

Barr Lake/Milton Reservoir Watershed Association
Public Stakeholder Meeting
Tuesday, November 23rd 2010 (9:00am – 10:15 pm)
Wes Brown Water Treatment Plant, Thornton CO

MINUTES

In attendance:

Laurie Rink – FRICO
Vic Lucero – City of Thornton
Tim Grotheer – Centennial
Sarah Reeves – SPCURE
Steve Lundt – Metro Wastewater
Kristi Livedalen – Squire, Sanders & Dempsey, L.L.P.
Steve Jeffers – Town of Lochbuie
Dennis Stowe – L/E WWTP
Kipp Scott – East Cherry Creek Valley

Blair Corning – S. Adams Water & San.
Christine Johnston – Xcel Energy
Michelle Seubert – Barr Lake State Park
Malinda Slaybaugh – Friends of Barr Lake
Connie O’Neill - NFRWQPA
Amy Woodis – Metro Wastewater
Shelly Stanley – City of Northglenn
Al Baker – Centennial
Kelly DiNatale – United Water
Jim Dorsch – Metro Wastewater

Guests:

Amy Conklin – BMW
Susan Thornton – BMW

The meeting opened with an attendance sheet sign-in and an introduction to the day’s agenda. Those present also went around the room and introduced themselves. The draft stakeholder meeting minutes from the October 26th, 2010 were accepted by consensus.

Committee Announcements

Board Updates

Laurie Rink stated that the Board had not met since the last Stakeholder meeting so there was nothing to report.

CDPHE Updates

No one from CDPHE was in attendance to provide updates.

Information/Education (I/E) Updates

Michelle Seubert updated the group on upcoming activities at the park. Susan Thornton reported that a new issue of the Barrimeter was available on the website. There were also some hard copies available at the back of the room.

Technical Committee Updates

Steve Lundt provided updates to the group concerning Technical Committee activities. The committee had assigned tasks to the members from the topics listed in the Implementation Plan. The committee would report on progress as it is made. The next meeting will be January 27th at Metro.

Budget Committee Updates

Kipp Scott provided a Treasurer's Report on BMW finances. There is just over \$101,000 in the bank account. The next Budget Committee meeting will be immediately following the board meeting on January 25th, 2011.

Implementation Committee Update - Sarah Reeves made a presentation later in the meeting updating the activities of this group.

VOTE on Submittal of TMDL documents

Laurie Rink began by thanking the Stakeholders for all their help in producing the documents. Five years ago the CDPHE approved the 319 grant to begin the work on the TMDL. The documents being voted on today were the culmination of the five years of work. She explained that the vote today was to submit the TMDL documents but the work was not over. The documents would be submitted to the CDPHE and EPA for their formal review and a public comment period. It is anticipated that BMW will need to respond to additional comments as part of the approval process although it is possible the regulatory agencies may choose to handle responses. Before submittal of the documents before December 31st, there were additional comments expected from Metro.

Amy Woodis explained that she would be working with Steve Lundt to tighten up and polish the documents but she does not expect any substantive changes. The documents should be sent to the Stakeholders in the 'track changes' format one more time prior to submittal.

Sarah Reeves briefly explained the changes in the latest round of edits and what is left to add. She explained that the Implementation Plan is intended to change over time as new information is received and included in the efforts to fulfill the TMDL requirements.

The group discussed how well the concept of 'reasonable assurance' has been covered in the documents. BMW has been fortunate to have the participation of the regulators throughout the process and it is anticipated that the documents sufficiently address reasonable assurance. Kristi Livedalen commented that she had not had time to review the responses to her comments on the documents. Kipp Scott asked about setting a final deadline for incorporating comments into the documents. The group decided that comments received after December 8th would not be addressed in the documents. Amy Woodis noted that we need to go over the TMDL checklist from EPA and note where the items could be found in the documents. Doing that should streamline the review process for the regulators. We will also need to prepare a cover letter and determine how many copies are required. Steve Lundt noted that we also need to submit the database with the documents. Dennis Stowe noted that he would be providing some additional comments but they would not be substantive. The group agreed that the documents should be completed by December 17th.

Amy Woodis moved and Dennis Stowe seconded a motion to :

Approve submission of the draft TMDL and Implementation Plan to the WQCD prior to December 31, 2010, in fulfillment of the Association's obligation under the 319 grant contract. The BMW Board is authorized to reconcile and incorporate comments and edits of a non-substantive nature that are received by December 8, 2010.

Everyone present in the room voted with a thumbs up except Kristi Livedalen, who voted thumbs down. The vote passed the consensus criteria established in the by-laws.

Laurie Rink noted that there would be some last minute work to final the grant reporting documents so that we could receive a final re-imbusement from the CDPHE. Integral would be involved in the final grant reporting.

Open Forum

Dennis Stowe reported that the National Association of Clean Water Agencies were starting an effort called 'Money Matters' to inform people about how much is being spent on environmental regulations with the intent of making sure the money is spent as efficiently as possible.

Vic Lucero reported that the DRCOG Board had voted to de-designate DRCOG as the 208 planning agency for the region. The only argument and vote against the action was by Jim Taylor from Littleton, demonstrating the lack of information about water issues among elected officials. SPCURE will be hosting a meeting where CDPHE staff will discuss the implications for 208 planning without DRCOG. Sarah Reeves will send an invitation to all interested parties.

Next Meetings – in 2011

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The meeting was adjourned by acclamation.