



COLORADO WATER QUALITY MONITORING COUNCIL
COLORADO DATA SHARING NETWORK

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MONTHLY MEETING

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Wednesday, April 20thth, 2022 – 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

Meeting Minutes

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1. WELCOME, CALL TO ORDER –

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

3. FINANCIAL REPORT

- \$1500 in the reserve account
- Paid ~\$3200 to MtnGeoGeek; paid for Gold Systems through June (i.e. 2nd Quarter)
- \$30,000 receivables (i.e. donations \$19,850; FFS \$19,122)
- Good to send out membership invoices now that data calls have been satisfied
- Check register document
 - o Based on projects and fiscal agent fee; adding Tammi's contract in at \$5000
 - o \$1000 designated for travel, hotels, etc.
 - o Hosting and technology fees
 - o Budget shows a projected loss for the year
 - o CWA working on the mini-grant for CDPHE
 - o Invoices will be put up on the CWA website which will facilitate everyone's ability to pay with a credit card
 - o Sent Northern Water their invoice; usually bill them in October; expectation that \$2500 from Northern Water will be for FY21; they will be billed for this fiscal year in October of this year
 - o Request for W-9, will typically send out invoice and W-9 to avoid back and forth
- CWA will let MtnGeoGeek know that the check with administrative invoice # is in the mail and that people can pay by credit card
- Next billing will be with Gold Systems will be third quarter

4. CDSN CONTRACTOR OR UPDATE FROM PRESIDENT

- MtnGeoGeek will get verification emails from CDPHE; Reg 85 page on CDPHE also lists Reg 85 data received (not always the most up to date); otherwise done with Reg 85 work this year
- CWA and ElephantFish working on the website and newsletter
- Newsletter: Bob has the old template and will forward to Tammi so she will have something to work off of. Tammi will try to draft the new newsletter. Which may include some human-interest stories.

- Would be nice to have some human-interest, Jordan can try to find some photos to include; Phil add photos to archived folder so we always have photos on hand
- Diane also put together a drive
- **ACTION:** Phil let CWA, and Val know when drive is together
- Could send Newsletter to the division once approved by board
- Can see who's on the list and update; including the agency could be a great idea
 - Good marketing tool
- Have travel expenses aside for MtnGeoGeek and ElephantFish to meet, try to schedule out in June; will try to coordinate on the Western Slope

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?**
- No new updates; CWA might be able to set up a tour.

- **Web address/points of contact/CWA and branding. Maybe ElephantFish will look into this after contract completed? Bob was going to contact CDSN contractor for info on hosting, any updates?**
- No new updates; CWA might be able to set up a tour.
- MtnGeoGeek did agree that others will need access to website; hesitant to let someone on the backend with Gold Systems because of maintaining consistency.
 - The board agreed it is worthwhile to investigate that so on a business basis have ownership

- **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". CWA and Jordan planned to go to CWQMC March 16 meeting. After call with Emma, 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. Any updates?
- Healthy Rivers Grant in a process of reaching out updating their watershed dictionary, seemed like a great opportunity to bump services into one; a lot of outreach; Jordan already has some great leads on who might be interested and has data; not sure about funding but they'd be interested in grant
 - One collective has been storing 20+ years of data on a hard drive
 - Wrapping up initial outreach by early May then organizing by interest; will try to see what groups could do who have no time or money to participate; about 1 hour to get them set up; opportunity for ElephantFish to help these groups get set up
 - Phil might have some small sources of funding
 - Could make getting some of these groups set up part of marketing campaign
 - Can sometimes be helpful to start by identifying who has data in that area first; just getting the points or locations, could be a good baby step
 - Also worth reminding people that this data is not public domain; it can be locked
 - Could also be helpful to include the last time data was collected
- **ACTION:** Will review the results of the survey work in mid May

- **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.**

No Updates

- **Received user manual for AWQMS Data Management System, next steps.** Bob and CWA have the manual. Will take a look when ElephantFish is on board with contract. Any updates?

- **No updates**

- **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.

- **No updates.**

- **There is a new CDPHE liaison point person**
CWA reached 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. Any updates?

- **No new updates.** Jordan will reach out Skip to help identify contact person once we get survey results back. Jordan will lead conversation.

- **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.

- **No new updates.** Starting to address in some ways with the outreach.

- CWA \$5000 mini grant for CDSN – hoping to promote data sharing network. CWA will come up with the SOW and contact the division. Any updates?

- Moving forward with this; could be helpful working a couple of small watershed group (~\$5000 each?)

- Consider outreach to North Front Range Water Quality Planning Association; Johnstown, CO (i.e., wastewater treatment plant operators and plant providers in NE CO) (Kept on the agenda from last meeting)

- **Requested to be included in the North Front Range water quality planning associations tech advisory committee**
- **Developing a stream management plan ; CWA and ElephantFish have discussed ElephantFish and Val participating in one or two meeting and see where our interests coincide**

6. NEW BUSINESS

7. ADJOURNMENT - Next scheduled conference call May 18th, 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
	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
	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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