



Leadership Team Meeting Minutes
At Metro District - January 7, 2009

Two new Leadership Team members were introduced; Cathy Tate with USGS (Colorado Water Science Center) and Jennifer Stephenson of the Northern District. Cathy is active with the National Monitoring Council and Jennifer was associated with the Poudre River Group and is familiar with the Data Sharing Network through her contact with former CWQMC Coordinator Sarah Sauter.

COORDINATOR UPDATE

Lynn Padgett has not been officially hired as coordinator. She will work under contract to Colorado Watershed Assembly. Her contract will not be initiated until the Council receives the Non-Point Source grant extension. She has spent some time training with Sarah Sauter and helping with the website. She has a Work Plan and will be focusing initially on continuing data updates and implementing a new contract with Gold Systems. She will also be working with Karl Herman and Dan Beley on the State Grant to enhance the DSN interactive map.

Lucia Machado commented that the grant contract should be out soon. There are new IT approval requirements from the Governor's office that have delayed the process. Barb will send Lucia a copy of Lynn's Work Plan, however, Barb pointed out that the Plan contains tasks outside the scope of the grant.

BUDGET

Gold Systems data hosting was paid through December with the remaining funds from the CWN contract. Only about \$300 remains from the CWN held funds. When >20 organizations have been issued DSN IDs the cost for hosting will increase from \$800/month to \$1,000/month.

Barb will be working with Lucia on the PIP budget. Recent contributions include \$5,000 from Metro District, \$10,000 from South Platte CURE, and pledges of \$500 from City of Thornton, \$2,000 from Northern District, and \$2,000 from the Poudre River Group.

RECRUITMENT

As noted above, Cathy Tate and Jennifer Stephenson have joined the Leadership Team. Lucia indicated that she would contact Mike Gibson to request help in the Arkansas Basin. Julie M. mentioned that she has contacted Municipalities in the North Western region and will follow up to see if anyone is able to contribute time to any of the committees. Vic will continue to try and contact Colorado GS. Kathy Tate has talked with Don Campbell of USGS and will talk with other USGS personnel on the western slope. Barb pointed out that without a DSN/USGS relationship for future retrospectives, the DSN will not be sustainable.

COMMITTEES

Alice volunteered to participate on the Mentoring Committee. Vic will arrange a meeting to kick off this committee.

The Outreach Committee will need to develop an outreach strategy and plan. They will also need to prepare for an August internal DSN data call.

Barb gave a Technical Committee update. Lynn will be working on a computer program to track donations and data users. Karl mentioned that the map enhancements should be fairly functional within 6 months. Barb is working with Lynn on a “to do” list for the map project at the request of Dan Beley. The TAC is beginning to working on what will be required for the transition to WQX.

WEBSITE

CWA paid the \$120 annual fee for the CWN webpage when they were dissolved. The Council will purchase the site from CWA. Lynn will be working on website maintenance and enhancement. Everyone was asked to visit the website at <http://cwqmc.coloradowatershed.org> and contact Lynn with any ideas for improvement. The domain name may be changed in the future to just cwqmc.org.

ROUNDTABLE

Lucia reported that EPA had requested the Division give them a list of projects that were ready to be implemented that could be supported by the President’s Stimulus Project. The Division provided a list of projects totaling \$5 million. This opportunity could open the door for Non-Point Source Plans in the future, however, work plans will need to have specific measurable goals and objectives.

Cathy Tate, who is on the National Monitoring Council Planning Committee, discussed the National Conference that will be held in February 2010. The conference will be at the Sheraton Downtown (old Adams Mark). She would like the Council to participate in coordination of the event and or help with field trips, and provide ideas for speakers, workshops, and off sight dinner venues. There will be an April call for abstracts with a submittal date of August. There will be monthly conference calls. NALMS has been contracted to be the fiscal agent and handle registration. If you are interested in helping with conference planning or would like to be a conference volunteer, contact Cathy at cmtate@usgs.gov.

Barb asked that future agendas contain a standing items for members to discuss bring up presentation opportunities to help with marketing and outreach.

NEXT MEETING

The group agreed to hold meetings the second Wednesday of each month at 1:30 pm. The meeting locations will alternate between CDPH&E and Metro District. The February meeting will be at CDPH&E.