



CHATFIELD WATERSHED AUTHORITY

Budget Subcommittee and TRC Meeting Notes March 10, 2010

Member
ATTENDEES:

Lissa Oelkers (PCWA, Castle Pines Metropolitan District)	Jackson Creek)
David Van Dellen (Town of Castle Rock)	Martha Hahn (PCWA, Castle Pines Metro District)
Bob Deeds (City of Littleton)	Rick McCloud (Centennial Water and Sanitation District)
Andy Hough (Douglas County)	Jeff Fowler (Douglas County)
Kristi Livedalen (Dominion Water and Sanitation District, Roxborough Water and Sanitation District,	Robert Estes (Sedalia Water and Sanitation District)

OTHER ATTENDEES: Amy Conklin (CWA Management Team)
Julie Vlier (CWA Management Team)
Karlie Mark (CWA Management Team)

Call to Order: David Van Dellen called the Budget Subcommittee meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. He also shared photos of algae from the CLRMA workshop he attended. He reported that the workshop was very worthwhile.

Budget Subcommittee

Re-Evaluation of Membership Dues Structure – The Manager provided a brief summary of the history of the membership dues development. David Van Dellen stated that the objective of the meeting was to develop a recommendation to move forward to the Board for approval. The Board requested the Budget Subcommittee formulate an appropriate membership dues structure for 2011, including identification of appropriate metrics to refine annual dues amongst its members. A key component of the effort is agreement that the base amount the Authority needs to generate to meet minimal regulatory requirements is \$145,000. Additional funds need to be identified and secured to construct projects. The group discussed strategies for dues structure and developed the following strategy for the Management Team to propose revisions to the membership dues. The proposals will be e-mailed to the Budget Subcommittee members for comments. Nothing will be presented at the March 24th Board meeting but, it is hoped, there will be enough consensus to present some options to the Board at the April 28th meeting. The conversation discussing dues revisions can continue online, for now.

- A thorough description of the values of membership in the Authority needs to be developed. The description will be used to assist members in explaining to decision-makers why membership in the Authority is a bargain compared to meeting the regulatory requirements on their own. Benefits to membership include satisfying the water quality monitoring requirements, collective bargaining, and satisfying regulatory reporting requirements.

- In developing alternatives for membership dues, assume a base fee of \$145,000. Additional funding sources and amounts will be necessary for water quality projects. The base fee is the minimum amount necessary for meeting regulatory requirements. The base fee assumes that the monitoring program continues to be donated as an in-kind service.
- In developing dues revisions the Management Team is instructed to develop an equation for preliminary consideration, taking into consideration metrics such as impervious land area, MS4 land area, non-MS4 land area, waste load allocation, and other incentive aspects. The equation should consider generating approximately \$145,000 annually.
- The group suggested other long-term funding sources and discussions for funding such as grants, Park User Fees, and the Chatfield Reallocation project water quality mitigation.

Technical Review Committee

Draft 2009 Annual Report – The group agreed to provide comments to Tetra Tech by Monday, March 15 so the final report could be presented to the Board at the March 24th Board Meeting.

Draft Emergency Communication Plan – This agenda item was postponed until the May 13th TRC meeting.

Water Quality Enhancement Project in Memory of Paul Grundemann – A check was made out to Webcoat for ordering the Paul Grundemann Memorial bench was processed so that the project could continue to move forward. Bob Deeds was the only Financial Officer attending. When the check had received one signature, it was then given to Kristi Livedalen to take to Ronda Sandquist as a second signer. The check would then either be sent directly to Webcoat or returned to Julie Vlier to be sent to Webcoat. The Board had previously approved the transaction. A suggestion was made to have several of the plaques that will be mounted on the back of the bench ordered as replacements in the event that vandalizing would occur.

Evaluation of Reservoir Water Quality to Better Understand Chlorophyll-a – There was not time for a discussion of this item. If discussion is needed, the topic will be revisited at a future TRC meeting.

Water Quality Monitoring Program – There was not time for a discussion of this item. If discussion is needed, the topic will be revisited at a future TRC meeting.

Other – Andy Hough asked if the Authority would like to participate in Douglas County's effort to rewrite the Agricultural practices. No decision was reached at the meeting.

David Van Dellen informed the group that the Spring Up the Creek Clean-up is coming up in May. This will be put on the March 24th Board Meeting Agenda for discussion on Board participation for this event. David Van Dellen also requested that Authority participation in the Stormwater Co-op group's ad campaign be discussed at the next Board meeting. Amy Conklin suggested it might be an opportunity to show the video and/or power point about the history of the Authority.

Robert Estes reported that there was an effort beginning to expand the River Watch monitoring program into Douglas County.

Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m. by acclimation.