

Barr Lake/Milton Reservoir Watershed Association

Public Stakeholder Meeting

Tuesday, February 23, 2010 (9:00am – 12:00pm)

Wes Brown Water Treatment Plant

Draft MINUTES

Stakeholder Meeting – 2/23/10

In attendance:

Laurie Rink – Farmer’s Reservoir & Irrigation Company (FRICO)

Lesa Julian – City and County of Broomfield

Vic Lucero – City of Thornton

Shelley Stanley – Northglenn

Al Baker – Centennial

Karen Frarck – Lochbuie

Tom Satchel – Lochbuie

Josh Bale – East Cherry Creek Valley

Kipp Scott – East Cherry Creek Valley

Mary Fabisiak – Westminster

Bob Anastaou – City of Aurora

Ed Burke – City of Brighton

Kelly DiNatalie – United Water & Sanitation

Keith Pass – Denver International Airport

Jill Piatt-Kemper – City of Aurora

Linda Boyle – City of Aurora

Lucia Machado – WQCD CDPHE

Charlene Seedle – S. Adams Co. Water & San.

Ray Reling – Northglenn

Dave Willet – Northglenn

Hope Dalton – Tri County Health

John Burke – Westminster

Amy Woodis – Metro Wastewater

Connie O’Neil – North Front Range Water

Quality Planning Association

Julian Archuleta – Brighton

Sarah Reeves – SPCURE & Suncor

Tim Holbrook – IFE – (Hudson Rep)

Chris Piper – Denver Water

Dennis Stowe – Littleton/Englewood WWTP

Blair Corning – S. Adams Co. Water & San.

Janet Kieler – WQCD CDPHE

Joni Nuttle – WQCD CDPHE

Steve Jeffers – Lochbuie (call-in)

Steve Lundt – Metro Wastewater

Guests:

Alice Conovitz – Integral Consulting

George Patten – Integral Consulting

The meeting opened with an attendance sheet sign-in and an introduction to the day’s agenda from Alice Conovitz of Integral Consulting. The group also went around the room and stated names and organizations.

The draft stakeholder meeting minutes from the October 20, 2009 meeting were not approved for finalization due to several misspellings and due to unclear transcription of portions of the meeting commentary. **ACTION ITEM:** Integral will revised these draft minutes and resubmit to the group.

Board Updates

Laurie Rink provided an overview of updates from the Board. The first item was an update on finding anew coordinator for the group, in light of Integral Consulting not renewing their contract. So far, the group has received four proposals all from individuals. All individuals seem qualified

and their fees ranged. There was then a “yay” or “nay” vote to allow the board to decide on the candidate for the coordinator position. The motion was approved by the stakeholders.

Information/Education (I/E) Updates

George Patten of Integral Consulting provided an update to the group concerning I/E activities. These involve the most recent issue of the newsletter, which is currently being printed. The electronic copy of this will be available on the BMW website. The group is also preparing for Lake Appreciation Day planned for this July at Barr Lake. The group also recently performed a significant research effort to determine current permit holders in the watershed, which would be used as an outreach list. George indicated that he would be explaining this effort in further detail later in the meeting.

Technical Committee Updates

Steve Lundt provided updates to the group concerning Technical Committee activities. The watershed model is completed and has been made available to stakeholders and the public. The draft pH TMDL was also completed and is currently in the comment stages. A non-point source grant was submitted by the group to the State nonpoint source program to support a limnocorral study in the lakes. The next step in the TMDL development will be to work with Ken Wagner at AECOM to divvy up the load allocation to point source dischargers, which requires determining the appropriate load that meets State’s Standard for pH. The next meeting of the Technical Committee will be at Metro on February 25th, 2010.

At this point, Laurie Rink asked Lucia Machado about the nonpoint source grant and its eligibility. Lucia reported that the proposal is not eligible for funding because this is mostly a research project with no significant or any actual BMP implementation component and also because funding for the project is not commensurate with the sources of pollution, namely approximately 90% point vs. 10% NPS.

Implementation Group Updates

Sarah Reeves provided an overview of Implementation Group activities. She indicated that much of their work will precede actual implementation of the TMDL, and that phased TMDLs often don’t have specific endpoints. AECOM is writing the final TMDL document which will address point and nonpoint sources. This will need to be completed by July 2010. Lucia Machado indicated at this moment that a phased or adaptive TMDL is an acceptable deliverable for the TMDL requirement of the 319 grant. The difficulty will be in addressing the uncertainty of the TMDL.

Budget Committee Updates

Alice provided an update of Budget Committee activities, stating with the Membership Dues Drive. She explained how the grant is beginning to run out, and that the group will need to figure out a way to remain operative after this point. Much of the income will happen through membership dues and in-kind work/hours. Last year there were 13 sustaining members, 11 active and several supporting. Another major task will be pursuing grants to help supplement income and facilitate group activities.

Kipp Scott then added to Alice’s comments with additional info about Budget Committee. He explained that the current level of participation provides about \$80,000 annually in income. The group is currently exploring other ways of getting income through fees or other means.

The group took a brief meeting break at approximately 9:45 a.m.

Presentation: Phased pH TMDL

Steve Lundt provided an informative presentation of BMW activities for the group. This presentation will serve as the standard presentation that will be given to the public or potential stakeholders to explain the activities of the group to date. This will serve as an outreach tool for the group. Steve noted that the group keeps track of presentations like these as part of I/E and outreach tracking efforts. The presentation will be made available on the BMW website.

Presentation: Discharge Permits in the Barr/Milton Watershed

George Patten provided a short presentation on efforts to develop a current outreach list for the Barr/Milton Watershed consisting of current National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit holders, confined animal feeding operations (CAFOs), and municipal separate storm sewers (MS4s). He explained the work that went into developing the list and how the list was used for outreach. Steve indicated that the map created for the list could also be used for the standard BMW presentation. ACTION ITEM: George will provide the map for Steve to include in his phased pH TMDL presentation.

Presentation: Incorporating TMDL Limits into Discharge Permits

Janet Kieler, Permits Section Managers for the Water Quality Control Division, provided an informative presentation on permitting and changes that make affect the permits process with the implementation of the TMDL. The presentation will be made available on the BMW website.

New 303(d) and Monitoring & Evaluation (M&E) Listings

Following Janet's presentation, Laurie Rink gave an update on the recent Colorado 303(d) listing hearing, which indicated that both Barr Lake and Milton Reservoir are included on the 303(d) list for ammonia impairments. Milton Reservoir is also 303(d)-listed for dissolved oxygen, while Barr is on the monitoring and evaluation list for dissolved oxygen. The State's priority status was originally "high" for both lakes. The group submitted reasoning to the Colorado Water Quality Control Commission that it should be lowered because of the current TMDL that could beneficially influence at least one of those impairments. The Commission agreed, and the priority was reduced to "low".

Open Forum

Sarah Reeves lead the group on a "yay" or "nay" vote of whether to approve the phased TMDL approach or not. The vote was approval of the phased approach.

Dennis Stowe gave an update on the Urban Rivers program, which has chosen the South Platte River, Segment 14, as its river of concern for the EPA Region 8 area.

Alice Conovitz then added some concluding remarks concerning the day's meeting before adjourning the meeting at approximately 11:45 a.m.

The next Stakeholder meeting is scheduled for April 27th, 2010 at Thornton.