



UPPER CLEAR CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION

Meeting Minutes
April 11, 2024

Call to Order/Establish Quorum

A regular meeting of the Upper Clear Creek Watershed Association was called to order at 8:31am by Chair Niggeler on April 11, 2024. A quorum was declared established.

Agenda Approval

It was moved and seconded to approve the agenda as presented; motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes – [UCCWA March 14, 2024, Minutes](#)

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the March 14, 2024, UCCWA meeting minutes; motion carried unanimously.

Secretary/Treasurer Report - [UCCWA March Financial Summary](#)

Account Status: CHECKING (3/26/24)	\$ 1,238.00
SAVINGS (3/26/24)	\$60,223.63
INVESTMENTS (3/29/24)	\$22,653.68

A motion by Brad Benning to approve Clear Creek Consultants Inv. #2737 for \$1,237.50, RESPEC Inv. #0224-844 for \$3,230.00, Kielty Diversified Projects Inv. #660 for \$1,570.00, and addition of 2024 dues to the Historic District Public Lands Commission for \$100.00 for a total invoices for payment \$6,137.50 and was seconded by Geoffrey Niggeler. The motion carried unanimously.

Referrals

- None received.

Water Quality Incident Reports

- None received.

Presentation

- Henderson Mine and the Urad Valley – Geoffrey Niggeler, P.E., Henderson Operations
A presentation was provided on the history of the valley and how URAD came to be and Henderson/Climax Molybdenum's work in the area. URAD (Uranium Storage and Development) was designed as a tailings storage facility that operated during WWI and WWII. The ore body being stored is molybdenum. It is a high-altitude tailing reclamation facility. The goal today is to steward a wetlands area and habitats including the boreal toad habitat along with management of stormwater routing. The presentation is available by request.

Other Business

- 2023 Monitoring Data Review and Approve to Post– Geoffrey Niggeler

- [CC40 Gage Report 2023](#)
- [CC40 QREC](#)

The Annual Report Committee has reviewed the 2023 data and memo. The data and memo were approved by the membership to post.

- Cabin Creek Pumped Storage Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 2351) Water Quality Adaptive Management Plan 2023 Annual Report
 - [2023 WQAMP Annual Report Cover Letter](#)
 - [2023 Water Quality Adaptive Management Plan Report 2024.04.01-Final](#)

Members were made aware of the report availability for their review.

- Standing Items:
 - **LRE Regulatory Update** (Jessica DiToro) [UCCWA Regulatory Bulletin April 2024](#) – The Regulation 38 standards to segments in the South Platte rulemaking hearing scheduled for June 2025 will be pushed out to June of 2026, contingent on the Commission’s approval. The Stream Nutrient Criteria may also be pushed out to a later date. The Regulation 93 rulemaking hearing is scheduled for May of 2025. The Division is assessing the current data to determine any suggested changes. A proposal will likely be released in January or February of next year on suggested new regulations and delisting segments.
 - **Floyd Hill / Technical Team** (John Curtis & Jo Ann Sorensen) [I-70 Floyd Hill to Veterans Memorial Tunnels Design and Construction — Colorado Department of Transportation \(codot.gov\)](#) – No update.
 - **Bakerville SWEEP Update** (Kerry Major & Ryan Zabel) – No update.
 - **Clear Creek Watershed & Forest Health Partnership Update** (Diane Kielty) – A Forest & Mitigation Program Manager is targeted to be onboarded the first week of May. A Wildfire Map revision is approved through a WSRF grant to be updated via a contract with LRE. SOPs will be created for updating data. Send data changes to Kerry Major. Community Wildfire Protection Plans are all being updated at this time and will ideally be integrated into the wildfire map.
- A CDPHE 319 Grant application and a Colorado Healthy Rivers Fund grant application have both moved to the second-round review for approval. It was recommended to schedule a consultants meeting to identify a timeline for notice to proceed with next actions.

Member Updates

- None

Announcements

- **The American Stormwater Institute, LLC** now offers live and online courses that deal with developing the knowledge and skills required to conduct stormwater inspections. Our courses are based on a “Real World” attitude of finding implementable solutions to the challenges that stormwater inspectors face every day. The state and federal regulations require that “QUALIFIED PERSONS” conduct inspections related to stormwater permits. The overarching goal of the ASI classes is to ensure that our students are well qualified to conduct these inspections. For a list of all classes offered click [HERE](#).
- **Northern Colorado Fireshed Collaborative** is partnering to make our forests more resilient, our communities safer, and keep our water supplies reliable. Northern Colorado Fireshed Collaborative partners work strategically across land ownerships to increase the scale and pace of forest restoration by bringing fire back into our watershed management toolbox. [View the full video here.](#)

Upcoming Meeting Presentations

- **May 9** - Hybrid Meeting **with Tour** of the Argo Facility
 - **June 13** - Xcel Energy Georgetown Project (Christine Johnston, Xcel Energy)
 - **August 8** - Hybrid meeting **with Tour** of the Henderson Urad Valley (Geoffrey Niggeler)
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Adjournment

At 9:41 am, Chair Niggeler adjourned the meeting. The next meeting will be Thursday, May 9, 2024.

Diane Kielty, Secretary/Treasurer

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.: Cindy Olson
Empire: Excused
Georgetown: Ryan Zabel
Gilpin County: Brad Benning
Golden: Sam Zrust, Kerry Major
Henderson Mine: Geoff Niggeler
Idaho Springs: Ed Sigward
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: Excused

OTHERS PRESENT, PER SIGN-IN SHEET:
Diane Kielty, Secretary/Treasurer UCCWA
Erica Crosby, DRMS
Andy Cross, City of Westminister