

**MINUTES**  
**NFRWQPA**  
**May 26, 2011**

**1. Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order by Eric Doering at Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District. Roll was called and the following members were in attendance:

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| Jon Mays – Erie            | John Holdren - Severance           |
| Earl Smith – Evans         | Eric Doering – St. Vrain S.D.      |
| Carol Webb – Ft. Collins   | Rob Fleck – St. Vrain S.D.         |
| Dennis Schump – Greeley    | Chris Bieker – Upper Thompson S.D. |
| Michael McCrary - Loveland | Doug Rademacher – Weld County      |
| Ester Vincent -NCWCD       | Mark Thomas – Weld County          |

Also present were Connie O'Neill, Manager for NFRWQPA; Amy Woodis, Metro WasteWater Reclamation District; and Susanne Cordery-Cotter, Pat Rastall, and Tom Lorenz with Colorado State University.

**2. Approval of Agenda**

Ms. O'Neill stated that a request has been received to pull item #8 from the agenda. In addition, a decision on a memorial contribution for Bob Alberts should be added to the agenda. Mr. Rademacher made a motion to approve the modified agenda. Mr. Mays seconded the motion and it was approved.

**3. Minutes**

Minutes from the March 24, 2011 meeting were considered. Mr. Rademahcer made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Smith seconded the motion and it was approved.

**4. Financial Report**

Financial reports for March and April were presented for review and consideration. Mr. Holdren made a motion to approve the March and April financial reports. Mr. McCrary seconded the motion and it was approved.

**5. Decision Item: Metro Wastewater Reclamation District Membership**

Ms. O'Neill explained that the Metro Wastewater Reclamation District was being considered as a new member to the Association. Ms. Woodis was present to represent Metro. Ms. O'Neill explained that as per the Articles of Association, new members must be approved by vote of the membership. The Executive Committee agreed that for the time being an appropriate dues structure would be that similar to NCWCD in the amount of \$1,750. Mr. Mays made a motion to approve the membership of Metro Wastewater Reclamation District. Mr. Smith seconded the motion and it was approved.

**6. Decision Item: Utility Plan, CSU Pingree Park Campus**

Ms. O'Neill explained that Colorado State University has submitted a Utility Plan for the Pingree Park Campus for review and consideration. The Utility Plan Review Committee evaluated the plan and has met with representatives from CSU. The referral agencies are Larimer County Health and Planning and they did have some concerns with the original proposal in that some of the septic and vaults were planned for continued use. Larimer County asked that this be addressed and CSU has addressed this with a schedule to connect the remaining cabins. Ms. O'Neill explained that she has spoken to Mr. Schemm and CSU's proposal is acceptable to them. Ms. Cordery-Cotter was present to represent CSU and gave a brief presentation. Ms. Cordery-Cotter explained that the campus is a seasonal operation. There is currently a system there that was installed in 1975. The new system will have discharge to groundwater with hydraulic connection to the river. Through their analysis CSU determined that an anoxic reactor would be needed to meet TIN limits and UV to meet disinfection limits along with an emergency generator and three phase power. The schedule includes construction being completed by April of 2013 with start up by May of 2013. Mr. McCrary made a motion to approve the Utility Plan for CSU Pingree Park Campus. Mr. Bieker seconded the motion and it was approved.

7. **Decision Item: Site Application, CSU Pingree Park Campus**

Ms. O'Neill explained that CSU has submitted an application for a new treatment facility located on the Pingree Park Campus. The Utility Plan which was just approved serves as the engineering packet for the Application. The referring agencies were Larimer County Health and Planning. A signed application has not yet been received. Ms. O'Neill has talked with Mr. Schemm and they have no remaining concerns with the proposal. Mr. Rademacher made a motion to approve the Site Application for CSU Pingree Park Campus. Mr. Mays seconded the motion and it was approved.

8. **Decision Item: Site Application Amendment, Weld County School District RE-3J**

(This agenda item was pulled)

9. **Update Item: Site Application Amendment, City of Longmont**

Ms. O'Neill explained that the City of Longmont has submitted a Site Application Amendment for changes to their existing headwork's/preliminary treatment system, primary clarifier equipment, and sludge storage tank. While the facility is not located within the planning area for North Front Range Water Quality Planning Association, a portion of the service area for the facility is, and therefore a review was conducted and comments provided to the Division. Ms. O'Neill explained that in the past the entities would have submitted the Application to DRCOG and DRCOG would have sent it to us for comment. Since DRCOG is no longer a 208 agency Longmont submitted it to us directly and NFRWQPA sent comments to the state. Ms. O'Neill explained that she had no concerns with the application as there were no changes to the capacity of facility and no PELs were required for the application.

10. **Discussion Item: Nutrient Standards and Colorado Nutrient Coalition**

Ms. O'Neill provided an update regarding the development of statewide nutrient standards. She indicated that a joint resolution has been passed. The resolution states that prior to WQCC hearing the WQCD has to present to the Senate Ag. Natural Resources, and Energy Committee and House Ag. Livestock, and Natural Resources Committee. The presentation will include how the proposed regulation complies with the Executive Order about mandates, reflects stakeholder participation, considers the cost/benefit study, avoids unnecessary regulations, minimizes fiscal impact, and addresses basin specific conditions. She also reported that the cost benefit study was under way. A presentation was given at Water Quality Forum meeting and CDM is soliciting WWTP information through a survey that was sent out last week. Ms. O'Neill stated that the small focus groups continue to work on specific topics where hopefully some progress is being made. She indicated that CNC had submitted another letter to WQCD regarding their remaining concerns. CNC is scheduling a meeting with Steve Gunderson to discuss these. The hope is to have these issues addressed in the next draft of the regulations that the WQCD puts out in June. She also reported that there was no at workgroup meeting in June with the next one set for July 11<sup>th</sup> where there will be a discussion of new draft regulations. Ms. Woodis reported that Barbara Biggs from Metro will be testifying in Washington next week regarding Nutrient Standards. She also reported that the draft TMDL for Barr/Milton had been posted for public comment. There were some significant changes to the document including a DO addendum.

11. **Other Business**

**a. Water Quality Control Commission:**

Ms. O'Neill stated that there was no meeting in May. At the April meeting the WQCC gave preliminary approval to the Statewide Water Quality Management Plan. There were a number of changes requested that the WQCD is working on. The final should be ready for WQCC to take final action on in June. This document will be referenced in the NFRWQPA 208 Plan Update.

**b. Water Quality Forum & Workgroups:**

Ms. O'Neill stated that the last forum meeting was May 16<sup>th</sup>. The main discussion item was the Nutrients Cost Benefit Study with a presentation from CDM.

**ISDS Workgroup:** The WQCD staff person in charge of the regulation update is out on medical leave so these updates have been placed on hold.

**Permits Issues Workgroup:** An update was given on WET permit implementation. There was also an additional discussion on alternate flow allowances in permits and how to move this forward to a pilot project/study.

**Reg 84 (Reuse) Workgroup:** Ms. O'Neill stated that the last meeting was April 13, 2011. There was a lot of discussion about permitting for impoundments and whether you need a separate discharge permit. WQCD doesn't think it is a significant issue and they are not enforcing it. There was concern from stakeholders that inspectors are writing it up as a violation. WQCD will look into this. Also there was discussion about how to deal with approval of new uses and what possible language might look like to authorize the WQCD to approve uses vs. WQCC approval?

**WW Design Criteria Workgroup (Policy 96-1):** Ms. O'Neill stated that the draft revised criteria should be out from the WQCD by the end of June.

**c. Areawide Water Quality Management Plan Update:**

Ms. O'Neill stated that the draft 2011 Update to the 208 Plan will be posted on the website tomorrow, May 27<sup>th</sup>. This will begin the review/60 day comment period required by the plan amendment process. The documents that will be posted are in track change format so that proposed changes from the 2007 Update can be identified. Ms. O'Neill indicated that she has contacted most people with the draft changes and she has heard back from many but not all. She also indicated that there was more of an effort with this update to show how the plan protects/improves water quality with more detailed explanations of how we collect information through Utility Plans. She outlined the following changes that were included with the Update:

- Several entities have been removed from the plans data section including Dacono Sanitation District, Weld County Tri-Area Sanitation District, Johnson's Corner, and Sylmar Manor MHP.
- Several new entities have been added including Front Range Energy, Magic Sky Ranch Girl Scout Camp, and Pine Lake Village.
- The GIS data includes updates for a number of new WWTPs and the location of the several proposed facilities have been identified. Six WUSA boundary changes have also been included.
- References to the Statewide Water Quality Management Plan have been included however there may need to be some modification once this document is finalized.
- There were general changes on the data sheets. The previous sheets listed requirements past secondary standards. This has been changed to reference the permit or PEL limits.

Ms. O'Neill requested that everyone get their comments submitted prior to the July meeting. A review session will be held at the July meeting followed by a public hearing to consider the changes at the August meeting. Ms. O'Neill explained that she will be following up with those entities that she has not heard back from yet as she works to finalize the changes over the next few months. She also stated that as we get closer to approval, she will send out an email to members to find out who would like to receive a hard copy of the plan.

**d. Other**

- Ms. O'Neill reported that she had received final word on the 604(b) grant amount for 2011. She had been told that the grant amount may be as much as \$13,200 (\$10,000.00 was included in our budget) but the final amount will be \$11,900 (which will be received in 2012).
- Ms. O'Neill also reported that the WQCD has requested our project proposal for the 2012 604(b) grant cycle. Instructions from the WQCD were to assume a funding level equal to 2011 which is \$11,900. Ms. O'Neill indicated that she planned to submit the next 208 Plan Update as the project proposal that this would get the Association back to a two year cycle for updates.
- Ms. O'Neill reported that the pesticide permitting had been delayed until October 31, 2011.

12. **Memorial for Bob Alberts:**

Mr. Mays made motion to approve a \$100.00 donation to the Bob Alberts Memorial fund. Mr. Rademacher seconded the motion and it was approved.

13. **Adjourn**

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.