeler

**Other Business**

**Standing Items:**

- LRE Regulatory Bulletin (Jessica DiToro) – No update. There will be an update next month.
- Clear Creek Watershed & Forest Health Partnership (CCWFHP) Update (Ryan Gilliom) – The CCWFHP MOU is in development. This will help to provide organizational capacity. They are awaiting Water Supply Reserve Fund approval from CWCB. The approval decision will be determined in March. They have started contacting Clear Creek and Gilpin

landowners to discuss mitigation efforts. The CSM Capstone project is focused on a high-impact area identified in the Pre-fire Study. Kerry Major is on the CSM campus today looking for a student team. The Capstone Project proposal was included in the UCCWA meeting packet. Near-term focus is wildfire mitigation. Funding is one of the pieces that will be addressed once the MOU is in place. They are looking at a tiered membership fee based on the type of entity. Membership fee will be applied to operational functions. They will focus on grants and donations for project implementation. Ryan has been asked to speak on February 8<sup>th</sup> in Clear Creek with the County Connections group.

- Integrated Watershed Management Plan (Ashley Giles) – No update.

## Member Updates

- Henderson has noticed that their underground water has been decreasing. They have sent letters to organizations they provide water to (Clear Creek County, Empire, and Golden) informing them that they will not be able to provide water deliveries at this time. They are reevaluating how they're using their water. They don't know the exact cause for the reduction in water quantity at this time.

### UCCWA PRESENTATION TOPICS 2022

- CSM CAPSTONE PROJECT - FEBRUARY
- FREI QUARRY PRESENTATION/EXPANSION PROPOSAL
- CDPHE/JONI NUTTLE – TMDL 101
- BOB YOUNG – GILPIN COUNTY PROJECTS
- CDOT UPDATE-JOSH GIOVANNETTI
- XCEL CABIN CREEK (SITE VISIT) – CHRISTINE JOHNSON
- FRONT RANGE COMMUNITY COLLEGE GIS – TAMMI RENNINGER
- TROUT UNLIMITED PROJECTS UPDATE – LAUREN DUNCAN

## Announcements

- **JANUARY 19th, 2022 | Regulatory Compliance for Wastewater Systems | EU CI.** The Regulatory Compliance for Drinking Water & Wastewater course covers US Federal, State, regional and local standards for regulatory compliance associated with drinking water and wastewater systems. The course will include overviews of regulations and standards, including not only those directly related to drinking water and wastewater quality, but also related areas such as treatment, chemical storage, land use, risk mitigation and infrastructure construction. To learn more and register click [HERE](#).
- **FEBRUARY 23rd-25th, 2022 | 20th Anniversary Riparian Restoration Conference: 2020 Learning from the Last 20 Years; Planning for the Next | RiversEdge West.** This year's conference will take place in a hybrid format, with the option to attend in person or virtually. Whether you'll join us in person or on-screen, we're excited to welcome you as we "Learn from the last 20 years and plan for the next". Scholarship opportunities are available for a limited number of attendees. Click [HERE](#) for more information.

## Adjournment

At 9:03 am, Vice-Chair Benning adjourned the meeting. The next meeting will be Thursday, February 10, 2022.

*Diane Kielty, Secretary/Treasurer*

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MEMBERS ROLL CALL:

Black Hawk: Jim Ford  
Black Hawk/Central City San. Dist.: Jessica DiToro  
CDOT: Absent  
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: Ryan Zabel  
Gilpin County: Brad Benning  
Golden: Anne Beirelie  
Henderson Mine: Aaron Hilshorst, Geoff Niggeler  
Idaho Springs: John Curtis  
Jefferson County: Patrick O'Connell  
Molson Coors: Excused  
Saddleback: I (opted)  
Silver Plume: Absent  
St. Mary's Water & San. Dist.: Chris Oeland  
Trout Unlimited: Absent

OTHERS PRESENT, PER SIGN-IN SHEET:

Diane Kielty, Secretary/Treasurer UCCWA  
Ryan Gilliom, CCWFHP  
Mary Boardman, CDPHE Superfund  
Andy Cross, City of Westminster  
Kelly Cline, City of Westminster  
Trea Nance, City of Westminster  
N. Suresh, City of Arvada