

**Upper Clear Creek Watershed Association
Meeting Minutes
July 14, 2022**

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 Brad Benning on July 14, 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 June 9, 2022 UCCWA meeting; motion carried unanimously.

Secretary/Treasurer Report

The following invoices were presented for approval: Motion made to approve Clear Creek Consultants Inv #2568 for \$500.00, KIELTY Diversified Projects Inv #550 for \$750.00, LRE Inv #20189 for \$832.50, and Slacker Half-marathon invoice* for \$100.00. Total amount of invoices for payment \$2,182.50; motion carried unanimously.

Other Matters: *Slacker sponsorship has increased to \$200.00.

Motion made by Ben Moline to apply an additional \$100 to the Slacker sponsorship from the UCCWA contingency fund and second by Brad Benning; motion carried unanimously.

Referrals

- St. Mary's Glacier Wastewater Improvements Project, Preliminary Engineering Report - No comments were made. The upgrades are to improve facility.

Water Quality Incident Reports

- None received.

Presentation

- **CDPHE Operable Unit #5, Clear Creek Superfund Site Residential Mine Waste Piles** – Kyle Sandor, CDPHE, Hazardous Materials and Waste Management Division (kyle.sandor@state.co.us) A study map was provided. The new OU5 purpose is for investigation and assessments including a human health risk assessment of lead and arsenic. Presentation available by request. <https://cdphe.colorado.gov/central-city-clear-creek>

Other Business

- CDOT CC-40 Gage Update – Do we need to increase the CC40 monitoring. Do we need to increase the budget for the monitoring at this location? The CC40 station will be important for construction and operation of the Floyd Hill project. There is decreasing information and data published at CC40. Conductivity is on an upward trend at CC40 and spiking at CC50. CC40 may be due to deicing. It may be an area with increased activity and more deicing as the Floyd Hill project progresses. Is there federal or state money that could help support the continuation of this gage? Stanley Lake Cities are interested in the gage. Kelly Cline with Westminster will bring this up with their municipality.

Action: UCCWA reach out to Standly Lakes Cities or other partners with an interest in this gage. IWMP – Ashley Giles, Darren Beck.

Action: Contact Josh Giovannetti on equipment pulled from the CC40 gage area. CDOT is revamping and bringing in new equipment.

Action: Ask in Floyd Hill planning process to adjust access to allow winter monitoring or add sampling equipment that can go under the ice.

Action.: Brad Benning will contact Jim Ford to determine Black Hawk’s interest in this gage.

- December 12, 2022 Informational Briefing: Clear Creek/Standley Lake Triennial Water Quality Report
 - Need UCCWA volunteer(s) to attend Informational Briefing

Standing Items:

- LRE Regulatory Bulletin (Jessica DiToro) Please contact Jessica if you have questions.
- Clear Creek Watershed & Forest Health Partnership Update (Diane Kielty) A Colorado Healthy Rivers Fund grant was awarded for engineering design in Missouri Creek.
- The Floyd Hill technical team shows east bound elevated structure through a currently forested area. Could this cause potential wildfire risk in area currently not disturbed. Adjacent to the highway are many dead coniferous trees likely attributed to salt. There is concern that this expansion will add another corridor of dead growth beyond the three lane expansion. How does CDOT plan to mitigate all of the dead trees beyond the expanded highway? There is a salt resistant plant recommendations webpage on CDOT’s website, [CDOT Revegetation Training Videos — Colorado Department of Transportation \(codot.gov\)](https://www.codot.gov/transportation/vegetation/cddot-revegetation-training-videos)
- Integrated Watershed Management Plan (Ashley Giles) – No report.

Announcements

- **2022 Sustaining Colorado Watersheds Conference Oct. 11-13, 2022:** Scholarship Applications Are Open. If you are selected as a scholarship recipient, the Sustaining Colorado Watersheds Conference Scholarship fee is \$40 and covers registration and live conference meals. The scholarship does not include accommodations or meals outside of the conference schedule. If awarded a scholarship, please note that there is a mandatory volunteer component that must be fulfilled either before, during the conference (i.e. preparing packets, helping set up, etc.), or after. [Apply Here.](#)
- The updated version of the **Colorado Water Plan** is currently in the development process, set for final release in early 2023. This process included a robust stakeholder engagement process in a [scoping phase](#) to consider feedback and concerns with the original plan, followed by an initial drafting phase. The draft version is currently out for a **90-day public comment period from June 30 - September 30, 2022. Public comments can be submitted through engagecwcb.org.** The 2023 Water Plan vision is focused into four major action areas: Vibrant Communities, Robust Agriculture, Thriving Watersheds, and Resilient Planning.

Member Updates

- Trout Unlimited (Lauren Duncan)
 - Delays at Grizzley Gulch project construction. They will be partnering with CRMS to address more safety measures prior to construction next year.
 - Coordinating Missouri Creek and Lion Creek field days.
 - Contacting Russell Gulch landowners for access to begin the project.

- In the last phase construction at Waldorf and Santiago this year for revegetation and final construction.

Adjournment

At 9:58 am, Acting Chair Brad Benning adjourned the meeting. The next meeting will be Thursday, August 11, 2022.

Diane Kielty, Secretary/Treasurer

MEMBERS ROLL CALL:

Albert Frei & Sons: Absent
Black Hawk: Excused
Black Hawk/Central City San. Dist.: Excused
CDOT: Brendan Howell, Tamara Burke
Central City: Absent
Central Clear Creek San. Dist.: I (opted)
Clear Creek County: Lisa Leben
Clear Creek Ski Corp.: Cindy Olson
Empire: Absent
Georgetown: Excused
Gilpin County: Brad Benning
Golden: Tracey Pond
Henderson Mine: Geoff Niggeler
Idaho Springs: John Curtis
Jefferson County: Excused
Molson Coors: Ben Moline
Saddleback: I (opted)
Silver Plume: Absent
St. Mary's Water & San. Dist.: Chris Oeland
Trout Unlimited: Lauren Duncan

OTHERS PRESENT, PER SIGN-IN SHEET:

Diane Kielty, Secretary/Treasurer UCCWA
Trea Nance, City of Westminster
Mary Boardman, CDPHE Superfund
Jamie Miller, EPA
Jo Ann Sorensen, Floyd Hill Alt. Tech Rep.
Kyle Sandor, CDPHE
Evelyn Rhodes, City of Arvada
Andrew Cross, City of Westminster
Kelly Cline, City of Westminster