

**Upper Clear Creek Watershed Association
Meeting Minutes
March 10, 2022**

Call to Order/Establish Quorum

A regular meeting of the Upper Clear Creek Watershed Association was called to order at 8:33 am by Chair Kerry Major on March 10, 2022. A quorum was declared established.

Agenda Approval

It was moved and seconded to approve the agenda with additions of a review item from Idaho Springs under referrals and a CDOT question item under WQ incident reports; motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2022 UCCWA meeting; motion carried unanimously.

Secretary/Treasurer Report

The following invoices were presented for approval: Kielty Diversified Projects February 2022 Invoice #537 for \$750.00, Clear Creek Consultants Data Reduction and Analysis Invoice # 2535 for \$1,200.00, and LRE Water invoice #19326 for \$786.25. Total amount of invoices received \$2,736.25; motion carried unanimously.

Referrals

- Idaho Springs Water Resource Reclamation Facility Chemical Metering Skid amendment of existing treatment plant site location approval. Michael Katalinich provided an update on a small community grant received for chemical metering equipment that is not needed for regulatory compliance but will improve processes and adjusting chemical uses. Questions can be sent to Idaho Springs town hall.

Water Quality Incident Reports

- None received.
- Friends of Clear Creek have questions for CDOT about Magnesium chloride run-off into the streams coming from CDOT road maintenance. How is this being mitigated? CDOT will address this topic in their presentation at the April UCCWA regular meeting.

Presentations

- **Frei Quarry Update** - Al Frei, Jr., Albert Frei & Sons. A Presentation was provided and is available by request. Albert Frei & Sons holds community events and would like for UCCWA to participate. Provided an update on increasing product demand and materials being shipped greater distances. Discussed execution of their stormwater management plan. They have only had one discharge event in 5-years. They have been working with Clear Creek County on the Walstrum Spur to amend their ODP that would add 229 acres to the mining area. The spur also adds 255 acres of undisturbed area. The spur amendment will have no impacts on water in the area. For more information on the proposed amendment go to, www.walstrumspuramendment.com.
- **Russell Gulch Presentation** (*Attachment 5*) – Lauren Duncan, Trout Unlimited. Discussed TU’s role in WQ on abandoned mines throughout the state. Presented 2021 projects status and upcoming 2022 projects. Andrea and Greg Taillacq presented on the Russel Gulch Sediment

Study identifying primary sources of sediment in the gulch. The Young Ranch provided access for in-the-field evaluation. There are sediment control dams in place. The dams have limited capacity. Without maintenance there is a minimal dam life span. Provided overview on management strategies. Presentation available by request. The StoryMap can be found here, <https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/b85dadd8bfe34942b2487509d94ca157>.

Other Business

Standing Items:

- **LRE Regulatory Bulletin (Jessica DiToro) (Attachment 6)** No update.
- **Clear Creek Watershed & Forest Health Partnership Update (Ryan Gilliom)** – They are asking for UCCWA member input on Spring 2022 projects selection. Please review Project Group [snapshot maps](#) and provide feedback on groups and individual projects via this [Google Form](#). These are high-priority areas, and they need help to narrow down projects to focus resources on this year. Your input in this survey will allow the Partnership to determine which projects have the most support and capacity to move forward in the WSRF grant project scoping.

There is a nice Storymap created by Matrix that explains the Upper Clear Creek Pre-Wildfire Planning Study. The map can be used to understand and communicate the process of project selection when considering participation/contribution to upcoming design/implementation processes.

Link: <https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/95c8864402024ca6a0735ec2676809a8>

- **Integrated Watershed Management Plan (Ashley Giles)**. The advisory group met last Thursday. No update.

Announcements

- **April 5th-6th, 2022 | Stormwater Control Measure Inspection and Maintenance Certification.** The Colorado Stormwater Center provides a 1.5-day workshop on stormwater control measures (SCM) inspection and maintenance. All SCMs require regular maintenance to remain operating as designed. In this 1.5-day training workshop, we teach participants how to recognize SCM maintenance needs and how to perform maintenance correctly. The workshop includes 8 hours of presentations/discussion in a classroom setting, a 2-hour field trip and a 2-hour written exam (optional). Participants that successfully pass the written exam receive certification from Colorado State University Extension and are recognized on our website. [Click here to register.](#)
- **Non-standard MS4 Permit PDD Template and Program Strategy Templates.** SPLASH members and SEMSWA worked with CP Compliance to create resources to educate permittees. It may also assist permittees with implementation of the new Non-standard MS4 Permit. Please click [HERE](#) to access the material.
- **The Colorado Healthy Rivers Fund 2022** application period is open. The lead applicant should be a local community-based organization, which could include conservation districts. The CHRF is not intended for federal, state or municipal governments, but their participation is encouraged. **The deadline for submissions is March 30th, 2022. [Apply now!](#)**

Member Updates

- Idaho Springs City Hall is now open to the public for in-person meetings.

Adjournment

At 10:00 am, Chair Major adjourned the meeting. The next meeting will be Thursday, April 14, 2022.

UCCWA PRESENTATION TOPICS 2022

- **MARCH: ALBERT FREI, JR., FREI QUARRY UPDATE**
- **APRIL: JOSH GIOVANNETTI, CDOT UPDATE**
- **MAY: SITE VISIT, MISSOURI CREEK/NORTH CLEAR CREEK PROJECT**
- **JUNE: JONI NUTTLE, CDPHE TMDL 101**
- **TBD: XCEL CABIN CREEK (SITE VISIT) – CHRISTINE JOHNSON**
- **TBD: FRONT RANGE COMMUNITY COLLEGE GIS, TAMMI RENNINGER**
- **TBD: TROUT UNLIMITED PROJECTS UPDATE, LAUREN DUNCAN**

Diane Kielty, Secretary/Treasurer

MEMBERS ROLL CALL:

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.: Absent

Empire: Sally Rush

Georgetown: Ryan Zabel

Gilpin County: Brad Benning

Golden: Kerry Major

Henderson Mine: Aaron Hilshorst

Idaho Springs: John Curtis, John Bordoni

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: Lauren Duncan

OTHERS PRESENT, PER SIGN-IN SHEET:

Diane Kielty, Secretary/Treasurer UCCWA

Evelyn Rhodes, City of Arvada

Andy Cross, City of Westminster

Trea Nance, City of Westminster

Mary Boardman, CDPHE Superfund

Becky Rigo, Albert Frei & Sons

Joel Bolduc, Albert Frei & Sons

Al Frei, Albert Frei & Sons

Shelley Stanley, City of Northglenn

Michael Katalini

Andrea Taillacq, Tailwater Sciences

Greg Taillacq, Tailwater Sciences

Bob Young, Young Ranch

Kelly Cline, City of Westminster

Kyle Sandor, CDPHE