



**Upper Clear Creek Watershed Association
Meeting Minutes
May 11, 2023**

Call to Order/Establish Quorum

A regular meeting of the Upper Clear Creek Watershed Association was called to order at 8:31 am by Chair Benning on May 11, 2023. 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 April 13, 2023 UCCWA meeting; motion carried unanimously.

Secretary/Treasurer Report

Account Status:	CHECKING (4/25/2023)	\$11,437.00
	SAVINGS (4/25/2023)	\$68,544.16
	INVESTMENTS (3/31/2023)	\$21,892.46

Invoices: Clear Creek Consultants Invoice #2645 for \$990.00.
Kielty Diversified Projects Invoice #602 for \$750.00
LRE Water Invoice #22840 for \$1,075.00
Total Invoices for payment - \$2,815.00

It was moved and seconded to approve all invoices for payment; motion carried unanimously.

Referrals

None received.

Water Quality Incident Reports

None received.

Presentations

- **CDOT Floyd Hill 1041 Process (Josh Giovannetti, Kurt Kionka, & Abbie Modafferi CDOT)**

[I-70 Floyd Hill to Veterans Memorial Tunnels Design and Construction — Colorado Department of Transportation \(codot.gov\)](https://www.codot.gov)

Environmental review and 1041 permit process. Four areas and ten activities of State interest. Clear Creek County has requested that CDOT go through a 1041 process. The Floyd Hill project is being approached as three different packages (phases). There will be check-ins for each package that involves an updated permit. The entire packet is available on line at [Guidelines and Regulations for Matters of State Interest \(1041 Regulations\) | Clear Creek County, CO - Official Website.](#)

There have been stipulations placed on water quality and noise. Evaluating effectiveness of control measures during and post construction. CDOT will be monitoring upstream and downstream. The same goes with noise quality. Air quality monitors have been set in place. Environmental commitments in the EA will be monitored. Traffic management and emergency management are also areas of interest expressed by the County. Idaho Springs is a jurisdiction with the west package section. The 1041 process with Idaho Springs will begin with the west package section. A noise wall will be installed prior to the first Idaho Springs exit to address this concern. They will be making improvements to the Greenway Trail and making some riparian improvement. Bridge infrastructure improvements will be made. There will be a new on-ramp at the intersection with Hwy. 6.

Selection of deicer and application to the highway is under review. CDOTs MgCl impacts will be discussed at the next CDOT Floyd Hill technical meeting on May 19th. The balance of safety on the highway and environmental controls will be discussed. They are adding additional monitoring sections. The dead tree issue will also be considered and its alignment with fire controls. New trees and vegetation will also be planted in the revegetation phase. CDOT believes they can avoid rechanneling Clear Creek through the project. Slopes will be modified to improve riparian habitat.

Does UCCWA want to reach out to Clear Creek County and Idaho Springs to offer UCCWA membership review of water quality components of the 1041 permit application portions? This can be considered at the next meeting.

Other Business

- **TU Russell Gulch Grant Extension Request**
 - Given site access challenges, Trout Unlimited is asking to extend the UCCWA grant through December 31, 2023. This request has been approved.

Standing Items:

- Requested a Code Red presentation from Clear Creek OEM Department.
- **Bakerville SWEEP Update** (Kerry Major & Ryan Zabel) – No meeting.
- **Regulatory Bulletin** (Jessica DiToro) – No report.
- **Clear Creek Watershed & Forest Health Partnership Update** (Diane Kielty)
UCCWA Webpage design has begun.
- **Integrated Watershed Management Plan** (Ashley Giles)

Member Updates

- Trea Nance asked for a final last call for data for the Annual Report.

Announcements

- [June 7th-8th, 2023 | The Future of Forests](#). As wildfires continue to ravage the west, burning more and more of the landscape, many are left wondering, how will these fire-affected forests will recover? In this **FREE** teacher workshop, University of Colorado Boulder curriculum developers lead participants through “**The Future of Forests**”, a MS/HS curriculum connected to NGSS life science standards that explores patterns of post-fire recovery (or lack thereof) across the west and inspires classrooms to engage in citizen science using NASA's GLOBE Observer land cover app. Participants will engage with online interactives from the National Forest Service, authentic datasets, and App-based labs in this 2-day online teacher workshop.
- **Watershed Academy’s new Hazard Mitigation Planning and Water Resource Management Module Ready** - The EPA [Watershed Academy](#) has released their new Hazard Mitigation

Planning and Water Resource Management Module. This module is intended for water quality and hazard mitigation professionals that are interested in integrating water quality issues and/or nature-based solutions into state or local Hazard Mitigation Plans (HMPs) and highlights the benefits of working across water quality and hazard mitigation programs. Modules in this series can be used as training tools to help planners from both worlds explore activities of mutual interest and benefit. Case studies and examples are provided to assist hazard mitigation planners with integrating water resource programs into HMPs and help watershed planners understand the synergies between water resource plans and HMPs. Visit [this link](#) to begin the course!

Adjournment

At 9:18 am, Chair Benning adjourned the meeting. The next meeting will be Thursday, June 8, 2023.

Diane Kielty, Secretary/Treasurer

MEMBERS ROLL CALL:

Albert Frei & Sons: Al Frei, Jr., Joel Bolduc
Black Hawk: Excused
Black Hawk/Central City San. Dist.: Absent
CDOT: Josh Giovannetti, Jurt Kionka, Abbie Mochfferi
Central City: Absent
Central Clear Creek San. Dist.: I (opted)
Clear Creek County: Lisa Leben
Clear Creek Ski Corp.: Cindy Olson
Empire: Sally Rush
Georgetown: Ryan Zabel
Gilpin County: Brad Benning
Golden: Sam Zrust
Henderson Mine: Geoff Niggeler, Aaron Hilshorst
Idaho Springs: Absent
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: Absent

Others Present:

Diane Kielty, Secretary/Treasurer UCCWA
Andy Cross, City of Westminster
Trea Nance, City of Westminster
Shelly Stanley, City of Northglenn
Ashley Giles, Trout Unlimited, IWMP Clear Creek