



Leadership Team Meeting Minutes
At Metro Wastewater – June 18, 2009

COORDINATORS REPORT

Jeff was in attendance by phone.

SP CURE – Denver Health data is 90% uploaded. Some station information is missing.

The Vista intern is beginning to work on the database using “File Maker.” This was selected because of ease of use. There was a minor license fee for the software; approximately \$200.

The LT Monitoring Council Work Plan has been drafted. Vic, Barb and the Coordinators will review and make any necessary changes before distributing in July.

Lucia commented that she liked the format for invoicing that Lynn and Jeff developed.

The Coordinators continue to work on the data call.

A flyer is being circulated with these minutes that provides some information regarding the Google Earth “Fusion Tables” application that has just been launched. Its purpose is to promote data generators world wide to share water quality data. This can provide a low cost option for transition to WQX. Lynn will provide more information in the future.

BUDGET

Work continues on firming up the budget.

DSN MAP

Gold Systems should be close to beginning work on the DSN WQX project. Their cost is still estimated at around \$10,000. The transition should be completed in September.

Karl has sent Lynn a CD with information she needs to make some improvements to the map. Karl has not given up on the ARCIMS option. He will be working with Lynn on this.

WEB

Work continues on the Council website. Progress can be viewed at <http://cwqmc.coloradowatershed.org/coloradowater>. Please review and get your comments back to the Coordinators at cdsn@mtngeogeek.com. They are also requesting photos of monitoring events to be posted on the website.

The DSN website will go live after the WQX transition.

NATIONAL MONITORING COUNCIL CONFERENCE

Cathy Tate reported that the call for abstracts has been sent out. She would like ideas for sponsor contacts. She discussed a South Platte tour for the Sunday before the conference that Dan Beley is organizing. The tour will start in the upper basin and work down as the group stops at various sites where stakeholders will discuss their projects. The tour is expected to be 10 hours in duration and visit sites in Dillon, Alma, Haymen Burn site, Cheesman, a beetle kill site, inter-mountain diversions, and downstream agriculture areas. You may receive a call from Dan as he works to put this great tour together. Some sponsorship needs are vans for transportation and lunches. If your organization can help out with these needs contact Dan Beley at Daniel.beley@state.co.us or Cathy Tate at cmtate@usgs.gov.

Other ideas mentioned were a DSN training workshop and a visit to the Golden gauge with a stop at Coors for a tour, a tour of the Left Hand Canyon restoration projects, the Argo Mine Treatment Plant in Clear Creek, Northern Water Reservoir projects, an effluent dominated stream tour to Barr Lake (or presentation), and a tour and dinner at the Art Museum. It was mentioned that South Platte CURE is interested in providing several presentations. Cathy will talk with Sarah Reeves about SP CURE's involvement. Cathy reminded everyone that presentation and tour submitters must submit an abstract. Cathy mentioned that the National Conference Committee will meet July 20th in Portland so the next Leadership Team meeting will be a great time to firm up those field trip and presentation ideas and plans so she report them to the National Committee in July.

Council members are interested in putting together a Council/DSN presentation for the conference. Members are also encouraged to submit abstracts for presentations by their individual organizations.

Lucia suggested forming a Monitoring Council Conference Committee. Vic and Lucia have volunteered and are looking for others to help. Contact Lucia at lucia.machado@state.co.us if you are interested or can help out in any little way.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Alice W. reported that she submitted an article to the Colorado Riparian Association Newsletter (The Green Line). This article expresses the importance of sharing information in our professional arenas. The article identifies the Colorado Data Sharing Network as a data sharing opportunity. The article can be viewed at www.coloradoriparian.org/GreenLine/index.php. Alice is also submitting an abstract for a poster at the South Platte Forum.

MONITORING COMMITTEE

The Monitoring kick-off meeting was held May 21, 2009. The Committee will be working on three tasks (1) mission statement (2) list of individuals who can be called on for mentoring (3) list of mentoring resources. Meetings will be held as needed. When the members have reviewed and commented on the draft lists, another meeting will be scheduled to begin working on filling in the associated information.

Lucia stated that she will have Nathan, an intern with Region VIII EPA, put together a list of Watershed Plans.

ROUNDTABLE

Vic mentioned that Barb wants the Leadership to be aware that we need in the future to focus on implementation of the Work Plan and monitoring the tasks to ensure they get completed. In particular the funding drive will have to become a strong focus as soon as the budget is completed and our fiscal needs are specifically known.

NEXT MEETING

July 8, 2009 at CDPH&E. Information to follow.