



COLORADO WATER QUALITY MONITORING COUNCIL
COLORADO DATA SHARING NETWORK

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MONTHLY MEETING

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Wednesday, March 16th, 2022 – 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

Meeting Minutes

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1. WELCOME, CALL TO ORDER -

Snow is coming! Stay warm everyone. ❄️

2. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF PAST MONTH'S MEETING – APPROVED

3. FINANCIAL REPORT

- CWA will send out written report and include rough budget for 2022
- Paid Gold Systems Invoice for Q1: \$4380
- Received \$3760 from South Platte Renewal Partners, Englewood
- Will send invoice to Northern Water and CDOT
- Currently \$9116.74 in the CWQMC/CDSN Account managed by CWA

4. CDSN CONTRACTOR OR UPDATE FROM PRESIDENT

MtnGeoGeek

- CDSN contractor contract is done. Set for another 2 years – CWA approved, so it is officially approved! 🎉
- CDSN Contractor busy with Reg 85, confirmation from the Division as to what agencies will be using CDSN
- Started batching, goal is April 1st; in the past always done by April 15th
- Updated the website; everything has been updated with right dates, times, etc. Bob started review and found one small change but otherwise completely caught up

ElephantFish

Working on contract; Comments that were reviewed:

- Discussed possibility of website recommendations

- CWA and CWQMC – fee for service is only for direct assistance to data providers
 - Things like coordination on Reg 85 with MtnGeoGeek needs to be approved
 - New clients need to be communicated to MtnGeoGeek
 - No direct assistance to data providers will be initiated without specific pre-work communication
- Hourly rate – discussion with CWA and CWQMC board for approval
- Contract update to one year contract since there will likely be many adjustments after 1 year
- **ACTION:** CWA will finish the contract, fix typographical areas, propose rate scale, etc. then communicate with Bob

Website address/points of contact (Discussion)

Website address currently points to Ridgeway PO address; does not mention CWA
MtnGeoGeek is still referenced and attributed at the end, can update address to CWA to PO Box

CWQMC members discussed that inquiries must first pass through CWQMC/ CDSN before directed to contractors.

Need way to monitor and see the technical questions, create email specifically for CDSN

Where is the “Contact Us” email being directed? Need someone behind the scenes of the website to investigate and recommend reconfiguring the contact points.

ACTION: Need someone behind the scenes to look at this. Maybe ElephantFish after contract completed?

Address CWA and branding

Describe the relationship between CWA and CDSN, e.g., “The Colorado Data Sharing Network (CDSN) is a program of the Colorado Water Quality Monitoring Council (CWQMC). In association with the Colorado Watershed Assembly (CWA), as fiscal agent, The Council engages stakeholders to promote sharing of water quality data and to engage in outreach projects.”

ACTION: ElephantFish is going to look into where to add the attribution

Who has hosting credentials? Where is the domain name register? Who is covering cost of website?

Been 2 years since we’ve had discussion

ACTION: Bob will contact CDSN contractor for info

5. UPDATES

- **Data literacy updates and/or ongoing work with groups. More conversations and working with Trout Unlimited in 2022. NO updates from last meeting. Any new updates?**
Update: No update
- **Looking at how to recruit data providers of Healthy River grant recipients. Upload data collected. About 15 past projects that may have data to put in the CDSN, developing a checklist script to discuss CDSN with these potential data providers. Looking at possible grants to pay to get the data into the CDSN. Brainstorming on how to possibly involve students and schools. Potentially tie into larger CWA efforts.**
 - **Reminder:** Jordan had gone through the Healthy River Fund Grants awarded from 2019. He put together a spreadsheet to see if WQ data was generated and which were the best contact points to learn more about where the data is, identified which to move forward on. CWA oversees Healthy River Grant and many of these grants involve collecting data but there is no requirement to put into any publicly available database. Consolidated the list, contacted Emma Reeser from Rio Grande watershed as a test case; did not have any water quality data but helped with the “script”.

ACTION: Diane and Jordan will report back on next week's CWA board meeting during the CWQMC March 16 meeting.

CWA and Jordan started initial call to test the CDSN Outreach script as a pilot with Emma from the Rio Grande.

After the call, it was decided to merge CDSN outreach and the CWA Watershed Directory Outreach projects to combine outreach efforts; several CWA board members have offered to help with this initiative.

- The Colorado Water Plan aspires to the State of Colorado having sufficient data to create stream management plans, to categorize local streams, to help protect the health of local streams, and to help avoid regulatory interventions at some future point in time. *****Would be helpful to get this project onto a regular meeting schedule.**

- **Received user manual for AWQMS Data Management System, next steps.** **ACTION:** Scheduled with Gold System to discuss details on access to the manual. Bob and Casey will be attending this meeting with Gold Systems.

Bob and CWA have manual; will take a look when ElephantFish is on board with contract

- **Outreach with TMDLs, does this group want to step into their thinking caps, it may be timely (in the South Platte Priority phase right now).** Diane reached out to CDPHE to give us a presentation, but that presentation might now happen until June for 208 groups.

Colorado Water Plan is the potential target especially with the new stream management plans and outreach effort. From there, formulate a plan to apply for grant. Collaboration with eRAMS will make things more effective and efficient for outreach.

Can talk about at the next meeting.

- **There is a new CDPHE liaison point person**

ACTION: CWA could reach out to them directly to find out why they created the presentation and how it will help our membership then bring it back to the group.

Done. Moving forward.

- **Assess priority:** Update the organization in terms of where we're headed, goals, responsibilities, and priorities. Take an inventory, who are our trusted partners that we need to get some more input from? Where are we and where are we going? Keeping the network viable, is our goal to expand or exist and assume everyone who needs to know about us, knows about us.

Will keep this on the agenda. Not a high priority right now. However, this does need to be updated with all the changes to CWQMC/CDSN.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- CWA \$5000 mini grant for CDSN – hoping to promote data sharing network,
- Casey will come up with the SOW and contact the division
- Consider outreach to North Front Range Water Quality Planning Association; Johnstown, CO (i.e., wastewater treatment plant operators and plant providers in NE CO)

7. ADJOURNMENT - Next scheduled conference call April 20th, 2022

Check out the latest Data Literacy information [here!](#)

CWQMC/CDSN Attendance Record and Supporters

Present	Name	Organization
X	Bob McDade	Colorado Department of Transportation
X	Valerie Stanson	Colorado Department of Transportation
X	Casey Davenhill	Colorado Watershed Assembly
X	Diane Kielty	Colorado Watershed Assembly
	Greg Peterson	Colorado Ag Water Alliance
X	Jordan Parman	Metro Water Recovery
X	Tammi Renninger	ElephantFish
	Lynn Padgett	MtnGeoGeek
X	Phil Russel	Interested Citizen/VP
	Tim Steele	TDS Consulting
	Tyler Wible	One Water Solutions Institute
X	Curt Bauers	Farmers Reservoir and Irrigation Company
	Allison Philpot	Interested Citizen
X	Alexis Beckmann	Centennial Water and Sanitation District
	Brianna Federico	Colorado Watershed Assembly

Additional CDSN Supporter's links

[South Platte Coalition for Urban Rivers Evaluation](#)

[Northern Colorado Water Conservation District](#)

Standley Lake Cities

[City of Thornton](#)

[City of Westminster](#)

[City of Northglenn](#)

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