



UPPER CLEAR CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION

Meeting Minutes
March 14, 2024

Call to Order/Establish Quorum

A regular meeting of the Upper Clear Creek Watershed Association was called to order at 8:35 am by Acting Chair Ben Moline on March 14, 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

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the February 8, 2024, UCCWA meeting; motion carried unanimously.

Secretary/Treasurer Report – [February 2024 Financial Summary](#)

Account Status: CHECKING (2/26/2024)	\$ 100.00
SAVINGS (2/26/2024)	\$60,176.06
INVESTMENTS (12/31/2023)	\$22,445.49

Three invoices were presented for payment, LRE Water Inv. #25413 for \$660.00, RESPEC Inv. #0124-1046 for \$4,295.00, and KDP Inv. #657 for \$1,570.00. Total invoices for payment \$6,525.00.

A motion to approve the invoices for payment was made by Ben Moline and was seconded by Kerry Major. The motion carried unanimously.

Referrals

- None received.

Water Quality Incident Reports

- None received.

Presentations

- **Russell Gulch Project** (Katrina Hettinger, TU) A presentation was provided and is available by request. Next actions, construction feasibility, access, and fill were discussed. CDPHE will be working on a background study on surface metals and will discuss this with TU for use as a resource. A bill has been introduced on hard rock mining regarding a Good Samaritan law to limit the liability of organizations doing this type of work. [S.2781 - Good Samaritan Remediation of Abandoned Hardrock Mines Act of 2024](#)

Other Business

- **Annual Report Committee Update** (Ben Moline) Standley Lake will do their own report this year as a standalone. UCCWA will not do much reporting this year. The Committee suggested

the creation of a webpage outlining the material we currently provide in the report and maintaining the page going forward as a living report. UCCWA does not have a regulatory commitment to submit data.

- **Action:** UCCWA receives the Stream Gaging Report Water Year 2023 – Clear Creek at Kermits (Station CC-40) from Clear Creek Consultants. The Manager will share it with the members and request approval to upload it onto the website at the April UCCWA meeting.
- **UCCWA Legal Status Committee** (Brad Benning) No report. The UCCWA Manager will follow up with the committee.
- **Standing Items:**
 - **LRE Regulatory Update** (Jessica DiToro) No report.
 - **Floyd Hill / Technical Team** (John Curtis & Jo Ann Sorensen) [I-70 Floyd Hill to Veterans Memorial Tunnels Design and Construction — Colorado Department of Transportation \(codot.gov\)](#)
 - [Floyd Hill CMGC ITF Deicer Impacts 02152024 Summary.docx](#)
 - [Deicer ITF Slides 021524.pptx](#)
 - Mid-summer is the timeline for the next deicer meeting. CDOT will address sampling plans. CDOT will investigate the “not functioning” status classification.
 - **Bakerville SWEEP Update** (Kerry Major & Ryan Zabel) No meeting.
 - **Clear Creek Watershed & Forest Health Partnership Update** (Diane Kielty) LRE Water is moving forward on a wildfire map update using a recently awarded WSRF grant.

Announcements

- **April 2nd-3rd, 2024 | Water Workforce Summit | Colorado Water Center.** Join the Colorado Water Center for the first ever Colorado Water Workforce Summit! Day 1 is a conference-style gathering to identify Colorado’s most urgent water workforce needs and education/training gaps, build synergies between sectors and organizations, and develop next steps for water workforce development. Day 2 features a Water Career and Education Fair designed to connect students with water-related employment and training opportunities. This program is ideal for water industry & employers, water-related educators & trainers, workforce development specialists, and students across Colorado.
- **Source Water Assessment and Protection (SWAP)** - CDPHE’s SWAP program's main objective is to minimize potential contaminant threats to public drinking water supplies. To engage in this effort, public water systems and governmental entities can apply for a \$5,000 protection planning grant through the SWAP program. The SWAP program also supports Wildland Fire Decision Support System work and post-wildfire recovery efforts. SWAP program staff assisted in the development of the Post Fire Playbook to assist local recovery groups in navigating the complexities surrounding post-wildfire recovery. For more information visit the SWAP page.

Member Updates

None.

Upcoming Meeting Presentations

- *April 11 - Henderson Mine and the Urad Valley (Geoffrey Niggeler, Henderson Mine)*
 - *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 9:40 am, Acting Chair Ben Moline adjourned the meeting. The next meeting will be Thursday, April 11, 2024.

Diane Kielty, Secretary/Treasurer



- Black Hawk: Jessica DiToro
- Black Hawk/Central City San. Dist.: Jessica DiToro
- CDOT: Abbie Modafferi
- Central City: Absent
- Central Clear Creek San. Dist.: I (opted)
- Clear Creek County: Lisa Leben
- Clear Creek Ski Corp.: Absent
- Empire: Sally Rush
- Georgetown: Ryan Zabel
- Gilpin County: Excused
- Golden: Sam Zrust, Kerry Major
- Henderson Mine: Aaron Hilshorst
- Idaho Springs: Absent
- Jefferson County: Excused
- Molson Coors: Ben Moline
- Saddleback: I (opted)
- Silver Plume: Absent
- St. Mary’s Water & San. Dist.: Absent
- Trout Unlimited: Katrina Hettinger

OTHERS PRESENT, PER SIGN-IN SHEET:

- Diane Kielty, Secretary/Treasurer UCCWA
- Shelly Stanley, City of Northglenn
- Brian Keating, Jeffco Fire Department
- Kyle Sandor, CDPHE
- Mary Boardman, CDPHE
- Erica Crosby, DRMS
- Julie Annear, DRMS
- Brendan Howell