

Barr Lake/Milton Reservoir Watershed Association
 BMW Board Meeting
 August 26th, 2014 9:00am – 11:30pm
 Metro Wastewater Reclamation District, Denver, CO

Minutes

Board Attendance:

Shelley Stanley – Big Dry Creek WA
 Amy Woodis - Metro
 Al Baker – Centennial
 Chris Douglas – ECCV
 Michelle Seubert – Parks
 Blair Corning – S. Adams

Steve Lundt - Metro

Public Attendance:

Amy Conklin – BMW Coordinator
 Ronda Sandquist – Brownstein Hyatt
 Farber and Schrek

Steve Lundt ran the meeting in Laurie's absence and welcomed the group.

Continuing Implementation Discussion –

Ronda Sandquist addressed the group about financing and implementing strategies that have been incubated by the Chatfield Watershed Authority. Julie Vlier, Larry Moore and Casey Davenhill testified before the Joint Agriculture Committee of the Colorado Legislature in February to inform them about the needs and unfunded mandates of attaining water quality standards. In many cases, it is watershed organizations like BMW and Chatfield that have the responsibility to attain standards but no funding.

On August 5th there was a tour for the Interim Water Committee of the Colorado Legislature and elected officials. Littleton's Mayor Phil Cernanec and Arapahoe County Commissioner, Nancy Doty attended. The tour included an overview at the Army Corps of Engineers building at the entrance to Chatfield, a visit to severe erosion damage inside the park, and a visit to stabilized stream beds in Ken Caryl. The tour was intended to illustrate what types of water quality projects can be built when there is funding.

On August 7th, representatives from Vail and Yampa testified before the Interim Water Committee reiterating the some of the same points. They also introduced the concept of a toolbox approach to assist watershed organizations. The toolbox is proposed to have four (4) components; a mill levy, a sales tax, a parks fee surcharge and special fees or user fees (e.g. grading and erosion fees, impervious surface fees, water storage fees).

The basin groups would have the option to implement the tools as they want. Control would be kept local. It would be different than Cherry Creek because it wouldn't be legislated by statute. All the governance would be local. All the money would stay local.

The Joint Agriculture Committee may be the sponsor of the proposed legislation. If they choose not to sponsor the legislation, other legislators have stepped forward and agreed to be the sponsors. The effort has been building the framework and political support for

the toolbox and feel that this is the year to introduce the legislation. This is statewide legislation that would affect local watersheds. If the legislation passes in 2015, the earliest any group is likely to receive funds is 2017.

The group talked about the options in the toolbox that might work for BMW. The issue will be on the agenda for **the next meeting** to decide what sort of support BMW wants to provide.

Ronda distributed a list of the 85 watershed organizations in the state. Ronda will forward the list to Amy to distribute.

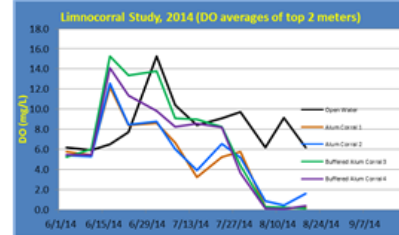
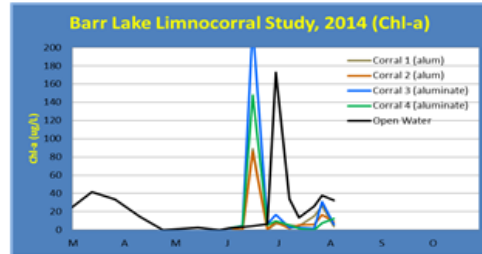
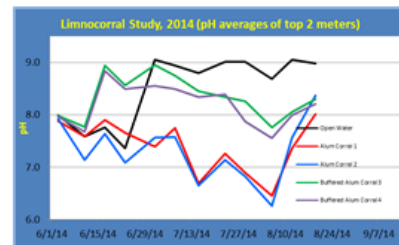
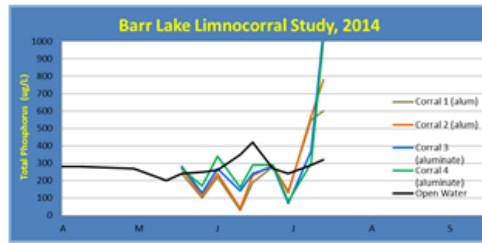
Steve displayed the Implementation Actions table from the Implementation Plan (IP) to talk about the Implementation schedule. In 2015 we are supposed to review and reevaluate TMDL and IP based on 2014 model updates. Since the modeling results supported the original modeling, there shouldn't be major changes. However the internal loading and some other model components were adjusted to better reflect the increased database. Steve suggested that the TMDL committee meet once or twice to perform the review. At **the next meeting** the Board will develop a plan for reviewing the TMDL.

Discussion of Information and Education Committee Work Items – The Board discussed the Mission Statement developed by the I & E committee and voted a Thumbs up approval. The Board also voted Thumbs up on finalizing the coloring book and distributing. **Amy** was instructed to get a quote for printing the coloring book.

10:15 – 11:30 – Updates/Action Items

- Chair's Report – the Chair had nothing to report
- Treasurer's Report
 - As of June 30th we have a balance of **\$143,090.04**
 - The Board met without the Coordinator to discuss hiring someone to assist with the BMW Quickbooks files.





- Technical Committee
 - Limnocorrals - Steve will sample the limnocorrals for the last time tomorrow. He is planning to take them out on September 4th. Water birds have begun perching on the corrals and are wreaking havoc with the water quality. Graphs of water quality results are shown above. All the pH measurements are below 9 but the Dissolved Oxygen has decreased to zero from the top to the bottom. TP has spiked as high as 3,000 ug/L due to internal loading and avian loading. The Chlor a measurements have been pretty low with only one spike up to 160 ug/L.
 - Carp Removal – FRICO says they will drain the lake by Sept. 15th to repair some dam structures. So, the carp harvest will be in October, around the middle. The fish will go to A-1 composting to be composted. The charge will be about \$200 per dump truck load. They will collect the number of carp and total poundage. TP will be measured in the fish so we can estimate the amount of TP removed. Steve has prepared a postcard to describe the carp harvest. **Michelle** will consult with Parks PIO. It's a Parks and Wildlife project not a BMW project. Michelle will work on informing the public before the harvest.
 - In-Canal Treatment Feasibility – Steve reported that Laurie has been having conversations with staff at the Water Quality Control Division (WQCD). Their preliminary position is that if in-canal treatment is pursued, a NPDES discharge permit will be required. Water would have to be diverted out of the ditch to be treated, because water in the ditch is considered waters of the state. There doesn't appear to be a concern about floc migrating out to the lake. However, the conversations are still preliminary. She is planning to set up a meeting with the WQCD staff and Harvey Harper when he comes here for the BBQ.
- I & E Steve reported that the I&E committee has purchased give-aways, contributed to Lake Appreciation Day and is donating money to the Nature Center and Kiosk. **Amy** was directed to register one person for the Colorado Watersheds Conference and ask for a table top display.

- Coordinator Updates (Amy C.) The June minutes were approved with a Thumbs up vote. Amy will post the final version to the website. Amy informed the group about an effort by the Urban Waters Partnership to conduct a Water Quality Assessment. **Amy** will ask Jim Doersch to attend the next Board meeting and provide an update on that effort. The Board agreed to add a presentation about the legislative effort to the Agenda for the BBQ. **Amy** will follow up with Ronda to determine who can make that presentation. There also needs to be an election of At-Large Board members at the September 23rd BBQ. **Amy** will follow up with the BMW Secretary, **James Boswell** and send a message to the Stakeholders about the upcoming election. Amy reported that the EPA grant was complete and the 12 minute video summarizing the effort has been posted to the website.

Next Meeting

- Technical Committee meeting – **August 28th, 2014**
- Stakeholder Meeting – **September 23rd, 2014**
- I & E Opportunities
 - i. Barr Lake Fall Birding Festival – **September 6th, 2014**
 - ii. Barr Lake Trail Ride, **September 20th 2014**
 - iii. Brighton Eco Fair – **September 20th, 2014**
 - iv. Greenway Foundation River Sweep - **September 27th, 2014**
 - v. Colorado Watersheds Conference – **October 7 – 9**