

MINUTES
NFRWQPA
October 24th, 2009

1. Roll Call

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

Fred Walker – Boxelder S.D.
Jon Mays – Erie
Earl Smith – Evans
Carol Webb – Fort Collins
Larry Wyeno – Longmont
Steve Adams - Loveland

David Brand - Platteville
Margaret Medellin – Resource CO Metro D
John Holdren - Severance
Eric Doering – St. Vrain S.D.
Doug Rademacher – Weld County
Mark Thomas – Weld County

Also present were Connie O’Neill Manager for the Association, Jim O’Neill with Lidstone and Associates, and Brad Eaton and Dave Stewart with Stewart Environmental.

2. Approval of Agenda

Ms. O’Neill stated one change to the agenda. The East Cherry Creek Valley Water and Sanitation District presentation will be postponed until the December 10, 2009 meeting. The revised agenda was then approved.

3. Minutes

Minutes of the August 27, meeting were considered. Mr. Rademacher made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Holdren seconded the motion and it was approved.

4. Financial Report

Ms. O’Neill reviewed the financial report for August and September. Ms. O’Neill explained that the 604(b) project for 2008 has been completed. This was an update to the GIS system to include the stream segments and 303(d) listed segments. This has been submitted to the state and we should receive payment in November. Ms. O’Neill also explained that the overall budget is in good shape. Mr. Mays made a motion to approve the financial reports. Mr. Holdren seconded the motion and it was approved.

5. Decision Item: Ben Delatour Scout Ranch, Utility Plan Amendment.

Ms. O’Neill explained that Ben Delatour Scout Ranch has submitted a Utility Plan Amendment for consideration by the Association. The original Utility Plan was approved by the Association in January 2009 and amended in May 2009. Mr. O’Neill, the consultant for Ben Delatour explained the changes which include the addition of four existing septic systems to the new wastewater treatment plant. This resulted in an increased hydraulic capacity for the plant. These are being added at the request of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment.

Ms. O’Neill then reviewed the change to the Utility Plan Review Committee recommendation process approved at the last meeting. She then stated that the Committee found the amendment to be consistent with the policy and minimum requirements of the Guidance Document. Mr. Rademacher then asked Mr. Holdren whether the Committee had any issues that were not addressed and Mr. Holdren indicated there were not. Mr. Rademacher made a motion to approve the Ben Delatour Scout Ranch Amendment. Mr. Wyeno seconded the motion and it was approved.

6. Decision Item: Ben Delatour Scout Ranch, Site Application - New Waste Water Treatment Facility

Ms. O’Neill explained that Ben Delatour Scout Ranch has also submitted a Site Application for a new wastewater treatment facility. This Site Application was previously considered by the

Association at the January 2009 meeting. As with the Utility Plan, the Site Application was also revised and reconsidered by the Association in May 2009. Ms. O'Neill explained that because additional flows have now been added, the Site Application has again been modified. The new Site Application will include all flows as discussed in the Utility Plan Amendment. She also added that Larimer County has reviewed the application and recommended for approval. Ms. O'Neill stated that the Site Application is consistent with the Associations policy. Mr. Mayes made a motion to recommend approval of the Site Application. Ms. Medellin seconded the motion and it was approved.

7. **Decision Item: City of Greeley Site Application Amendment**

Ms. O'Neill explained that the City of Greeley has submitted an application for the Amendment of an existing Site Location Approval. The application was for a change in the type of odor control chemical used at two existing lift stations. The Amendment Application was reviewed in accordance with the NFRWQPA policy and was found to be in agreement with the approved Utility Plan and was therefore given staff approval in September.

8. **Decision Item: Larimer County 1041 Regulation**

Ms O'Neill stated that the Larimer County Planning Commission considered a Land Use Code Amendment to designate water and sewer transmission pipelines as a matter of state interest at their meeting on September 16, 2009. At that meeting the Planning Commission made a decision to recommend that the changes move forward for consideration by the Board of County Commissions. The Board will consider these changes at a hearing scheduled for November 2nd, 2009 (different date than what was listed in the agenda). Mr. Walker stated that several providers will be meeting with the Commissioners during their regular public input time next Tuesday and will draft a letter requesting to form a task force prior to having the hearing. Mr. Adams stated that the City of Greeley gave a presentation on their pipeline during the last public comment period. In addition, CSU has made a request for an exemption to the 1041 process. This will be an opportunity to observe how the process works. He suggested that the 208 committee discuss and decide if they would like to present at this public input meeting. Mr. Adams stated that he would like to have Ms. O'Neill present at this meeting on the 27th of October on behalf of the 208 members as well as the hearing on November 2nd. Mr. Walker stated that the providers are not asking for defeat of the proposal just to be involved in the process. Ms. Webb questioned the content of the City of Greeley's presentation. Mr. Walker indicated that it included a status report and information on routing and preferred alternatives. He indicated that the Planning Commission gave location and extent approval to this project last year with conditions and Greeley has complied with those conditions. Mr. Rademacher made a motion for Ms. O'Neill to attend and present on behalf of the Associations. Mr. Mays seconded the motion and it was approved.

9. **Decision Item: Saddler Metro District / Town of Severance Joint Utility Plan**

Mr. Stewart with Stewart Environmental was present to give an update and provided a handout. Mr. Stewart explained several issues with the joint plan including flood plain maps which were not published until the summer of 2009. The alternatives have now been refined. Mr. Stewart also stated that they met with the Town of Severance in August and collected all the information needed. The plan should be submitted to NFRWQPA in six to eight weeks for review. Ms. O'Neill questioned whether the plan will incorporate all of the Town of Severance including the pipe line to Windsor and will meet the guidance requirements. Mr. Stewart indicated that it would.

10. **Presentation: East Cherry Creek Valley Water and Sanitation District Discharge Permit**

This presentation has been postponed until the December 10, 2009 meeting.

11. **Other Business**

a. **Water Quality Control Commission Update**

Ms. O'Neill stated that she did not attend the September or October meeting. Ms. O'Neill stated that in November they will be having the Issues Formulation Hearing for the Regulation 31 Rule Making Hearing next June.

b. Water Quality Forum Update

Ms. O'Neill explained that there was an announcement made at the last meeting that the Division would be asking the Water Quality Control Commission (WQCC) to postpone consideration of nutrient standards until 2011. The WQCC has agreed to this. There will be a discussion in November of how best to use the next year. In addition, all future basin hearings will be bumped back a year. Ms. O'Neill stated that there was also a presentation from the conservation community at the last meeting regarding prioritization. The attachment included with the agenda is a list of issues that the Division will likely address at the Issues Formulation Hearing next month.

Ms. O'Neill stated that the Regulation 22 Policy and Guidance workgroup is picking up where the Regulation 22 workgroup left off and is now dealing with needed policy and guidance changes. Ms. O'Neill is serving as a coordinator. The group is working to formulate a list of issues that will be discussed. Mr. Doering added that the pesticide issue on page four of the handout will affect a lot of people along with the funding issues.

c. Lower South Platte Watershed Plan Update

Ms. O'Neill stated that some community meetings have taken place including one in Ft. Morgan and one in Sterling. Ms. O'Neill has asked the coordinator to attend the NFRWQPA meeting in December to collect input from members. Ms. O'Neill plans to get some information out to everyone before the December meeting for review.

d. Rocky Mountain Water Environment Association Annual Conference Update

Ms. O'Neill stated that the conference was in Albuquerque. The presentations that Ms. O'Neill attended had to do with things that are changing with wastewater planning. Ms. O'Neill stated that she thought these were important because of what we are hearing may be ongoing changes in our planning requirements such as the greening requirement that were part of the 604(b) ARRA funds. Ms. O'Neill stated that she felt it was important to better understand what dischargers are doing in these areas. Ms. O'Neill discussed some of the presentations including:

- How climate changes may affect planning and design for wastewater treatment facilities.
- A presentation from Ft. Collins regarding improvements to the Mulberry facility.
- Green improvements for pump stations.
- Using green products that are energy efficiency and chemical optimization.
- Using data to reduce over sizing.
- Using digester gas to fuel CNG vehicles.
- Clean Water Act
- Changing workforce

e. Big Thompson Watershed Forum Annual Meeting Update

Ms. O'Neill stated that presentations on several topics were made including the volunteer monitoring program, Legislative initiatives, source water assessment and protection (SWAP), education and outreach, and water quality considerations of climate change. Mr. Adams also attended and added that the Forum has greatly reduced their staff over the last year and as a result has paired back the annual meeting.

12. Adjourn

There being no further business Mr. Rademacher made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Mays seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned.