



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

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**MONTHLY MEETING**

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

**Meeting Minutes**

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**1. WELCOME, CALL TO ORDER -**

Some folks had issues with login, this is the phone number if people have issues with login in the beginning: 303-757-9127

**ACTION:** Bob and Val will work to fix the invite with Diane.

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

- Val started jumping into the minutes with great detail. A little too much info initially but working to get details ironed out. Helpful to have detailed minutes when other groups reach out for information.

- Place for minutes on the website; would be nice to keep these updated.

**3. FINANCIAL REPORT**

- Same budget as last year, i.e. \$13,564.72, but will need confirmation from Casey when she is back in the office.

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

- Reg 85 and data call information; working on it with the division..

Cannot move forward with newsletter until first finalizing MntGeoGeek's contract.

**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 updates this month.

- **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.**
- **ACTION: Jordan had gone through the Health 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. DONE.**

**Reminder:** CWA oversees Healthy River Grant and many of these grants involve collecting data but there is no requirement to put into any public available database.

**Update:** 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”

i.e. Made progress! 🎉

Next step, start calling other organizations or tie into larger campaign. Regardless, Jordan and CWA will continue to move forward with this.

CWA: Might be advantageous to tie this outreach to an entire watershed outreach campaign and fall within larger initiative, this larger outreach to be discussed at next CWA Board Meeting (2/22, next Tuesday).

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

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.**

- **Also recommended we ask ElephantFish if she would be interested in getting involved.**
  - **ACTION: Casey and Bob have started the process.**

ElephantFish, Bob and CWA sent over a draft contract and ElephantFish sent back comments

**Action:** Bob and CWA shooting to finalize contract by next meeting on March 16, 2022

- **Received user manual for AWQMS Data Management System, next steps. ACTION: meeting shall be scheduled with Gold System to discuss the details on access to the manual. Bob and Casey will be attending this meeting with Gold Systems.**
- **ACTION: Bob Shall talk to MntGeoGeek regarding data call newsletter, 2022 data calls are April 15th for Regulation 85 and for Colorado Basin Regulations 33 and 37.**

**No updates;** trying to update contract.
- **Diane, has the CDSN looked at open-source data base and new interface? Tyler thought it could be a heavy lift, but willing to discuss more in future meetings. May have limitations with all the choices data providers have regarding how the public sees their data. Shall we move forward with this or postpone until later in the year? Not addressed in last meeting.**
- **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.
- **There is a new CDPHE liaison point person**

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

Opportunity for CWA to build new relationships with turnover

Important to have the website updates ready to use as tool to update the new point person

- **ACTION: 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.**

Deprioritized with other matters including getting contracts updated, something to address down the road.

Maybe revisit in April after things are more foundationally set, let's reassess at next meeting?

Might be worth bringing document from 2013 back into the picture since it references roles and responsibilities. At this point, like outdated, so need to have separate meeting to go through. Only document that Bob has found is from 2013. **Would be a great team building opportunity!** Could meet up at a large table at a brewery to review.

**ACTION:** Keep on the agenda for future meetings to see when priorities shift and we are ready to revisit.

- **ACTION: Bob will try to find Linda's replacement from Aurora and if they can attend the meetings.**

**Update:** Bob contacted Zachary at Aurora Water; officially he is now taking over Linda's role, but they hired someone else to take over and are looking to hire a third person

Zachary is in charge of the department, so he is going to reach out to find a consistent representative for SPCURE and CDSN meetings.

- **Fluvial hazard zone mapping started by the Colorado Water Conservation Board. CWA organization has a role in promoting the use of tools that were developed for planners related to flood protection. Can put some effort into putting this outline. CDSN could serve as career support, professional development support, something of value that we can bring High quality data.**

Last meeting, we generally discussed what was going on with the Conservation Board and getting data.

## 6. NEW BUSINESS

- **Note from Phil/Something to chew on**

Do other states have a data sharing network? Other states on the east coast are missing this type of network or spending significantly more than our group;

There is Colorado Marketplace, not strictly water quality, not sure what other states are doing

NYS has Open NY

CDSN is great model for other states like Washington State and Oregon, ecology similar to Colorado.

Interesting to Washington and Oregon, ecology kind of similar without oceans and different ecology on each side.

**ACTION:** Bob will talk to Diane and see what we can do.

- Heads up from CWA: Sent Bob and Jordan new entries for that survey just to have it. CWA can turn into a spreadsheet. Want to look at the info then make private again until we're ready to more widely distribute the survey.

## 7. ADJOURNMENT - Next scheduled conference call March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022

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

The link for the Survey, CDSN data providers conversation;

<https://coloradowatershedassembly.wufoo.com/forms/st7ulxh1dw5iu4/> . Survey is out, keep sharing it where we can!

### CWQMC/CDSN Attendance Record and Supporters

Present	Name	Organization
X	Bob McDade	<a href="#">Colorado Department of Transportation</a>
X	Valerie Stanson	<a href="#">Colorado Department of Transportation</a>
	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	MntGeoGeek
X	Phil Russel	Interested Citizen
X	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>
	Brianna Federico	<a href="#">Colorado Watershed Assembly</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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