

**Upper Clear Creek Watershed Association
Meeting Minutes
December 9, 2021**

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 Ben Moline in GoToMeeting virtual room. A quorum was declared established.

Agenda Approval

It was moved and seconded to approve the agenda as presented with the addition of a budget discussion; motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the October 29, 2021 UCCWA meeting; motion carried unanimously.

Secretary/Treasurer Report

The following invoices were presented for approval: Kielty Diversified Projects Invoice #525 for \$725.00 and Clear Creek Consultants Invoices #2507 for \$540.00 and #2515 for \$270.00. Total invoices for payment, \$1,535.00; motion carried unanimously.

Referrals

- None received.

Water Quality Incident Reports

- There was a semi-truck vs SUV accident on 11/10 at about 11:45 am along Hwy 6 in Clear Creek Canyon. Fortunately, there were only minor injuries. It was reported that there was an extensive fuel spill, which was correct, and a tanker might be leaking, which is not true. The semi involved was a rock truck. The fuel flowed away from the creek and no fluids made it into Clear Creek. An environmental firm went on-site to clean the road and soil adjacent to the road (opposite side of the creek). There was no call-down because no fuel or vehicle fluids could reach Clear Creek.
- On 11/15/2021 there was a rollover crash on Hwy 6 at mile marker 257. A truck may have spilled up to 50 gallons of diesel fuel into the river.
- Black Hawk did not receive a call down on the Miners Candle fire. There has been no impact on the water at this time.
- Xcel is doing work at the ForeBay above Georgetown.
 - **Action** - Contact Xcel to get information.

Presentation

- Central City/Clear Creek Superfund Site Update - Kyle Sandor, CDPHE
Kyle is the primary point of contact for the study on residential waste piles. CDPHE has received funding from EPA to hire a consultant for investigative work. CDM Smith has been selected as the contractor and they are finalizing the contract. This remedial investigation will inform additional studies. They are targeting up to 100 waste piles for initial characterization starting in the spring of 2022. The waste piles will be tiered based on site reconnaissance and satellite imagery for proximity to homes and impacts to human health. Kyle made a request for any data that may be beneficial to this study. CDPHE is also in the process of their 5-year review and are conducting a survey. If you are interested in participating, please reach out to Kyle,

kyle.sandor@state.co.us. New EPA RPM for CC/CC Superfund Site is Jamie Miller, miller.jamie@epa.gov.

Other Business

- 2022 Budget Approval
 - Refund 2022 Update – Still need 7 responses on payment option selection
Action: Resend request for contingency refund option to Idaho Springs and Georgetown.
 - 2022 Budget Worksheet was reviewed.

Contingency fund can be used for issues that are of concern to the membership.

It was moved and seconded to approve the 2022 UCCWA budget as presented; motion carried unanimously.

It was moved and seconded to approve the LRE Water Regulatory Agency Tracking for 2022 per presented scope of work contract; motion carried unanimously.

- 2022 Meeting Format
 - Members selected 10 virtual meetings and 2 live meetings with location TBD
 - Continue regular 2nd Thursday of each month
 - The members elected to stay with the 8:30 am start time for meetings.
- Member interest in participating in the Community Projects Committee
John Curtis, Ben Moline, and Ryan Zabel will participate in the committee to review and manage the Community Projects.

Member Updates

- Clear Creek Watershed & Forest Health Partnership Update (Kerry Major)
Golden and Westminster have put money toward this initiative and entered an IGA with LRE Water to hire a hydrologist. This work will be to develop operating policy. The money was leveraged toward a Metro RT WSRF grant that will be targeting outreach and education and developing draft SOWs for getting high priority projects from the pre-fire study to implementation. The grant was approved by Metro RT. It now goes to final approval from CWCB.
- Clear Creek Integrated Watershed Management Plan Update - Ashley Giles, secretary with West TU provided an update. On November 29th they had their 3rd Steering Committee meeting. Stakeholders expressed the desire to have an entity pull together information on all the projects taking place watershed wide. There was also an expressed interest to get projects on the ground. They created a smaller work group to identify implementation ready projects. They plan to hire a consultant to conduct broader assessments throughout the basin to identify areas for potential projects. This will inform the next grant writing effort.
- Jim Ford will be retiring in June. They are looking for a replacement.
- Central City has been approached regarding their participation at UCCWA meetings. They are very busy. Brad Benning will share new contact with UCCWA.
- MolsonCoors opened a portion of the project at 13th Street in Golden. Clear Creek is low now and they plan to connect drainage.

Announcements

- **DECEMBER 14th, 2021, 9am-12pm | Confluence at the Confluence.** Join virtually to learn about harmful algal blooms through a series of presentations and stories. We will hear from the Division, EPA, Aurora, Thornton, Metro Water Recovery, and more. Training units (TUs) will be available for participants. Click [HERE](#) for more information.
- **DECEMBER 17th, 2021 | Water Law in a Nutshell.** Led by Mr. Aaron Clay, Attorney at Law and former 26-year Water Referee for the Colorado Water Court, Division 4 *Continuing Education Credits Available: Realtors: 2 hours CE.* Water Law in a Nutshell course - **Level 2 short course specifically targeted to Realtors.** If you had the opportunity to attend the previous Water Law in a Nutshell courses, this offering will cover more detail regarding topics such as: how to evaluate a water right; title insurance for water rights; listing agreements, disclosure/ due diligence, how to analyze different types of water rights and their treatment of deeds; ditches and ditch easements; and more!! **Registration is \$35.00**, which includes course materials. **\$60.00 total if you wish to receive Continuing Education Credits Pre-registration is required! To register or for more information click [HERE](#).
- **The Clean Water Certificate (CWC)** training program for workforce development provides high quality training opportunities that promotes job growth in the stormwater industry and delivers industry-specific, job-readiness skills and knowledge. Click [HERE](#) to learn more about this training program offered by the **Center for Watershed Protection.**

Adjournment

At 9:24 am, Chair Moline adjourned the meeting. The next meeting will be Thursday, January 13th, 2022.

Diane Kielty, Secretary/Treasurer

MEMBERS ROLL CALL:

Black Hawk: Jim Ford
 Black Hawk/Central City San. Dist.: Excused
 CDOT: Josh Giovannetti
 Central City: Absent
 Central Clear Creek San. Dist.: I (opted)
 Clear Creek County: Gary Hague
 Clear Creek Ski Corp.: Absent
 Empire: Absent
 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: Ben Moline
 Saddleback: I (opted)
 Silver Plume: Absent
 St. Mary’s Water & San. Dist.: Absent
 Trout Unlimited: Lauren Duncan

Trea Nance, City of Westminster
 Mary Boardman, CDPHE Superfund
 Andy Cross, City of Westminster
 Kelly Cline, City of Westminster

OTHERS PRESENT, PER SIGN-IN SHEET:

Diane Kielty, Secretary/Treasurer UCCWA
 Kyle Sandor, CDPHE
 Ashley Giles, West TU