



Big Dry Creek Watershed Association Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: December 12, 2019, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Location: Westminster Reclaimed Facility

1. Introductions
2. Results of 2018 Biological Monitoring Program—Tami Schneck, Aquatics Associates: Tami Schneck provided results of the 2018 monitoring program, with findings provided in the attached PDF presentation. This presentation was the primary focus of the meeting.
3. Watershed Association Routine Business
 - a. Meeting Minutes from September 2019 Board Meeting were approved with a motion by David Carter, seconded by Lesa Julian. Approved unanimously.
 - b. Regulatory Updates—Lesla Julian
 - i. 2020 303(d) List: Lesa Julian provided an update on the 2020 303(d) List Rulemaking Hearing. BDCWA remains listed for total recoverable iron below Weld County Road 8 and also remains impaired for *E. coli* (with an approved TMDL). The Division originally proposed listing the stream for aquatic life impairment based on one of the 2016 MMI scores (under the new MMI methodology). Tami was able to provide the 2018 MMI scores, which demonstrated attainment; therefore, the segment was not listed.
 - ii. June 2020 Rulemaking Hearing Reg. 38: BDCWA is likely to participate in the 2020 Regulation 38 Rulemaking hearing related to the Division's proposal to consider addition of several new stream classifications for Big Dry Creek. Potential concerns include addition of Water Supply, upgrade to Recreation Class E and upgrade to Aquatic Life Warm Class 1. Generally, the cities believe that existing classifications should remain as-is, rather than adopting changes.
 - c. Water Quality Data Export Format—Shelley Stanley: Shelley provided an example Excel spreadsheet for the new water quality data export format from Tribal that will

be used to map BDCWA's data to the Division's new database format. The BDCWA database has been in the "SIM" format and was compatible with the Division's data calls until this year. The group agreed that it would be more efficient to make the transition to Division's current format to save time on responding to future data calls.

- d. Big Dry Creek Newsletter—Jane Clary: Jane provided an update on topics for the annual year-end newsletter.
- e. Big Dry Creek Website—Jane Clary: Jane provided an update on the input received from the group on various approaches to updating the website. The consensus was that the group supported an update, but wanted to keep it relatively simple (but with the option to add more features in the future). A task group including Shelley Stanley, Lyndsey Holbrook and Juliana Archuleta was formed to work with Jane on this update, with a meeting scheduled later in December. General direction on budget is between a \$5,000- \$10,000 effort, using BDCWA reserves to complete the update. The platform should be one that does not require special programming skills, with Square Space being the tentative direction, pending more feedback from the task group.
- f. Watershed Plan Update—Jane Clary: The Watershed Plan update has been on hold pending the new discharge permits for the municipal WWTPs and some of the anticipated *E. coli* TMDL related requirements for MS4 dischargers. Due to resolution of these regulatory changes, the Watershed Plan update can be completed in 2020. Updates may be posted on a chapter-by-chapter basis on the new website.
- g. *E. coli* Special Study--Jane: Jane provided a conceptual proposal related to a follow-up *E. coli* study that includes both instream and outfall sampling between Standley lake and I-25. The study cost would be split between the City of Westminster and BDCWA. The group responded favorably to this proposal. Jane confirmed that she would follow-up with a more detailed proposal and work plan. The study builds on Broomfield's *E. coli* special study and supports objectives related to the *E. coli* TMDL in place for the watershed.

Attachment: Aquatics Associates Powerpoint

Attendance

Juliana Archuleta, Adams County
David Carter, City of Westminster
Kelly Cline, City of Westminster
Dawn Cowell, City and County of Broomfield
Bob Fiehweg, Citizen
Lesa Julian, City and County of Broomfield
Lyndsay Holbrook, Weld County
Laura Hubbard, City and County of Broomfield
Tara Wilson, City of Westminster
Heather Otterstetter, City of Westminster
Tami Schneck, Aquatics Associates
Shelley Stanley, City of Northglenn
Tara Wilson, City of Westminster
John Winterton, City of Northglenn
Jane Clary, Wright Water Engineers

These minutes of action constitute the record of the meeting of the General Membership and Board of Directors of the Corporation and any officer of the Corporation is hereby authorized to certify any action taken by these minutes of action as having been duly taken or ratified by the Board of Directors of the Corporation on December 12, 2019, notwithstanding the date of actual signing. Meeting minutes were prepared for the Secretary by Watershed Coordinator, Jane Clary.

By: _____
BDCWA Secretary