

**Upper Clear Creek Watershed Association
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, September 10, 2020**

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 Katie Fendel in Virtual GoToMeeting September 10, 2020. A quorum was declared established.

Agenda Approval

It was moved and seconded to approve the agenda as presented, with addition of approval of 2021 budget; motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the August 13, 2020 UCCWA meetings; motion carried unanimously.

2021 Budget

It was moved and seconded to approve the proposed 2021 UCCWA budget as presented; 2021 budget motion carried unanimously.

Secretary/Treasurer Report

The following invoices were presented for approval: Kielty Diversified Projects Inv#484 for \$900.00 and Matrix Design Group Inv#30609 for \$11,800. The invoices were within the budgeted/approved limits. It was moved and seconded to approve the invoices for payment totaling \$12,700.00; motion carried unanimously.

Referrals

- None received.

Water Quality Incident Reports

- None received.

Presentation

- CDPHE Clear Creek TMDLs - Jeffrey L. Ullman, CDPHE Watershed Analysis & Implementation Support Workgroup Leader. They are making TMDLs more ecologically significant and getting the stakeholders involved. A map was provided with focus on abandoned mine area. They may be updating if standards are changed. There is a new cadmium standard. Many of Clear Creek stems have cadmium on the list. There are a few stems that are lacking data including North Clear Creek. They will be collecting data with EPAs help. They are requesting both data and flow information to incorporate into the update. They will provide a list of priorities and share mapping as they move forward and will attend UCCWA meetings when possible.

Other Business

- Pre-fire Study Update
 - Draft Pre-fire Study Decision MatrixMatrix Design Group presented the ranking infrastructure mapping “values at risk” tiers. They held two stakeholder workshops to ensure UCCWA stakeholder priorities were identified. A criticality values at risk exercise was conducted during the workshops which

is layered in with the decision matrix and intended to reflect shared community values. Evaluation criteria was created to present questions requiring yes answers to evaluate each potential project using the questions to score and rank potential projects in the Clear Creek watershed. The question has been raised on where this data that has been collected will be housed. The Forest Service has offered to reach out to the Colorado Forest Restoration Institute to explore the possibility of them housing the data. Clear Creek County GIS Department has offered to house the data. There are considerations of sensitive data that will need to be secure.

- Next Actions
They are now advancing the CWCB grant tasks of the study. Once that is complete, they will roll that study into the final deliverables. A draft report for the group will be ready before the holidays. Addressing comments at the beginning of the new year.
- Call Down List Committee Update
The committee needs to refocus.
- Data Literacy Workshop / Colorado Watershed Assembly
 - <https://www.coloradowater.org/dataliteracyworkshops> (Video)

Member Updates

There is an initiative to create a Clear Creek Watershed Stream Management Plan. Lauren Duncan, TU, has been tracking the status. They began the plan process, but they're struggling with scope. Kerry Major has also been in the discussions and heard they are preparing for a large stakeholder meeting.

TU installed wetland ponds and drainage system at Waldorf Creek. The stormwater channels are in and they're in the final phases of erosion control. Argentine pass will be closed for one day while they install a culvert.

Announcements

- **“We Can Make A Lot Happen When We Have A Plan” | American Rivers | Podcast.** Learn more about Colorado's Stream Management Plans, an innovative planning tool prioritized in Colorado's Water Plan, from people working with stakeholder groups and communities across Colorado to put them in place. Listen to the full podcast on Soundcloud [HERE](#).
- **Water & Wastewater Online Training.** With TargetSolutions, water agencies can cost-effectively deliver quality courses to employees designed to increase safety comprehension, achieve compliance and decrease claims. TargetSolutions catalog offers online, state-approved water and wastewater continuing education. See the course catalog [HERE](#).

This is Katie's last meeting. She is retiring September 25th and moving to Hawaii. She will miss this meeting which she has enjoyed so much over the years. The grassroots approach has allowed us to accomplish a great deal as an organization. Ben Moline will be filling the Chair position.

Adjournment

At 8:03 am, Chair Fendel adjourned the meeting. The next meeting will be Thursday, October 8, 2020.

Diane Kielty, Secretary/Treasurer

MEMBERS ROLL CALL:

Black Hawk: Jim Ford
Black Hawk/Central City San. Dist.: Katie Fendel
CDOT: Absent
Central City:
Central Clear Creek San. Dist.: I (opted)
Clear Creek County: Lisa Leben
Clear Creek Ski Corp.: Excused
Empire: Absent
Georgetown: Absent
Gilpin County: Brad Benning
Golden: Stephanie Crabtree, Kerry Major
Henderson Mine: Absent
Idaho Springs: John Curtis
Jefferson County: Patrick O'Connell
Molson Coors: Ben Moline
Saddleback: I (opted)
Silver Plume: Tai Graham
St. Mary's Water & San. Dist.: Chris Oeland

OTHERS PRESENT, PER SIGN-IN SHEET:

Diane Kielty, Secretary/Treasurer UCCWA
Jeff Ullman, CDPHE
Tracey Pond, Golden
Andrew Cross, City of Westminster
Trea Nance, City of Westminster
Mary Boardman, CDPHE Superfund
Drew Beck, Matrix Design Group
Lauren Duncan, Trout Unlimited