

**Upper Clear Creek Watershed Association
Meeting Minutes
February 13, 2020**

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 Katie Fendel in the Idaho Springs City Hall on February 13, 2020. 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 12, 2019 meeting with correction to members roll call; motion carried unanimously.

Secretary/Treasurer Report

The following invoices were presented for approval: Kielty Diversified Projects Inv# 465 for \$900.00. The invoice is within the budgeted/approved limits. It was moved and seconded to approve the invoice for payment totaling \$900.00; motion carried unanimously.

Other Matters

Annual Report data input is due by March 15th.

Referrals

- **Proposed Changes to Clear Creek County Grading & Excavation Regulations** - scheduled to be presented to the Clear Creek County Board of County Commissioners on February 18, 2020 for consideration of adoption. (Proposed Changes to Grading & Excavation Regulations document in meeting packet)
- **UPDATED Final Plans and Specifications for Construction Approval, Site Location Approval No. 3691, ES.18.SA.04370**, Idaho Springs Wastewater Treatment Facility; Project 1 – Headworks and Equalization (Final Plans and Specifications decision document in meeting packet). Idaho Springs WWTP is progressing and going above and beyond requirements.

Water Quality Incident Reports

- On January 12th at 4:50 p m, Golden Police Department dispatch center received information of a possible contamination of the water in Clear Creek west of tunnel 1 due to a vehicle accident.
- On January 30th at 5:50p m, Golden Police Department dispatch center received information of a possible contamination of the water in Clear Creek west of tunnel 1 due to a vehicle accident.

Westminster received call-downs on both incidents.

Other Business

- Approval Requested - Membership Support Fund and Community Support Project Fund Distribution Policy Draft January 28, 2020 (Charlotte Hampson) (Draft Policy and UCCWA By-Laws in meeting packet) – A review of the revisions was provided. An addition was made that UCCWA state in the policy that it reserves the right to request supporting materials for expenditures.

- It was moved and seconded to approve the Membership Support Fund and Community Support Project Fund Distribution Policy with the right to request supporting materials for expenditures added; motion carried unanimously.
- April 1st is the deadline for applications receipt. The Small Projects Committee will review applications and make recommendations at the May UCCWA meeting.

Action: Announcement about the fund to be sent to UCCWA membership.

- Pre-Fire Planning Study Committee Update (Kerry Major) -
 - CWCB Watershed Restoration Program Application Funding was approved (Approval Notice in meeting packet). UCCWA was awarded a Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB) Water Restoration Grant for an additional \$40,000 to put towards the project. This money will be used to complete a sediment and debris flow sensitivity analysis and fluvial hazard zone mapping.
 - The current methodology of prioritizing sub-watersheds and then overlaying critical infrastructure was reviewed. The group generally liked this approach which would not only generate a robust list of projects in high priority sub-watersheds but would also allow local communities to identify projects even in lower priority sub-watersheds.
 - The group agreed that a 5 sq. mi scale was the most appropriate especially since much of the CO-WRAP data is raster data at a 30m scale.
- Downstream User Notification Process Committee Update – The system seems to be working smoothly. CCC has been conducting public outreach to get the community to report when incidents occur.

Member Updates

- An UCCWA tour of Henderson could take place around August or September. A notice will be sent out to members once the details are finalized. There will be a maximum capacity for attendance for the underground portion of the tour.
- Clear Creek County Office of the Engineer may present to UCCWA with a County update.
- There is a new water user coming into Black Hawk. They will be using approximately 400,000 gallons a day operating as a whisky distillery, zip-line facility, wedding and conference center. There will be upsizing to the Black Hawk plant.
- Clear Creek County agencies brought up concern about the number of people at Silver Plume Exit 218 stopping to relieve themselves. There will be discussions with CDOT to request Port-O-Lets be placed at this location.

Announcements

- MARCH 10th & 11th, 2020: **Emerging Contaminants Summit | Westminster, CO.** The Emerging Contaminants Summit will draw leaders and key stakeholders from academia, government, regulatory community as well as site owners, private consulting agencies and various other environmental professionals. To get 20% off your registration to this event, e-mail info@vistageoscience.com. Visit the website [HERE](#).

Adjournment

At 9:25 am, Chair Fendel adjourned the meeting. The next meeting will be Thursday, March 12, 2020.

Diane Kielty, Secretary/Treasurer

MEMBERS ROLL CALL:

Black Hawk: Jim Ford
Black Hawk/Central City San. Dist.: Katie Fendel
CDOT: Excused
Central City: Absent
Central Clear Creek San. Dist.: I (opted)
Clear Creek County: Charlotte Hampson
Clear Creek Ski Corp.: Cindy Olson
Empire: Sally Rush
Georgetown: Excused
Gilpin County: Absent
Golden: Kerry Major
Henderson Mine: Aaron Hilshorst
Idaho Springs: John Curtis
Jefferson County: Pat O'Connell
Molson Coors: Ben Moline
Saddleback: I (opted)
Silver Plume: Absent
St. Mary's Water & San. Dist.: Chris Oeland

OTHERS PRESENT, PER SIGN-IN SHEET:

Diane Kielty, Secretary/Treasurer UCCWA
Burt Fraser, Auric Systems
Andy Cross, City of Westminster
Trea Nance, City of Westminster