

**Upper Clear Creek Watershed Association
Meeting Minutes
August 11, 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 Acting Chair Brad Benning on, August 11, 2022. 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 July 14, 2022, UCCWA meeting; motion carried unanimously.

Secretary/Treasurer Report

The following invoices were presented and motion made for approval: KDP Invoice #553 for \$750.00 and Clear Creek Consultants invoice #2579 for \$300.00. Invoice approved for \$1,000.00 for the National Clean-up Day on Clear Creek to take place on September 24th has been paid. Total invoices amount \$2,050.00; motion carried unanimously.

Asked if there is interest from any UCCWA members to have the Cleanup Day table. Suggested UCCWA reach out to Trout Unlimited and Clear Creek Watershed and Forest Health Partners to see if they would like the table.

Other Matters

- **December 12, 2022 WQCC Informational Briefing:** Clear Creek/Standley Lake Triennial Water Quality Report - Need UCCWA volunteer(s) to attend Informational Briefing. Katie used to be the UCCWA representative along with a representative from the Standley Lake Cities. Usually, it takes place during lunch. It is a summary on the data from the annual report. We will present 2021 data. This is generally a 15-minute presentation with 10 minutes of questions. It may be available as a hybrid meeting. Shelley Stanly will check and bring this information back to the group.

Ben Moline offered to attend. Brad Benning will try to participate.

- Decide on next UCCWA hybrid – live/virtual meeting date and location. Diane will check with Lauren Duncan on a site visit to Russel Gulch.

Referrals

- None received.

Water Quality Incident Reports

- None received.

Discussion

- **CC40 Monitoring Station** (*Attachment 3*) Not too important for Black Hawk. CDOT is proposing an elevated highway which means more salt and sand. This should be monitored. Upstream will not have an impact. It is important to MolsonCoors. It is a long running data set.

Testing for Mag chloride. UCCWA should continue to maintain to ensure there is not a gap in data. Consensus is to continue and get more detail information. UCCWA would like to have CDOT present at the next meeting or group of individuals to speak with CDOT and bring this back to the members. Small group was preferred to determine what UCCWA WQ information it wants to be collected from the gauge. Diane will send out availability poll.

Subcommittee: Geoff Niggeler, Lisa Leben, John Curtis, Brad Benning, Ben Moline

Other Business

- Georgetown would like to put together a team to discuss how to communicate with Xcel Energy. There are sediment issues that need to be addressed. There was member interest to have a larger discussion on this at the September meeting. Ryan Zabel will bring information back to the next meeting.

Member Updates

Standing Items:

- LRE Regulatory Bulletin (Jessica DiToro) - Two items of interest on the Clear Creek/South Platte petition public comment period is open until August 31st. The Lakes Nutrients Criteria hearing is in November. Party status declaration is due on August 17th.
- Clear Creek Watershed & Forest Health Partnership Update (Diane Kielty) - John Curtis will contact John Bordoni to get more information on the Idaho Springs reservoir.
- Integrated Watershed Management Plan (Ashley Giles) - Will be participating in a site visit to Bakerville for Pre-Fire Study project scoping with Trout Unlimited and Clear Creek Watershed & Forest Health Partnership.

Announcements

- [September 20th, 2022 | Building Resilience in Your Water/Wastewater System.](#) You and your water and wastewater system personnel are invited to receive FREE training on Building Resilience in your Water/Wastewater System. Operators who participate can get up to 0.4 training units. Training available on Tuesday, Sept. 20 in Steamboat Springs, and Thursday, Dec. 8 in Colorado Springs.
- **October 26th, 2022, 9am-4pm | 2022 Water Conservation Symposium | Colorado WaterWise.** Save the date!

Adjournment

At 9:25 am, Chair Benning adjourned the meeting. The next meeting will be Thursday, September 8, 2022.

Diane Kielty, Secretary/Treasurer

MEMBERS ROLL CALL:

Albert Frei & Sons: Absent
Black Hawk: Jessica DiToro
Black Hawk/Central City San. Dist.: Jessica DiToro
CDOT: Absent
Central City: Absent
Central Clear Creek San. Dist.: I (opted)

Clear Creek County: Lisa Leben
Clear Creek Ski Corp.: Cindy Olson
Empire: Absent
Georgetown: Ryan Zabel
Gilpin County: Brad Benning
Golden: Tracey Pond
Henderson Mine: Geoff Niggeler
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.: Absent
Trout Unlimited: Absent

OTHERS PRESENT, PER SIGN-IN SHEET:

Diane Kielty, Secretary/Treasurer UCCWA
Evelyn Rhodes, City of Arvada
Andrew Cross, City of Westminster
Kelly Cline, City of Westminster