

**Upper Clear Creek Watershed Association
Meeting Minutes
January 9, 2020**

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 Katie Fendel in the Idaho Springs City Hall on January 9, 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; motion carried unanimously.

Secretary/Treasurer Report

The following invoices were presented for approval: Kielty Diversified Projects Inv# 460 for \$900.00, Clear Creek Consultants Inv# 2271 for \$480.00. The invoices were within the budgeted/approved limits. It was moved and seconded to approve the invoices for payment totaling \$1,380.00; motion carried unanimously.

Member Updates

- MolsonCoors had a reorganization. They are now called MolsonCoors Beverage Company and are based in Chicago.
- Trout Unlimited is prepared to start construction at Waldorf. They will contact UCCWA when they begin.
- At the end of 2019 CCWF officially dissolved through the Secretary of State. The remaining assets will be transferred to the Colorado Watershed Assembly (CWA). Projects and data are being archived on the CWA website. A link will be provided once all materials have been uploaded.

Referrals

None received.

Water Quality Incident Reports

None received.

Other Business

- Pre-fire Planning Study Update – Drew Beck, Matrix Design Group
Research was done after the last meeting. Clear Creek County has 2009 wildfire planning documents. Several of the towns in the County also have Source Water Protection Plans that reference wildfire planning. There is concern that this study will duplicate this already existing information. Matrix is working to pull all the disparate pieces together. The CCC documents are looking at what to do for countywide mitigation efforts. This will be included. The local plans had wider areas of mitigation and source water protection measures. The Upper Clear Creek Watershed Plan is focused more on metal and mining impacts. Matrix is pulling all of these documents together to show opportunities for collaborative actions.

The jurisdictions will have information to decide collectively where to focus pre-fire implementation efforts. If entities don't cooperate, what do we gain? Xcel has indicated that they are willing to cooperate with this study. Matrix is getting closer to identifying the correct contact for Xcel. The NEPA representative is also their vegetation expert for the region. This is the resource Matrix is working to contact. It may be helpful to contact the Xcel Legal Department to include them in the conversation now. County has a local contact at Xcel where they address land use issues. CC County will reach out.

Matrix will be producing an actionable list of projects. This list will be prioritized and can be used to go after funding to implement projects from a collaborative position, which is what funding sources prefer. Requesting for grants alone puts entities at the bottom of list for selection. The subcommittee will be looking at the project recommendation list, once it is developed, to prioritize for the benefit of member organizations. The mapping overlaps the individual entities to help identify projects most beneficial to the majority of members. Matrix did submit one grant application to CWCB for UCCWA. We should hear back end of January.

There will be a working session to go through base information in April or May. Matrix is still trying to access GIS data. There also needs to be an amendment or revision to the UCCWA contract with Matrix.

- **Small Project Review Subcommittee Update**
A draft of guidelines was provided and discussed. The process will be sent out to members, along with the Bylaws/Mission, for review and approval during the February meeting. The guidelines will be sent to all membership once approved by UCCWA.
- **Member dues invoicing will be distributed late January. Payment is due by April 15, 2020.**
Please contact the UCCWA Secretary/Treasure if you have changes to contact persons for billing.
- **2020 UCCWA Presentation Topics and/or Site Visits**
A site visit to URAD and the Trout Unlimited's Waldorf project area are potential site visits for 2020.

Announcements

- **FEBRUARY 28th, 2020: CoorsTek Denver Metro Regional Science & Engineering Fair.** Since 1963, DMRSEF has provided area middle school and high school students an outlet to engage their scientific interests and an opportunity to share their work with local STEM professionals. Volunteer to support the next generation of scientists and engineers! Partial and full-day shifts are available February 27th - March 1st, 2020. Click [HERE](#) to be a judge, or click [HERE](#) to register as a volunteer.

Adjournment

At 9:41am, Chair Fendel adjourned the meeting. The next meeting will be Thursday, February 13, 2020.

Diane Kielty, Secretary/Treasurer

MEMBERS ROLL CALL:

Black Hawk:
Black Hawk/Central City San. Dist.:Katie Fendel
CDOT:
Central City:
Central Clear Creek San. Dist.: I (opted)
Clear Creek County: Charlotte Hampson
Clear Creek Ski Corp.:
Clear Creek Watershed Foundation:
Empire: Sally Rush
Georgetown: Ryan Zabel
Gilpin County: Brad Benning
Golden: Anne Beierle, Kerry Major, Stephanie Crabtree
Henderson Mine: Aaron Hilshorst
Idaho Springs: Dan Wolf
Jefferson County:
Molson Coors: Ben Moline
Saddleback:
Silver Plume:
St. Mary's Water & San. Dist.: Chris Oeland

OTHERS PRESENT, PER SIGN-IN SHEET:

Diane Kielty, Secretary/Treasurer UCCWA
Josh Gryzic, City of Arvada
Jim Pals, Douglas Mountain
Lauren Duncan, Trout Unlimited
Andy Cross, Westminster
Eric Schroder, US Forest Service
Tom Matthews, US Forest Service
Burt Fraser, Auric Systems