



**Barr Lake/Milton Reservoir Watershed Association  
BMW Board Meeting Minutes  
February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026, 9:00 am to 11:30 am  
Hybrid (Thornton Water Treatment Plant, 920 Thornton Pkwy, 80229)**

## Board Meeting Minutes

**Attendance:** Caleb Owen (Thornton), Dan DeLaughter (SPR), Brad Cox (Denver), Sarah Reeves (SPCURE), Steve Lundt (Metro), Curt Bauers (FRICO), Chris Newton (ECCV), Lisa Gill (CO Parks & Wildlife), Brent Schantz (United)

**Housekeeping items & updates – Caleb** (and anyone else who needs to) will mention updates.

- Vote to approve January meeting minutes.
  - *The board voted unanimously to approve the meeting minutes*
- Moved next meeting to April 28<sup>th</sup>, stakeholder meeting to be held June 23rd at Barr Lake Nature Center to present I&E stuff
- Steve discussed drafting a letter of support for MSU Denver’s workforce development program – to support their application for an external grant through CSCI; asking for BMW to be a “community-based organization partner”; this is the grant/program that funded our last internship position with Dominique
  - *The board voted unanimously to approve the letter*

**Technical Committee Update** – Steve provided updates from TC. Recommended to continue another summer of monitoring with Colorado Pond and Lake. Had a record water clarity reading in Barr in January, and lower TP than recent average. pH has been holding below 9 through the winter. Continuous monitoring helps to pinpoint days of anoxia w/in the lake. Metro to continue weekly profiling. Still monitoring inputs to Burlington Canal (first, second, and third creek) to potentially address these loads in the future. Metro took several rounds of sampling throughout watershed to recalibrate water quality model. USGS Lagrangian study ongoing to be completed next month.

**South Platte River Urban Waters Partnership Work Plan 2026** –The 2026 work plan was sent out previously. Steve went to SPRUWP meeting on Monday, went over mission, goals, impacts. Working on map of projects worked on in the front range area to improve water/watershed. Passed around flyer that summarizes org and 2026 work plan, want to track projects and initiatives across watershed, two field trips, monthly newsletter. Ways to maintain/prevent trash from entering the lake, shoreline cleanup?

**Continuation of I/E Workshopping** – Sarah led the continued workshop session on I/E efforts.

- Board members discussed desired outcomes and goals from I&E focus
- Discussions noted significant overlaps in goals and outcomes between the three previously identified areas
- The board discussed scheduling and moving forward with the I&E objectives
  - Want to present desired outcomes at June stakeholder meeting and discuss any additional stakeholder ideas
  - Reach out to old/lapsed stakeholders and have board members think about and reach out to potential new interested stakeholders
- Board members to think about refining water quality goals and focus – do we just want to focus on nutrients or on other water quality parameters as well (e.g. PFAS)?
- General consensus on moving forward with outcome #1: “BMW stakeholders know BMW and understand the value of BMW’s mission”

- Continue thinking about overlap and applicability of existing educational materials and partnerships with respect to other two desired outcomes
- Keeping BMW's resources in mind, main focus should be expanding/refining outcome #1, including refinement of water quality goals and messaging to higher-ups in stakeholder organizations.

**Other Updates**

Sarah discussed email on illicit discharge to South Platte in commerce city. Commerce City has found pipe with flowing discharge into South Platte with causing orange/yellow buildup and erosion. Looking for help if anyone knows what this pipe might be.

Lisa discussed a property acquisition by CPW for 39 acre property on south of state park near Hwy 76 including 15 acres of wetland habitat. Looking for letters of support from BMW/Metro/others. This property was part of an older conservation vision plan by several groups to form buffer around the state park/Barr Lake. Board voted unanimously to provide a letter of support