

Barr Lake/Milton Reservoir Watershed Association
Public Stakeholder Meeting
Tuesday, February 22nd 2011 (9:00am – noon)
Wes Brown Water Treatment Plant, Thornton CO

MINUTES

In attendance:

Vic Lucero – City of Thornton
Tim Grotheer – Centennial
Sarah Reeves – SPCURE
Steve Lundt – Metro Wastewater
Nicole Muell – 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.

Michelle Seubert – Barr Lake State Park
Malinda Slaybaugh – Friends of Barr Lake
Connie O’Neill - NFRWQPA
Charlene Seedle – S. Adams county
Keith Pass – DIA
Hope Dalton – Tri-County Health Dept.
James McCarthy - Arvada
Jill Piatt Kemper - Aurora
Linda Boyle - Aurora

Guests:

Amy Conklin – BMW
Susan Thornton – BMW
Dr. Larry Roesner - CSU

The meeting opened with an attendance sheet sign-in and the attendees introducing themselves. The draft stakeholder meeting minutes from the November 23rd, 2010 were accepted by consensus.

Committee Announcements

Board Updates

Vic Lucero stated that we’ll be discussing the proposals from the latest Board meeting later in the meeting. Laurie is working with WQCD for meeting with WQCC to brief them on the TMDL. The Coordinators have submitted proposal, but Board has not had the opportunity to discuss it so we will be asking for approval from the Stakeholders to work with coordinators to negotiate contract. The Board has also been discussing the Limnocorrals draft study plan.

CDPHE Updates

No one from CDPHE was in attendance to provide updates.

Technical Committee Updates

Steve Lundt provided updates to the group concerning Technical Committee activities. The next meeting will be February 24th at Metro. The committee met Jan. 27th and discussed updating the water quality database. The committee decided that the RFP for re-running the model should include having the modeler work with data to put in the form they want to work with. The Technical Committee will continue to discuss the Limnocorral study plan. The committee has developed a ‘To Do’ list for members working on projects related to TMDL.

Budget Committee Updates

Kipp Scott provided a Treasurer's Report on BMW finances. There is just over \$104,000 in the bank account. For the 2011 budget year, there was about a \$120,000 carry forward amount. The next Budget Committee meeting will be immediately following the Board meeting on March 22nd, 2011. Invoices will be coming next month.

Coordinator Update-

Action List – Amy Conklin introduced the Action List that would be included with future agendas. Feedback on the list's usefulness from the group is welcome. Dennis Stowe suggested including the WQCC hearing in October where public comment is encouraged. He also stated that this was the best action list he'd seen.

Legislation – Amy Conklin updated the group on:

HB 1179 regarding ISDS regulation. Hope Dalton reported that the bill passed House and is going on to Senate. If there is a fee (fiscal note) attached, the bill will die. Another ongoing effort by WQCD staff is to rewrite state regulations concerning ISDS to include new technology and performance based management techniques. Tri-County Health Dept. is also updating their ISDS regulations. The new regulations, should be adopted by July 1st and will require inspections upon sale of homes. Hope will continue to update the group on progress.

HB 1150 regarding transfer of CDOW money for water storage construction. The bill was postponed indefinitely (killed) in the House Committee on Agriculture, Livestock, & Natural Resources.

The WQCC would be having a hearing on statewide water quality planning at their meeting on April 11th. Several BMW members have been involved in the time and resource limited CDPHE group convened to produce a 208 plan for the state. There will be little time for comment before adoption of the plan but the Technical Committee may choose to review the plan at their March meeting.

Presentation by Dr. Larry Roesner (CSU) – Dr. Roesner gave a presentation on efforts being conducted by WERF to increase the ability to use different models in evaluating water quality issues. He also presented information on his experience with Fossil Creek Lake where aeration dramatically reduced pH levels. Dr. Roesner's presentation has been posted to the BMW website.

Proposed Organization Changes for 2011 – The coordinator presented proposals developed by the Board for the Stakeholder's consideration. The group discussed at length the proposal to reduce Stakeholder meetings from 5 to 4 per year. The group reached consensus on keeping the 5 meetings scheduled but changing the format of the April meeting to coordinate with the Greenway Foundation for a River Clean up Day. The number and format for Stakeholder meetings may change as the TMDL process continues and the group agreed that there would need to be flexibility setting up the meetings. The group also emphasized the importance of the Stakeholders as being the decision-makers for BMW so future meetings would need to include a business meeting where issues could be voted on. The dates for the 2011 Stakeholder meetings are: April 23rd (tentative), Greenway Foundation River Clean up event; June 28th Watershed Tour of Rocky Mountain Arsenal; August 23rd, Annual BBQ; and October 25th either regular meeting or cancelled and replaced by joint conference with CLRMA and other urban watershed groups. If a Stakeholder meeting is required in April, we may use the Technical Committee meeting on April 28th to convene Stakeholders. Additional Stakeholder meetings can be convened as needed and as done in the past.

Another significant change in the organization is the proposed revision to the *Barrimeter* to an e-blast. Susan Thornton discussed proposed changes to the e-newsletter. The group reached

consensus that the revised format should be adopted. The coordinators will explore the possibility of sending the e-blast out monthly to alert members to upcoming events and meetings.

The group reached consensus that the Board can assume the responsibilities of the I&E Committee and that *ad hoc* committees (or disappearing task forces) would be a good way to accomplish specific work efforts that may arise. Malinda Slaybaugh and Steve Lundt volunteered to be on a *ad hoc* committee to develop signage for the limnocorrals.

Watershed Tour –Rocky Mountain Arsenal Visitor Center and tour of the National Wildlife Refuge on June 28th 2011. The group reached consensus to have the coordinators organize this event.

Coordinator’s Proposal for Services in 2011. The group reached consensus to authorize the Board to extend the coordinator contract for a one-year period, subject to the Board’s approval and ability to negotiate suitable contract extension terms with the contractor.

Open Forum

- Report on any developments regarding TMDL documents- There were no developments to report.
- Other discussion:
 - Water by Colorado Campaign – Amy Conklin reported that she is volunteering on the management team for the campaign. A coordinator will be hired in April. More news to come.
 - Nutrient Criteria Process – Amy Conklin reported on a nutrient workshop she attended at the Colorado Water Congress. Jill Piatt-Kemper and Connie O’Neill reported on an EPA conference they attended on nutrient criteria. The link to presentations from that conference is: www.Cwi.colostate.edu/workshops. Tim Grotheer and Sarah Reeves reported on the recent nutrient workgroup meeting.
 - Dog poo lamp potential – Amy Conklin presented the possibility of installing lamps that ran from gases omitted from decomposing dog poo. The group did not object to Amy pursuing the possibility of purchasing the lamps and pursuing grant money for the project.

Meeting Recap and Next Steps

Upcoming Meetings/Events (see www.barr-milton.org for more information):

- BMW Board meeting, March 22nd, 9:00 am to noon, Metro
- Budget Committee immediately following Board meeting on March 22nd, noon to 1:00, Metro
- Technical Committee February 24th, 9:00 am to 11:00 am, Metro