



# COLORADO WATER QUALITY MONITORING COUNCIL COLORADO DATA SHARING NETWORK

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MONTHLY MEETING

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### MONTHLY MEETING Minutes

**Wednesday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023 – 1:00 pm – 2:00pm**

Google Meet joining info

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/qwq-wbon-bmp>

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#### 1. WELCOME, CALL TO ORDER –

2. **DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF PAST MONTH'S MEETING** – Tammi and Curt gave thumbs up and the November meeting minutes are approved.

#### 3. FINANCIAL REPORT

Current balance \$19,394.96

Phil Russell and his wife were kind enough to donate to CDSN in December. The amount made a big difference to our budget and is extremely appreciated. CDSN is up over last year at this time by approximately \$7000.

We are in the last year of our four-year contract with Goldsystems (AWQMS) and will have to renew their contract before the end of CY2023.

Late June or July our ESRI contract will also need to be renewed.

#### 4. CDSN CONTRACTOR OR UPDATE FROM PRESIDENT

- Bob reached out to MtnGeoGeek on 2/13/2023 about the call for Reg 85 Data, updating the webpage and a newsletter for CY2022. MtnGeoGeek informed me there has been no information from the division about CDPHE nutrients (Reg 85) to date. MtnGeoGeek is aware of the need to update the CDSN website concerning the dates shown on the website. They will start working on it next week. They have been in contact with our regular organizations about this years Reg 85. Also next week MtnGeoGeek will start to pull together last year's CDSN information for the Annual Newsletter (# of data results, organizations, etc.). Once we get this information from MtnGeoGeek we then can have ElephantFish develop the 2023 newsletter. ElephantFish agreed.
- Here is the division link concerning Reg 85: <https://cdphe.colorado.gov/nutrient-monitoring>

#### 5. UPDATES

- CWA \$5000 mini grant for CDSN – hoping to promote data sharing network. CWA will come up with the SOW and contact the division. Moving forward with this; could be helpful working a couple of small watershed group (~\$5000 each?) **Update: CWA grant has been approved and ElephantFish is working on task.**
- **Data literacy updates and/or ongoing work with groups. More conversations and working in 2023. Any new updates? Need to find a way to increase our awareness of CDSN and CWQMC. Identify groups that may be able to help with funding. Showing the value of CDSN! Maybe combining Data literacy with other trainings to boost awareness through CWA possible.**

- 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). 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. [Any updates? Barbara Bennet does the TMDL 101; Barbara did a presentation for Clear Creek; what is the opportunity here?](#)

From a practical standpoint, data packaged through MtnGeoGeek and data call for these basin hearings; e.g. “We have a lot of data on X please consider these evaluations for the listing”

Familiar with working with CDSN for acquiring data

Can we track how often CDPH goes into CDSN?

Already trying to get organizations to come in and do this.

Should verify if Division can go into CDSN for general info; need to actively submit data? Jordan will verify this. All the data that gets collected and uploaded in CDSN and folks might not know that it exists. Does it go to the state for groups that aren’t required.

Good example Reg 85; requires discharges to report effluent nutrient data, upstream and down stream; flagged with project ID. Voluntary monitoring, unless you actively send to the Division, unclear if it’s used in their assessments; Jordan will investigate. Sales pitch: could collect more data than required.

- Requested to be included in the North Front Range water quality planning associations tech advisory committee. Developing a stream management plan; CWA and ElephantFish. Any updates? Tyler reminded the council that the North Front Range (Marc’s group) is made up mostly of municipalities. They tend to have the data they collect. They will store it with CDSN, The division (Data Calls), and internally. Not sure how to get them to just upload to CDSN so its all-in-one place and can be forwarded during data calls upon request. [Should the council or CWA reach out to Marc’s group?](#)

6. NEW BUSINESS –[We should decide if we all wish to have monthly meetings or every other month. The January meeting had to be moved to February 2023. Bob has taking over as Host for the council meeting using Google Meets. You should have all received an invite from Bob for these meetings.](#)

7. Looking for someone to volunteer to the Secretary position and find more recruitment for the CWQMC. Any ideas?  
[Not discussed](#)

8. Casey brought up the idea of the council maybe reaching out to the Colorado Water Quality Forum about the possibility of a 5-year plan for CDSN. Maybe even with some new leadership. [Update: Missing Jordan, Casey and Diane so this discussion did not happen.](#)

- [ElephantFish also does not have access to CDSN website at this time. There is concern about CDSN budget and if we can afford making changes or adding a new user-friendly tab. Chatting with ElphantFish we thought it may be easier in the long run to generate a tab under the CWA umbrellas website for CDSN. The user can read and learn what CDSN purpose is and what it can do for them. Also the CWA website should have a lot more traffic to educate the users. This would be a good marking tool.](#)
- [Bob and Jordan have been slowing working with ElephantFish to become experienced at not only downloading CDSN information. But also uploading information to AWQMS. Once ElephantFish feels more comfortable with uploading, then some Training may start to be developed for CDSN beginners \(new users\).](#)

9. [Curt asked if anybody has spoken with Linda replacement \(Zachary D. Trabold\) over at Aurora. I informed the group I had a year ago and that Zach had delegated to another person. He was going to gauge interest with the laboratory. As it stands right now we only have Jordan as a representee of SPCURE involved with CDSN/CWQMC.](#)

10. Discussion was brought up about having a face to face meeting in early spring including ElephantFish. [We need more input from everyone. It was brought up if we should invite our big donators also.](#)

11. [ADJOURNMENT - Next scheduled conference call March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023](#)

12. Check out the latest Data Literacy information [here!](#) CWQMC/CDSN and CSU One Water Solutions Institute

13. Attendance Record and Supporters

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

**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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