

Barr-Milton Fast Facts

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Stakeholders paddled out to view the limnocorrals at Barr Lake at BMW's annual Watershed Tour and BBQ.

BMW Calendar

Click [here](#) for calendar of events, agendas and meeting summaries.

Facts about the BMW's TMDL

- * The significant amount of nutrients in the sediment complicate BMW's TMDL, because even if future discharges were devoid of nutrients, phosphorus will continue to be released into the water column, possibly for decades .
- * While nutrient sources are currently dominated by point source discharges, as nutrients are removed, contributions from nonpoint sources will become increasingly important.

Birding Event at Barr Lake

Don't miss the 13th Annual Fall Birding Festival on September 10, 7 a.m. -2 p.m., at Barr Lake State Park.

Enjoy live bird demonstrations, bird banding, rides on the Eagle Express, food, vendors, kid crafts and fun!

For more details, see barr.lake.nature.center@state.co.us.

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New BMW Board Elected

At the August 23 Annual Watershed Tour and BBQ, stakeholders viewed the limnocorrals in Barr Lake, commented on content for an upgraded Web site, and enjoyed a BBQ generously provided by FRICO.

Tim Grotheer, Michelle Seubert and Shelley Stanley will serve as BMW's at-large Board members for 2011-2012.

DO Comments Submitted to the WQCD

In a special meeting on August 2, stakeholders met with representatives of the Water Quality Control Division, and agreed to forward comments about the Division's dissolved oxygen addendum to the Division.

The comments included a request that the phased DO TMDL should be consistent with the phased pH TMDL, and that reference to interim nutrient values should be removed, since these are still in draft form.

To see the full BMW comments, visit www.barr-milton.org .

Reasons to be a Member of BMW

There are many important reasons to be a member of BMW.

One is to "hang together or hang separately." By "hanging together," BMW members have completed a phased TMDL instead of deferring to a less flexible document.

Another reason to be a BMW member involves data consolidation. BMW has been able to leverage existing resources and develop a comprehensive and defensible dataset for use by all its members. Future technical studies will be streamlined by the existence of this dataset.

A third reason is cost-savings. Because BMW members worked together to develop a TMDL, adversarial transaction costs were avoided. Money spent was spent developing technical documents rather than presenting arguments in front of the Water Quality Control Commission or in court.

To read a full list of reasons to be a member of BMW, visit www.barr-milton.org

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