

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

**Call to Order/Establish Quorum**

A regular meeting of the Upper Clear Creek Watershed Association was called to order at 8:05 am by Chair Benning on March 9, 2023. A quorum was declared established.

**Agenda Approval**

It was moved and seconded to approve the agenda with correction to the investment amount under the Secretary/Treasurer report; motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes**

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2023, UCCWA meeting; motion carried unanimously.

**Secretary/Treasurer Report**

Account Status:	CHECKING (2/23/2023)	\$ 1,366.00
	SAVINGS (2/23/2023)	\$68,486.92
	INVESTMENTS (12/31/2022)	\$21,836.09 – Corrected from Agenda

Kielty Diversified Projects Invoice #586 for \$750.00 was presented and a motion was made for approval; motion carried unanimously.

**Referrals**

- CDOT Referral, APO Letter - To complete a six-lane highway component from Floyd Hill through the Veterans Memorial Tunnels. This project also includes constructing the Greenway trail and frontage road from Idaho Springs to the US. 6 interchange and adding an auxiliary lane to the uphill section of Floyd Hill. Modifications of the US 6 and Hidden Valley interchanges will also occur.

Josh Giovannetti was present and provided an update. CDOT will roll out the Floyd Hill Project in three phases based on permitting and will be abandoning certain lanes in the highway in the middle section. [Link to project on the CDOT website I-70 Floyd Hill to Veterans Memorial Tunnels Design and Construction — Colorado Department of Transportation \(codot.gov\)](#). They held a public meeting on Tuesday night.

John Curtis has requested sampling of wetlands pre-construction for baseline then during and after construction. The status of the 1041 permit was not clear. There will be a 404 Army Corp permit needed for the middle section due to river movement and in water movement of embankments. Colorado TU Ashley Giles and Gary Fray are participating in the SWEEP process. Cindy Neely is working with Idaho springs and representing Clear Creek County in the 1041 process.

**Action:** April agenda to include discussion on CDOT Floyd Hill. UCCWA members were asked to provide topics for Josh to address during the discussion.

**Water Quality Incident Reports**

- On 02/15/2023 at 0720 hours, Jeffcom Dispatch received information of a possible contamination of the water in Clear Creek at mile marker 263 due to a vehicle in the river.

## Other Business

### Standing Items:

- **Code Red Call Down System Update** (Shelley Stanley & Diane Kielty) (*Attachment 4*)
  - A Code Red Call Down Meeting took place on Wednesday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm. In attendance were Shelley Stanley, David Kurz (CDPHE), Suzanna Boccia, and Diane Kielty. Suzanna has made great progress on getting the system procedures worked out with both Jeffcom and Gilpin dispatchers. All agencies that would initiate calls have improved communications on how to initiate. Suzanne will be doing research into “Constant Contact” or a similar software to allow people to update their own information instead of using a spreadsheet. Suzanne is going to speak with dispatchers about call down calls from treatment facilities inquiring how upsets or spills at the plants are handled in the system. She is going to talk to dispatch on how this is handled. The State gets notified on treatment issues, but it could take 72 hours before operators are notified.

A test of the system is going to take place before the end of March. Suzanne is going to print out how the test functioned to determine gaps and issues. She will follow up on bounce backs, etc. to fine tune the system. Some people have been saying they are not receiving the notices. It is not clear if this is a code red side problem or recipient side.

- **CC40 2022 Gage Report** – Report was provided in the meeting packet.
- **Bakerville SWEEP Update** (Kerry Major & Ryan Zabel) No meetings have taken place.
- **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 discussion took place during the referral portion of the meeting.
- **LRE Regulatory Bulletin** (Jessica DiToro) No summary this month.
- **Clear Creek Watershed & Forest Health Partnership Update** (Diane Kielty)
  - UCCWA Webpage Hosting on CCWFHP Site – This item will be discussed at the CCWFHP meeting on March 19, 2023.
- **Integrated Watershed Management Plan** (Ashley Giles) No report.
- **CDPHE Stormwater Weblink:** [Notice of Responsive comment period for Stormwater Discharges Associated with Active and Inactive Mining Industrial Activity COR040000](#)

## Member Updates

- **UCCWA 208 Management Plan Update Committee** (Brad Benning)  
The draft RFP was provided in the meeting packet. The members will vote at the April meeting to determine direction and distribution.
- [Clear Creek County Recreation in the Outdoors Management Plan \(ROMP\) | Clear Creek County](#)

## Announcements

- The **Operable Unit 5 Update - February 2023** has been added to the state's [Clear Creek Superfund Site website](#). The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency are overseeing an investigation of mine waste piles in current or planned residential areas of the site. The Site Study Area covers the 400-square-mile Clear Creek watershed, including the towns of Central City, Black Hawk, Idaho Springs, Empire, and Georgetown.

Find more information about the site on the [state's Clear Creek website](#) or the [EPA Clear Creek website](#). For questions, contact Shannon Bauman at [shannon.bauman@state.co.us](mailto:shannon.bauman@state.co.us).

## Adjournment

At 9:40 am, Chair Benning adjourned the general meeting. The next meeting will be Thursday, April 13, 2023.

# Site Visit: Walstrum Quarry

*Diane Kielty, Secretary/Treasurer*

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MEMBERS ROLL CALL:

Albert Frei & Sons: Al Frei, Jr., Becky Rigo, Joel Bolduc,  
Jordan Combs  
Black Hawk: Absent  
Black Hawk/Central City San. Dist.: Absent  
CDOT: Josh Giovannetti, Brendon Howell  
Central City: Jack Beard  
Central Clear Creek San. Dist.: I (opted)  
Clear Creek County: Lisa Leben  
Clear Creek Ski Corp.: Cindy Olson  
Empire: Wendy Koch, Tom Koch, Amy Koon, Kevin  
Luce  
Georgetown: Ryan Zabel  
Gilpin County: Brad Benning  
Golden: Kerry Major  
Henderson Mine: Geoff Niggeler  
Idaho Springs: John Curtis  
Jefferson County: Pat O'Connell  
Molson Coors: Excused  
Saddleback: I (opted)  
**Silver Plume: Absent**  
St. Mary's Water & San. Dist.: Chris Oeland  
Trout Unlimited: Katrina Hettinger

Others Present:

Diane Kielty, Secretary/Treasurer UCCWA  
Shelley Stanley, City of Northglenn  
Andy Cross, City of Westminster  
Ashley Giles, Colorado TU  
Trea Nance, City of Westminster  
Suresh Niraula, City of Arvada  
John Winterton, City of Northglenn