



Meeting Minutes

Big Dry Creek Watershed Association Meeting

Date/Time: December 13, 2022 from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Location: Microsoft Teams Meeting:

1. Approval of 9/22/22 Meeting Minutes
2. Business Items
 - a. 2024 Budget Planning (set planning meeting in early 2023)
 - b. USGS Gage Cost
 - c. Treasurer Transition Update
3. Regulatory Updates Pertinent to 2022 Data Analysis:
 - a. November 2023 Issues Scoping Hearing Reg. 38
 - b. Longevity Plans-Selenium
 - c. Ammonia Criteria
 - d. 303(d) Listings/TMDLs
 - e. *E. coli* TMDL & Stormwater Permit Renewal
4. Story Map Draft and Discussion: Kristin Karashinski provided a demonstration of the working draft Story Map. The intended audience for the map ranges from high school students to new city staff to public officials. The intent is engagement and education related to the watershed—introduce information but don't be overly technical—communicate with a broad audience. Meeting participants provide the following input to shape the next draft of the Story Map:
 - a. Rocky Flats—more description.
 - b. Clearer labels on County boundaries and updated municipal boundary layers
 - c. Less text in some locations

- d. More photos
 - e. Discussion about major outfalls—some discussion about showing stormwater outfalls. For now, focus on clearly labeling tributaries and sub-basin boundaries. (Outfall layer is more of an effort for various reasons, so postpone for now.)
 - f. Additional reservoir and pond labels (e.g., fishing pond).
 - g. Obtain trails/parks layer from Westminster and Thornton Parks Departments. (Note: Westminster provided this on 12/19/22 following meeting. Need to reach out to Thornton Parks and Open Space.)
 - h. Discussion about posting volunteer opportunities—decided this is better to post on the website itself rather than Story Map.
 - i. Provide a Map Tour with photos and an “explore the creek” theme. Could include information on
 - i. Art features
 - ii. Parks
 - iii. Restoration projects (see MHFD confluence for information)
 - iv. More images/photos
 - v. Answers to questions like “why is there no water in the creek” at some locations.
 - j. QR Codes on Signs—Juliana would like to have signs with QR codes on trails that can link to Story Map. After discussion, this level of effort would be beyond the current limited scope of the Story Map, but could be discussed for a future project phase. This would require more coordination with Parks Departments.
 - k. Bilingual/Spanish translation—this was discussed but is beyond the scope of the first version of this project. It would, however, be possible to feature a video with Juliana providing a message in Spanish as part of the web map. (Keep this on radar for how more information could be provided in the future.)
 - l. Provide a link or more information about Standley Lake.
5. Activities for Remainder of 2022
- a. 2022 Annual Newsletter: Articles will include: annual water quality highlights, biological monitoring article from Tami Schneck, Westminster Interceptor project update from Heather, Thank You to David Carter, Story Map Effort, Thorn Creek Golf Course Stream Restoration (before/after pictures)
 - b. Story Map (revisions)
6. Open Discussion