

MINUTES
NFRWQPA
December 15, 2005

1. Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm by Vice-Chair Ed Schemm at the offices of the Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District. Roll was called and the following members were in attendance;

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| Tony Huerta – Berthoud | Cindy Titus – Lochbuie |
| Randy Siddens – Boxelder S.D. | Larry Wyeno – Longmont |
| Gary Behlen – Erie | Steve Adams – Loveland |
| Jim Duell – Estes Park S.D. | Larry Ketcham – Milliken |
| Earl Smith – Evans | Bill Haas - Northglenn |
| Tracy Kittell – Greeley | David Brand – Upper Thompson S.D. |
| Trudy Peterson – Kersey | Reed Smedley – Upper Thompson S.D. |
| David Pusey - Kodak | Mike Geile – Weld County |
| Ed Schemm – Larimer County | Dennis Wagner - Windsor |

Also present were Connie O’Neill, Kent Kuster, Duane Flack, Ronda Sandquist, Merlin Maass, Michael Todd, Bryce Dallham, Jim Ford, Cort Nickel, Ed Church.

2. Minutes

Minutes of the November 3, 2005 meeting were considered. Mr. Duell made a motion to approve the minutes, Mr. Smith seconded the motion and it passed.

3. Financial Reports

The financial reports for October and November were considered. Mr. Geile made a motion to accept the financial reports, Mr. Haas seconded the motion and it passed.

4. Site Application – Magic Sky Ranch Girl Scout Camp

Ms. O’Neill presented the application for the construction of a new WWTF to be located at the Magic Sky Ranch. This is a similar application to what was presented in 2002 however, due to financial reasons construction did not take place at that time. This application also includes the addition of constructed wetlands. Mr. Church then gave an overview of the proposed facility. Mr. Duell questioned the ability of the plant in the winter. Mr. Church indicated that the low activity in the winter would not be a problem. Mr. Geile asked for clarification of the changes from the previous application. Mr. Church indicated that there was the addition of the wetlands to meet ammonia limits. Mr. Duell made a motion to recommend for approval of the application. Mr. Behlen seconded the motion and it passed.

5. Site Application – Town of Milliken Lift Station

Ms. O’Neill presented the application for the construction of a lift station for the Town of Milliken. The application was placed on the agenda because a portion of the land proposed to be served by the lift station is outside Milliken’s service area and within the Hill-N-Park service area. Ms. O’Neill indicated that Milliken would fully utilize the interim capacity in the lift station even if this land area does not become part of Milliken’s boundary. Mr. Ketcham gave a description of the lift station and the area to be served. Mr. Ford discussed the flows to the lift station and indicated that the station is designed to grow with the community but not to be oversized. Ms. O’Neill questioned the amount of emergency storage available. Mr. Ford explained the back up systems and indicated there would be approximately 40 minutes at ultimate flow. Mr. Wyeno asked how much storage a berm would provide. Mr. Ford indicated they could add approximately 2 hours of storage.

There was then further discussion of the service area. Milliken clarified that the area outside the current boundary was used in the calculation of the interim flows. Mr. Duell stated that he would not have a concern with the application as long as Milliken agrees not to handle flows outside their service area until an IGA is developed or a boundary change happens. Mr. Flack provided information about his property that is proposed to be served and his request for an IGA. Mr. Kuster asked who was funding the lift station. Mr. Ketcham indicated that Milliken and the developers were both funders with some discussion about a special district. Mr. Geile made a motion to recommend for approval of the lift station. Mr. Duell seconded the motion. Mr. Adams offered a friendly amendment to the motion to include a condition of increasing the storage through berming to allow for 2 hours of emergency storage. Mr. Geile and Mr. Duell agreed to the amendment and the motion passed.

6. **Site Application – City of Northglenn**

Ms. O'Neill presented information on the Site Application submitted by the City of Northglenn for a new pipeline and sewer outfalls. The new outfalls will allow the City to discharge directly to Big Dry Creek. Ms. O'Neill also indicated that these new outfalls were briefly discussed in the Utility Plan accepted by NFRWQPA in 2003. Mr. Haas indicated that this was originally part of the plan for the new WWTF but dropped due to funding. It has now been added back. Mr. Geile questioned whether this would affect the flows in Big Dry Creek. Mr. Haas indicated that they are only moving the point of discharge 1.25 miles not the amount of the discharge. Mr. Duell asked what the impact on that part of the river would be. Mr. Haas indicated that any impact would probably be offset by changes that Broomfield has made. Mr. Behlen made a motion to recommend for approval of the application. Mr. Kittell seconded the motion and it passed.

7. **Site Application – Rambling River Lift Station**

Ms. O'Neill presented information from the site application submitted for a lift station located in Estes Park and serving a group of condominiums. The lift station is privately owned and operated and discharges to Upper Thompson Sanitation District. This lift station is already installed and operational. Ms. O'Neill outlined several issues that the Association has discussed with the owners including questions regarding managerial and financial capacity. There were also questions about the available emergency storage since the station is located very close to the river and is privately owned. In addition, there were questions about the alternatives analysis. Ms. O'Neill indicated that the applicants had submitted some additional information in an attempt to address these issues.

Mr. Todd added additional information regarding the hydraulic calculation, the current contract operator, and power supply. He indicated that power is supplied by 2 substations and the elimination of a generator would greatly reduce the overall cost. Mr. Adams asked how long the system had been operating. Mr. Todd indicated it had operated for 6 months without problems. There was additional discussion of the power sources to the station and whether there was a need for a generator. Mr. Dallman indicated that there are 11 condo units which are mostly vacation homes. Mr. Kuster stated that the facility will require a Collection 1 Certified Operator. There was then discussion about securing funding for an emergency situation. An irrevocable line of credit was suggested as an option. In addition, there was also discussion as to the need for berming at the site. Mr. Schemm summarized the outstanding issues of the association.

Mr. Adams suggested following up with the CDPHE regarding storage. Mr. Geile made a motion to continue the application and requested the applicant address the outstanding issues of the back up power supply, funding, and emergency storage. Mr. Adams seconded the motion and it passed.

8. **Presentation – Kent Kuster, Water Quality Control Division**

Mr. Kuster with the Water Quality Control Division of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment presented an overview of Regulation 22. This regulation was revised in 2004 and at that time a Guidance Document was also developed. Mr. Kuster indicated that the state is working on the application forms to make them more user friendly and create a version that could be filled out electronically. He also indicated that the state uses a target date of 60 days for the completion of a review however; they try to notify applicants at 45 days if there are issues. There was a question about the shelf life of an application and Mr. Kuster indicated that they are valid for 1 year. There was then discussion about the NFRWQPA requesting additional emergency storage as part of lift station applications and how that fits within the scope of the Associations review.

9. **2005 Update - Areawide Water Quality Management Plan**

Ms. O'Neill presented a summary of the information that she had received so far for the 2005 Update to the Areawide Water Quality Management Plan. A draft of the basin language, data sheets, and some of the proposed service area boundary changes had been posted on the Association's website. She indicated that many smaller facilities had been added to the plan this year. She also summarized the plan for improving the mapping with this update. She will be working with the City of Loveland and the final products will be available to the members in at least 2 formats on CD.

Ms. O'Neill then presented preliminary maps for several proposed boundary changes. Those maps included changes to the boundaries for Kersey, Severance, Hudson, and Keenesburg. In addition, Ms. O'Neill indicated that there are discussions underway for additional boundary changes which will include the Highway 34 area and the boundaries of Windsor, Greeley, Johnstown, and Milliken; the Milliken and Evans areas; the area surrounding Saint Vrain Sanitation District, Weld County Tri Area Sanitation District and Dacono; the Fort Collins boundary; and finally the Brighton area. Ms. O'Neill requested that members review the information on the website and submit necessary changes.

10. **Other Business**

A. New Member – Fox Acres: Because there were not enough voting member present to take action on this item it was tabled until the next meeting.

B. Water Quality Control Commission: Ms. O'Neill presented highlights of the Commissions November and December meetings. The November meeting was held in Montrose and the agenda included the Issues Formulation Hearing for Regulation #34 and #35 as well as an Information Hearing for the triennial review of the Colorado River Salinity Standards.

Weld County Proposed 1041 Regulations: Ms. O'Neill presented some information that she had received from a couple of the members regarding Weld County's proposed 1041 Regulations. She requested input from the members as to their interest in pursuing the issue. Mr. Geile added that the intent of the regulations was not to interfere with water rights but to have the ability to mitigate impacts of large amounts of water leaving the county. He suggested that the County present the proposed regulations at the January meeting.

- C. SB 276 Follow-up: Ms. O'Neill presented information on the state's follow up to SB 276. The state has been holding stakeholder meetings and they are considering a request for a mix of general funding, permit fees, and fee for service. Ms. O'Neill also noted that DRCOG had suggested requesting the addition of a surcharge that would come back to the 208 agencies. Ms. O'Neill requested input on this suggestion and the members indicated they did not feel that was necessary and appeared to only be a shifting of dollars.

11. Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.