

Barr Lake/Milton Reservoir Watershed Association  
BMW Board Meeting  
September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2012 9:00am – 11:30pm  
Metro Wastewater Reclamation District, Denver, CO

## MINUTES

### Board Attendance:

Sarah Reeves – SPCURE  
Shelley Stanley – Big Dry Creek WA  
Laurie Rink – FRICO  
Amy Woodis – Metro  
Blair Corning – S. Adams W&S  
Chris Douglass – ECCV

### Public Attendance:

Amy Conklin – BMW Coordinator  
Kristi Livedalen – Squire, Sanders &  
Dempsey, L.L.P.  
Hunter Greeno – OWOW Intern

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### **I. Opening -**

Laurie welcomed the group and reminded everyone to sign in. The last Board meeting was held via email so there are no minutes to approve. The group introduced themselves.

### **II. Updates/Action Items**

- Chair's Report Status of TMDL – Laurie Rink had nothing to report that wasn't already later on the agenda.
- Treasurer's Report - Blair Corning's reported that as of August 31st, BMW had \$199,067.06 in the bank. We received our first re-imbusement from EPA for our grant on Sept. 1 for \$3,875. He added that at some point the Budget Subcommittee will need to meet to develop budget priorities for the group but until the TMDL is submitted we won't know what the priorities should be.
- Coordinator Updates (Amy C)
  - CWCB Draft Survey – As part of the Value of Water Campaign (VOW), the Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB) is conducting a survey about water awareness. The survey is being conducted by BBC Research and should be scientifically significant. They have delayed conducting the survey until after the election and are soliciting input. Amy has already reviewed the survey and provided input but thought it would be appropriate for the Board to review the survey, as well. Shelley Stanley had concerns about Question #3, that the target populations wouldn't understand the jargon and the question should be re-worded to something simpler. She suggested that 'internet access' be added as an option to Question #5. She also suggested simplifying language for Question #10c regarding agricultural transfers to municipalities. Amy will share the feedback with CWCB.
  - Board photo- We're keeping this as a standing agenda item until we get a decent photo of the Board.
  - Greenway Foundation Membership – The Greenway Foundation has been awarded a 319 grant to develop and conduct a public awareness campaign

regarding the need to keep trash out of waterways in the Metro area. The Board gave a thumbs up to joining the Greenway Foundation at the \$100 level. Amy will draft a letter for Laurie's signature congratulating the Greenway Foundation on their grant award and re-inviting them to participate in our effort.

- III. Election of Board Officers** – The Board re-elected Laurie Rink as the Chair of the Association, Steve Lundt as the Vice Chair, and Blair Corning as the Treasurer. Shelley Stanley was elected as Secretary of the organization.
- IV. Mission and Vision Statement Feedback.** – Laurie led a discussion of comments received to date from Stakeholders regarding BMW's mission and vision statements. The Board voted to revise the last sentence of the Vision Statement to read: "Clear communication WITH (from 'to') all watershed stakeholders will be a major attribute. The group also discussed whether to change the word 'appropriate' with the word 'use' as suggested at the August stakeholder meeting. The word 'use' has a regulatory connotation and definition. To avoid confusion and in support of the intent of the developers of the Vision Statement, this change was declined. The Board will present their recommendations at the next Stakeholders meeting.
- V. Discussion of TMDL** – Laurie Rink shared that the WQCD has offered to meet with BMW on October 29<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm to 4 pm. Joni Nuttle has requested that BMW develop an Agenda for the meeting. EPA will also be in attendance. The group decided that Laurie would develop some topics and send the list out to the Stakeholders for review. The group suggested that Dennis Stowe and Tim Grotheer make the presentation and that the frame of the presentation would be that we want to move forward with the WQCD with a flexible, phased TMDL. It was also suggested that outcomes from the conversations at the August 2012, Water Quality Forum Retreat be included in the presentation, as appropriate. The group thought it was particularly important not to focus on previous discussions but to lay out a plan for how we want to proceed that assumes WQCD is in agreement, per the August 2012 discussion. A desired outcome of the meeting is to get EPA to agree to the flexible, phased TMDL. The phased, flexible approach includes treating both end-of-pipe and in-lake treatments as part of the TMDL.

Some of the points the group thought would be helpful in the presentation are:

- The flexible, phased approach will allow a quicker, more effective and cheaper alternatives to improving water quality in Barr Lake and Milton Reservoir.
- The lessons learned implementing the BMW Implementation Plan can be replicated by other watershed groups.
- BMW is likely to be just the first of many complicated TMDLs in Colorado. Using the flexible, phased approach will encourage other watersheds to consider innovative ways to address their water quality issues.
- The flexible, phased approach will allow the WQCD to make real progress improving water quality..

The group suggested that there be slides that show:

- Bullet points of appropriate projects from the Implementation Plan from Table A-1.
- Some of the things we've learned so far from the Limnocorrals. Steve Lundt can be asked to prepare a summary of the results and link them to the projects in Table A-1.

- A summary of the difference between the discharge limits in the TMDL and those in Regulation #85.

The group also suggested that copies of Table A-1 from the Implementation Plan be used as handouts

**VI. Update on the Urban Waters grant effort** – Amy and Susan described the activities they had undertaken as part of the grant effort.

- Several meetings have been held with BBC Research regarding contracting with them to conduct focus groups. The hope is that the survey BBC Research is conducting for CWCBC will satisfy the survey requirements of the grant. We can use some of the survey results to guide focus group discussions. The Board discussed the and gave a thumbs up for Laurie Rink to sign a contract with BBC not to exceed \$18,000. The Board also also -authorized Laurie to sign a contract with a messaging firm provided that it was consistent with the budget the Board has already approved.
- Dr. Nicole Vowles from Metro State has offered to use her spring Marketing class to design, implement and analyze a water awareness survey, with BBC and us providing review. The hope is that her fall class, in Social Marketing, will conduct a social marketing campaign using tools developed as part of our grant effort.
- We held a second Stakeholder meeting on September 17<sup>th</sup> that was well attended and generated a lot of enthusiasm. We plan to follow up with the group as we move forward with BBC Research to recruit and conduct focus groups. The next meeting has not yet been scheduled and may be conducted via email.
- We may need the Board's assistance in finding venues for focus groups and, maybe, in recruiting participants. Chris Douglass mentioned that ECCV uses a marketing firm. If we encounter difficulties in retaining a marketing firm, we could ask BMW members for their assistance in retaining a marketing firm, as well. The Board directed Amy to send out a message to Stakeholders requesting the resources needed, when identified.
- Amy and, maybe Susan, will be traveling to Washington DC for a mandatory conference associated with the grant. Our October Stakeholder meeting is scheduled for October 23<sup>rd</sup> and conflicts with the conference. The Board decided not to schedule a Stakeholder meeting yet. If appropriate, we can try to schedule a Stakeholder meeting after the TMDL meeting on October 29<sup>th</sup>. However, it is more likely that there won't be a meeting in the fall. The coordinators were instructed to send the Stakeholders a message saying that we reserve the right to schedule a Stakeholder meeting if appropriate and include a list of upcoming conferences they may want to consider attending.

**VII. Modeling Update** – Amy reported that work on updating the model will be discussed on Thursday at the Technical Committee meeting.

**VIII. New Business/Open Topics**

- Technical Committee – Laurie Rink reported that the limnocorrals will be removed as soon as Aluminum concentrations are at acceptable levels.

- Other conferences and meetings –
  - Colorado Watershed Assembly Oct 9-10. Amy Conklin presenting at pre-conference workshop
  - South Platte Forum – Oct 24-25 Linda Boyle has offered to take up our display materials, again. Amy was instructed to deliver the materials to Linda and thank her.
  - EPA Mandatory Urban Waters grantees conference – Oct. 23-26.
  - Cherry Creek Stewardship Partners Annual Conference – Nov. 1, 2012
  - CLRMA Conference – November 14<sup>th</sup>.

The coordinators will post these conferences on the BMW website with links to registration, as appropriate. .

**IX. Next Meeting**

- BMW Technical Committee **Oct 25<sup>th</sup>, 2012.**
- BMW Board meeting, **Nov. 27<sup>th</sup>, 2012**