



**COLORADO WATER QUALITY MONITORING COUNCIL**  
**COLORADO DATA SHARING NETWORK**

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**MONTHLY MEETING**

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**Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022 – 1:00 pm – 2:00pm**

**Meeting Minutes**

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**1. WELCOME, CALL TO ORDER –**

**2. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF PAST MONTH'S MEETING –** No board meeting since June 2022. We did have a subcommittee meeting 8/17/2022.

**3. FINANCIAL REPORT**

Current balance \$12,812.96

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

- Sept 1 data call data was for Upper and Lower Colorado basins; 2 Organizations, 3 Projects, 27 Monitoring Locations which had 1869 Results.

**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?) Consider outreach to North Front Range Water Quality Planning Association; Johnstown, CO (i.e., wastewater treatment plant operators and plant providers in NE CO) **Any updates/do we want to keep this on the agenda?**
- **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.**
- **South Platte River Urban Waters Partnership (SPRUWP) working on updating their water quality assessment tool; mostly Urban South Platte; nice data visualization tool; currently contains data 2009-2015; working with Leonard Rice to include data through 2021; leaning heavily on CDSN data. Tool relies heavily on our data. Jordan is encouraging them to make note of us on their website to help get the word out. Go CDSN!**
  - **Will include some story lines, e.g. why is E. coli important?**
  - **Focused on main stem and tributaries; not using our effluent data and talking about whether to include stormwater or not**
- **Water Supply and Reserve Fund provides grants to Trout Unlimited into their abandoned mines program through Lauren Duncan by Clear Creek. Discussed who would this group speak to start the conservation e.g. Is there a beneficial opportunity? One is collecting water quality information; there might be an opportunity to start a nice partnership again.**

-Jordan recommends John Davenport as a starting point; Jordan will reach out to see if there's an opportunity to collaborate.

- 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.

6. NEW BUSINESS – Diane, can you extend the council meeting Google invites into CY2023? Also does the board wish to continue to have monthly meeting or quarterly meetings? We all decided to have our next meeting in January (1/18/2023). At that time we will 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?

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.

- Casey brought up the question of how confident is the council with how the Data Calls are going?
- Did ElephantFish have access to the Data call process? Bob informed the council only MtnGeoGeek has access to process (batch) data calls for the division. This is so we can keep errors down to a minimum by only having one person batching in AWQMS. Jordan reminded the council that MtnGeoGeek has long historic experience with the division and any changes or concerns with data calls from the division up to and including helping the division with any changes they may need. Also MtnGeoGeek has the trust of the municipalities.
- 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. 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. Jordan reminded the council that in the fall CY2023 there will be a data call for the South Platte. At that time CDSN

should see an increase in Fee for Service and possible donations.

10. Discussion was brought up about having a face to face meeting in early spring including ElephantFish.
11. **ADJOURNMENT** - Next scheduled conference call February 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>    |
| X       | Casey Davenhill  | <a href="#">Colorado Watershed Assembly</a>              |
| X       | Diane Kielty     | <a href="#">Colorado Watershed Assembly</a>              |
|         | Greg Peterson    | <a href="#">Colorado Ag Water Alliance</a>               |
| X       | Jordan Parman    | <a href="#">Metro Water Recovery</a>                     |
| X       | Tammi Renninger  | <a href="#">ElephantFish</a>                             |
|         | Lynn Padgett     | MtnGeoGeek   |
| X       | Phil Russell     | Interested Citizen/VP                                    |
| X       | Tim Steele       | TDS Consulting   |
| X       | Tyler Wible      | <a href="#">One Water Solutions Institute</a>            |
|         | Curt Bauers      | <a href="#">Farmers Reservoir and Irrigation Company</a> |
|         | Allison Philpot  | Interested Citizen                                       |
|         | Alexis Beckmann  | <a href="#">Centennial Water and Sanitation District</a> |
|         | Brianna Federico | <a href="#">Colorado Watershed Assembly</a>              |
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**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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