

**Upper Clear Creek Watershed Association  
Meeting Minutes  
January 12, 2023**

**Call to Order/Establish Quorum**

A regular meeting of the Upper Clear Creek Watershed Association was called to order at 8:35 am by Chair Benning on January 12, 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 December 8, 2022, UCCWA meeting; motion carried unanimously.

**Secretary/Treasurer Report**

Account Status:	CHECKING (12/27/22)	\$ 100.00
	SAVINGS (12/27/22)	\$71,397.76
	INVESTMENTS (12/30/22)	\$21,836.09

**Invoices:** The following invoices were presented for approval: Kielty Diversified Projects #577 for \$750.00 and LRE Water Invoice #21787 for \$1,480.00 for a total of \$2,230.00.

**Referrals**

- Public Notice for a Public Hearing before the Planning Commission regarding the Walstrum Quarry rezoning case #RZ2022-0001. **The Planning Commission public hearing for this case is scheduled for January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 6:30PM.** Becky Rigo was in the meeting. The staff with Clear Creek County recommends approval and Walstrum Quarry has met all requirements for approval.

**Action:** The membership will review and determine if there needs to be a referral action.

**Water Quality Incident Reports**

- On December 12th at 4:10 PM Jeffcom Dispatch received information of a possible contamination of the water in Clear Creek at HWY 6 MM 271 due to a vehicle in the creek. The car was upside down in the Church Ditch. The ditch was not running and there was no contamination.

**Presentation**

- UCCWA Logo Redesign (Patrick O’Connell & Diane Kielty) Renae Hansen with Jefferson County provided logo design options which were presented and discussed.

Sally Rush made a motion to go forward with sequence number 2 with the removal of the bold on WA and was seconded by Lisa Leben. Motion carried unanimously.

The members thanked Renae and requested she move forward on a color sequence. Diane will share the next round of revisions that will include color options with membership through email.

- UCCWA Webpage Hosting on CCWFHP Site, development, and annual fee - Diane Kielty. This would be a base for members to find information and UCCWA records and to inform the public

about what we do. If UCCWA has a standalone website versus a webpage, UCCWA site costs would increase both for development and annual maintenance above the \$5,000 budget allocation. Discussion about UCCWA having a web presence as a subset of the Clear Creek Watershed & Forest Health Partnership could be confusing. A central location for Clear Creek Watershed information could make finding UCCWA information easier.

This could be a first step for UCCWA to have an online presence then revisit later in 2023 to determine if UCCWA wants a standalone website. UCCWA would need to bring this idea to the Clear Creek Watershed and Forest Health Partnership membership.

The members will return to this topic in February after consideration and greater review.

**Action:** Diane Kielty will bring this to the CCWFPH to determine their interest.

## Other Business

- 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](mailto:UCCWA@live.com) on or before Monday, February 27 if you plan to attend. 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

### Standing Items:

- **Code Red Call Down System Update** (Shelley Stanley & Diane Kielty) Shelley discussed the Call Down list which has been updated. Shelly, Diane, and Clear Creek representatives met and developed a list of questions for CC Sheriff and Emergency Management offices. The next meeting is scheduled for the end of January. There will be outreach to Jefferson and Gilpin County as part of the next actions. The goal is to refine the list and develop better communication.
  - **Bakerville SWEEP Update** (Kerry Major & Ryan Zabel) Ryan Zabel and Kerry Major are both on the CDOT attendee list.
  - **Floyd Hill / Technical Team** (John Curtis & Jo Ann Sorensen) The first sweep meeting will be on January 24<sup>th</sup>.
  - **LRE Regulatory Bulletin** (Jessica DiToro) A bulletin will be provided in February
  - **Clear Creek Watershed & Forest Health Partnership Update** (Diane Kielty)
    - Clear Creek Watershed & Forest Health Partnership Membership & Stakeholder Meeting, January 18th, 9:00 – 10:30 AM 2023, AM MT
      - Presentation - Inaugural Airborne Snow Observatories Surveys in the Upper South Platte Basin with Scott Griebing, Colorado Airborne Snow Measurement (CASM).
      - Missouri Creek Restoration – An outreach workshop is in planning.
      - WSRF Metro RT Pre-Wildfire Project Scoping presentation will be provided.
  - **Integrated Watershed Management Plan** (Ashley Giles) She is attending the CSM Capstone Project Expo to determine student interest in a beaver complex and/or low-impact restoration expansion investigation.
  - **CDPHE Stormwater Weblink:** [Notice of Responsive comment period for Stormwater Discharges Associated with Active and Inactive Mining Industrial Activity COR040000](#)
- **UCCWA 208 Management Plan Update Committee Volunteers**  
The request is for a committee to review the existing plan and determine a process to determine the costs to update our current management plan.

**Committee Volunteers:** Brad Benning, Lisa Leben, Kerry Major, Ben Moline

**Action:** Diane will send an email to the committee with a draft outline of the approach.

- [Upper Clear Creek Management Plan - 2014](#)
- **Regional Water Quality Management Plans (Section 208)**
  - 208 AREAWIDE WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLAN 2022 UPDATE (Region 2) (December 12, 2022) - [2022 November 18 - 208 AWQMP - REV.2-CLEAN FINAL.pdf \(colorado.gov\)](#)
  - Pueblo Area COG - [2020 PACOG Plan - Google Drive](#)
  - Pikes Peak Region - [PPACG 2019 Plan - Google Drive](#)

### Member Updates

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

### Announcements

- [January 25th-27th, 2023 | Colorado Water Congress Annual Convention.](#)
- [January 26th, 2023 | State of the Sector | Resilience: Emerging Leadership in Changing Environments](#) Register now for State of the Sector 2023! Join for a hybrid event\*\* featuring an interactive panel of leaders in our field, and a virtual awards ceremony honoring two remarkable changemakers in Colorado. CRC’s State of the Sector is a unique opportunity for nonprofit and foundation leaders, public stakeholders, and sector supporters to connect and reflect. The theme this year is *Resilience: Emerging Leadership in Changing Environments*. Our panel will explore the rising demands on nonprofit leadership and the need for rapidly adapting organizations by highlighting innovation and unique perspectives.
- [February 16th, 2023 | Regulatory Compliance for Water and Wastewater Systems.](#) The course will include overviews of EPA water 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. Attendees will learn about the federal regulatory determination process, environmental regulations governing utilities, compliance challenges and assistance resources, and regulatory changes and trends expected over the next several years.

### Adjournment

Next Meeting: **Thursday, February 9, 2023**

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*UCCWA Hybrid Meeting: Idaho Springs Town Hall to Loch Lomand and Fall River Reservoir – July/August 2023 (Anthony Cline, General Manager, The Agricultural Ditch and Reservoir Company)*

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### Adjournment

At 10:15 am, Chair Benning adjourned the meeting. The next meeting will be Thursday, February 9, 2023.

*Diane Kielty, Secretary/Treasurer*

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**MEMBERS ROLL CALL:**

Albert Frei & Sons: Becky Rigo  
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.: Cindy Olson  
Empire: Sally Rush  
Georgetown: Ryan Zabel  
Gilpin County: Brad Benning  
Golden: Brian Tracy  
Henderson Mine: Geoff Niggeler, Aaron Hilshorst  
Idaho Springs: John Bordon  
Jefferson County: Pat O'Connell, Renee Hanson  
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