



Leadership Team Meeting Minutes
City of Thornton January 13, 2010

Gold Systems Map Negotiations

The Coordinators have been working with Gold Systems (GS) since October on the development of a new interactive map that is compatible with AWQMS/WQX. There have been several iterations of proposals from GS but they have not contained enough detail on the features that would be guaranteed for the amount specified. The Coordinators had a conversation with GS on January 12th which they related to the Leadership Team. A lengthy discussion followed regarding their most recent informal proposal. These features are included as an attachment with these minutes. It includes Google Map applications, map with six layers that can be toggled on and off, monitoring stations color coded for data providers, meta data elements, link to download data, and tracking of map users. This phase one project was estimated at \$30,000 by GS but they offered to perform this work for \$15,000 with the continuation of the \$1,000/month hosting fee. This fee would resume when the map is functional to CDSN users.

Other features that the Council members are interested in but not provided with phase 1 include display of data on the map, map button on Data Analysis Tool (DAT) graphs and reports, and custom queries, public access to DAT. The cost for these features has not been determined. These features would be added in phase 2. The map grant from the state potentially could cover phase 2 costs as well.

Dan Beley expressed his desire for the map to identify water body IDs (WBID) and boundaries. GS had indicated to the coordinators that this could not be done through Google Earth but Karl Herman expressed that this could be accomplished through the 305(B) data layer.

The Leadership Team agreed to have the Coordinators pursue a contract and PO with GS for phase 1. They will also provide Dan Beley with the information he will need to initiate a purchase order. Lynn and Karl will meet on January 15th to refine the map RFP. Work cannot begin until the PO has been issued. Dan will need a letter on sponsor letterhead, with the attached work plan and budget. Dan will send Lynn an email with the detailed PO requirements.

TRAINING

AWQMS data network and map training will be provided in the future to individual users. SP CURE has requested for individual members. The Leadership Team discussed training options including the use of webinars. The coordinators will set up a survey monkey to poll members and users about their training needs and wishes.

USGS Partnership

Dave Kanzer summarized that all Retro's on the west slope were either finished, in final phases of a final report or will not be continued. Entities in the Eagle Basin are in discussions about how

to continue their retrospective and that discussion includes using the CDSN. Dave also let us know that Don Campbell, the USGS Studies Chief in Denver and one of two senior positions the CDSN has been working with to collaborate, is no longer in that position. His position has not been filled and is being filled in the interim by rotating other supervisors for periods of time. Barb is hoping to hear from the USGS soon on their interest in using the DSN for hosting biological data. They had indicated to her that they would make a decision by January 2010.

Website

A WQX data page has been added to the website with data transition review instructions. There is a new AWQMS Zen Tutorial and there is also a link to the National STORET Warehouse. Barb reported that her temp has been using the tutorial and has been “dumped” from the system but is able to go right back in. Lynn will check with GS on this glitch. The coordinators are considering a companion site for the map and database separate from the Monitoring Council site. This site would contain supporting information and documents.

National Monitoring Council Conference

Cathy Tate reported that registration information will be out next week. The field trips are finalized but the cost for the trips is still being tabulated. Cathy will be sending sponsorship information to Council members soon. Phil Russell stated that SP CURE would probably be willing to help where needed and asked where they might be able to help. Cathy stated that help will be needed and welcomed but that she did not have a specific list of tasks yet but should by early February. A decision was made to combine the receptions with the two poster sessions to encourage participation.

SWAP

At the last meeting the Leadership Team expressed interest in holding SWAPS in watersheds where there is interest. Barb and Lynn will coordinate a survey to determine if and where there may be interest. SWAPs could be offered by webinars in the future.

TAC

Jim Dorsch is looking for someone to take his place as TAC Chair. If you are interested please contact him at jdorsch@mwr.dst.co.us.

Monitoring Committee

No activity, but a meeting will be called soon to get started on developing the resources identified in a previous meeting.

Recruitment

Phil Russell of Littleton/Englewood Wastewater was introduced as a new LT member. Welcome Phil! Phil is also on the Mentoring Committee.

Round Table

Jeff Litteral announced that he has accepted a position with the BLM as a hydrologist. His intent is to continue in his co-coordinator role with the Council. Congratulations Jeff.

NEXT MEETING

February 10, 1:30 p.m. at a location TBD. Send agenda items to vic.lucero@cityofthornton.com.