

Barr Lake/Milton Reservoir Watershed Association
BMW Board Meeting
September 27, 2011 9:00am – 12:00pm
Metro Wastewater Reclamation District, Denver, CO

MINUTES

Board Attendance:

Sarah Reeves – SPCURE
Chris Douglass - ECCV
Steve Lundt - Metro
Amy Woodis – Metro
Vic Lucero – Thornton
Shelley Stanley – Northglenn
Laurie Rink - FRICO

Public Attendance:

Amy Conklin – BMW Coordinator
Kristi Livedalen – Squire, Sanders & Dempsey L.L.P.
Susan Thornton – BMW Coordinator

I. Opening

- Laurie welcomed the group and reminded everyone to sign in. A special welcome was given to our new Board member, Shelley Stanley from Northglenn.
- Approval of 7/26/11 Minutes – The minutes were approved by a thumbs up vote, without changes

II. Updates/Action Items

- Chair's Report – Laurie Rink reported on discussions with the Water Quality Control Division (WQCD) on the pH TMDL allocation tables. On September 13th, a small BMW group met with Phil Hegeman and Joni Nuttle of the WQCD staff. The only issue for discussion was the wasteload allocation tables from the pH TMDL, Tables 4.1 and 4.2. After the July 26th, 2011 Board meeting a BMW subgroup had met to propose revisions to the tables which were then presented to the Stakeholders at their August 2nd meeting. The revisions focused on making the wasteload allocations reflect concentrations at the point of compliance rather than the end of pipe and what averaging calculation to use, average or median. Compliance for a facility is different than attainment in-lake, therefore the wasteload allocation tables need only include values at the point of compliance; in-lake. The EPA already states in its TMDL policies that it is not necessary to include permit limits in a TMDL; just wasteload allocation. There is a big difference in permits requirements between median and average values for pollutants but there is not a corresponding significant impact in-lake. The preferred averaging period of median was defined in a footnote to the wasteload allocation tables. The BMW group offered to have another meeting with WQCD staff and the permitting staff, in particular. Each permit holder will have to

- be advocate for doing whatever they think is required to argue for a specific permit limit (e.g. modeling, point source trading). The result of the meeting with WQCD staff was WQCD staff understanding the need for flexibility in the TMDL. There is still a disconnect between the TMDL staff and the permit writers which will require resolution internally within the WQCD. WQCD staff reported that they have prepared responses to all the comments they received and will be releasing those after they are reviewed internally. If there are significant changes, they may re-notice the TMDL documents.
- Treasurer's Report - Blair Corning was absent so Amy Conklin reported that there had not been much activity over the past few months and that the BMW bank balance was \$184,800. In November, the Treasurer will plan to present a draft budget for 2012 for discussion. The budget can then be revised and finalized in January 2012.
 - Coordinator Updates (Amy C) – Amy Conklin:
 - Dog Waste Lamp – Amy reported that there has been some activity from a group called Park Spark Denver alliance. They are trying to raise money to put module that runs on methane produced from dog waste in Josephine Gardens in Denver. Her plan is to learn from them and work on getting one at Barr Lake.
 - Debit Card – Steve Lundt often needs to buy things for BMW projects (e.g. limnocorrals). The Board agreed to handle the situation by getting 2 debit cards; one for Steve Lundt and one for Blair Corning, the Treasurer. There would be \$500 withdrawal limit on the cards. The banking changes will be made immediately following the November Board meeting as the signature cards also need to be changed to the 4 Board Officers. The coordinator was instructed to add a line item to the budget for Debit Card expenditures.
 - Colorado Watershed Assembly Membership – The group voted thumbs up to join/renew our membership in the Colorado Watershed Assembly.
 - Board Photo and Bios – A group photo of the Board members present was taken. Only Shelley Stanley needs a photograph taken for the website. The coordinators will work with Shelley to take an appropriate photo. All Board members are requested to submit a 2 paragraph bio for the new website.
 - Change Meeting Venue –Metro is installing additional security measures that may make it more difficult to meet in the water quality building. The group decided to stay at Metro and monitor the situation.
 - **501 c 3 Application** – Amy Conklin reported that yesterday she received a communication from the IRS instructing us to fill out the form differently. Amy Woodis reviewed the request and saw no problem with their proposed revisions. Laurie Rink will sign the required documents and the coordinators will submit the documents to the IRS
 - **BDCWA** – Shelley Stanley presented information on the Big Dry Creek Watershed Association (BDCWA) that she is a member of. BDCWA is a 501 c 3 that has most recently worked on Selenium and e coli water quality issues. The watershed is immediately upstream from BMW and includes three wastewater treatment plants, stormwater inputs, releases from Standley Lake and agricultural

nonpoint sources of pollution. The group was encouraged to contact Shelley or Jane Clary the coordinator with any questions.

III. Election of BMW Board Officers for 2011/12 -

Amy Conklin began by stating that the By-laws require a vote on Board Officers each year as soon as possible after the Annual meeting. **Blair Corning** was nominated to continue as Treasurer and was re-elected unanimously. **Tim Grotheer** was nominated to continue as Secretary and was re-elected unanimously. **Steve Lundt** was nominated for Vice Chair to replace Vic Lucero who is retiring. Steve was elected unanimously. **Laurie Rink** was nominated to continue as Chair and was re-elected unanimously.

IV. Website Redesign (Amy C and Susan Thornton)

The Coordinators have been working with Hughes & Stuart to redesign the website and have received comments from a few Board members. The Board discussed the website issues and concluded that:

- The waves should remain on the eagle logo;
- The Tag Line should be changed to ‘Collaborative Water Quality Improvement on Colorado’s Front Range’;
- The website should include a link to the Data Sharing Network’s interactive map with a description of BMW’s monitoring program and an explanation that BMW members upload their information to the DSN;
- Fix the disconnect with the waves on the right hand side of the site;
- Change the page from ‘Scientific’ to ‘Implementation’
 - Include in the drop down menu under the ‘Implementation’ tab; In-Lake; Point Source; Stormwater; Non-point source; and Watershed
- Under the ‘Water Quality’ tab,
 - add TMDL to the drop down menu
 - post the TMDL documents there.
 - Add the press release about the TMDL to the ‘News’ tab.

V. Presentation Materials –

The group discussed the need for presentation materials to be prepared in time to take to the South Platte Forum on October 19th. **Sarah Reeves** said Brown and Caldwell can donate some time for a graphic artist to develop appropriate files of a map of the watershed for the banner as an in-kind donation. Ideas about the slide show presentation were discussed and **the coordinator** was instructed to prepare a presentation not to exceed 20 slides and get the Chair’s input. We will also need to make copies of the latest version of the Newsletter to include as take away’s at the poster session.

VI. New Business/Open Topics

- Technical Committee - Steve Lundt reported that the Technical Committee met and is concerned about getting an alum permit in time for next year’s growing season. The limnocorrals have been removed but they are difficult to install and remove. There is no point installing them again without an alum permit. The Technical Committee plans to invite Gary Beers of the WQCD staff and a permit writer for the only alum permit issued in Colorado to the next Technical Committee. Hopefully we

will be able to expedite the process. Steve is negotiating with Ken Wagner about updating the BMW model with new data. He also participated in an EPA webinar on removing phosphorus from lawn fertilizer. The presentation from the webinar will be posted to the new website.

Shelley Stanley reported that the Wolf Creek Association had two auto samplers they could donate to BMW. **Steve** will coordinate with **Shelley** to see if the equipment fits into BMW's modeling program.

- The group discussed upcoming conferences and meetings –
 - Colorado Watersheds Conference – October 4-6, ‘The First Drop Lands Here’ We don’t have a BMW presentation at this conference.
 - Colorado Water Wise – Friday October 14th, ‘Making dollars & Sense of Water conservation’ BMW will not participate in this conference.
 - S Platte Forum – October 19-20 –‘Making River Music’ BMW will participate in the poster session of this conference.
 - Cherry Creek Stewardship Partners – November 9th The **coordinator** was instructed to research the opportunities for BMW to include their presentation materials at the conference.
 - CLRMA Conference – November 16 – ‘Water Quality and Management Challenges of Urban Lakes, Reservoirs and Watersheds’ The **coordinator** was instructed to ask Craig Wolf about the opportunities for presentation materials and to ask **Steve Lundt** if he would draft a presentation for **Blair Corning** to present at the conference.
 - Colorado Water Congress – January 25-27, 2012 The **coordinator** was instructed to request information about the cost of presentation materials at the conference.
- Sarah Reeves reported that the AWWA has a presentation on Boise, ID, pollutant trading with agricultural sources. The group concluded that this might be a good topic for the February 28th, 2012 Stakeholder meeting. **Vic Lucero** will check on the availability of using Thornton’s venue for that meeting.
- Vic Lucero reported that Thornton would be hiring an Environmental Coordinator to replace him and he will try to make the transition a smooth one. The group requested that Vic be sure to include participation in BMW in the job description.

VII. Next Meeting

- Technical Committee -**November 17th**, 2011, 9:00 am – 11:00 am at Metro.
- Special Stakeholder Meeting CLRMA Conference, **November 16th**.