

**COLORADO WATER UTILITY COUNCIL**  
**Rocky Mountain Section of the American Water Works Association**

**MINUTES**  
**COLORADO WATER UTILITY COUNCIL MONTHLY MEETING**

**January 7, 2011 10:00 a.m.**

**Denver Water**

**1600 W. 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue**  
**Three Stones Building**

**Remarks by Chair—Tom**

- Sean Lieske (Aurora Water) has volunteered for the vice chair position. Bud nominated Sean. Mark H. seconded. The Council voted to approve Sean.
- The vice chair usually attends the April fly-in to Washington DC. Sean will check to see if he can perform that task.
- Erumbles is the electronic version of the newsletter for the Rocky Mountain Water Environment Association. Currently, the CWUC meeting dates/times are not listed in the Erumbles newsletter. Tom will ask for them to be added in the future. The newsletter can be found at: <http://www.rmwea.org/>.
- A new bill was passed at the federal level with the aim of reducing lead in home drinking water services. Lines that are 2 inches and smaller need to be lead free. See Attachment A for more information.

**CDPHE—Ron**

- Changes in the Department leadership: Dr. Chris Urbina will fulfill both the Executive Director and Chief Medical Officer positions. This still needs to be confirmed by senate. Martha Rudolph will stay on as Director of Environmental Programs.
- There may be a state hiring freeze in the very near future. It is unknown if the frozen positions will include both state and federally funded positions or if it will only include state funded positions. If the freeze includes federally funded positions, the COWARN position would be effected.

- It is also possible that federal funding may go back to 2008 funding levels. If this happens, the state revolving fund would be significantly impacted. The 2008 level for the drinking water program was \$14,000,000 versus the current \$24,000,000.
- JBC's analyst has recommended the removal of all general funding for WQCD. The final decision about this has not been made yet. The CWUC may have an opportunity to speak directly to the JBC to show their support of general funding but the response time to do this is usually very short. Another option is for individual utilities to contact the individual JBC members. Bud will send the contact information of the members.
- The drinking water program does not plan on adopting any new regulations for 2011, unless necessary for primacy.
- EPA has preliminarily identified three groupings of emerging contaminants focus on first: disinfection byproducts, carcinogenic volatile organic compounds, and nitrosamines.
- Needs surveys are performed every four years. They go through the Office of Management and Budget prior to being published. In Colorado, 61 systems have been selected to participate in the survey. All systems serving a population >100,000 will be in survey.
- Ron will be the Region 8 board member of the Association of State Drinking Water Administrators in 2011 and 2012.
- The date for the meeting between CDPHE, the CWUC and the Water Quality Control Commission has been set for June 13<sup>th</sup>. At this meeting, CDPHE and CWUC will provide a briefing on what is happening in the safe drinking water program and Council issues.
- Public drinking water systems can now access their monitoring schedule on-line. It is at: <ftp://wqcdcompliance.hosting4less.com> .  
login: wqcdcompliance-ms  
password: 2010ccr
- EPA and the CDC are planning to change the recommended fluoridation level to a maximum of 0.7. There will be a 30 day comment period. There may be a change to the MCL in the future but it will not occur with this change. Customers can find information about the fluoridation of their specific drinking water at the CDC's website: <http://apps.nccd.cdc.gov/MWF/Index.asp>

### **Future Meeting Dates—Tom**

- The doodle poll results indicate that Friday is still the best day for our meetings.

### **Legislative Committee Report—Bud O'Hara**

- There will be water conservation bill this but it is still unclear as to what will be in it.
- There will probably be a "right to float" bill again this year.
- There may also be a bill to limit the powers of the judicial branch.

### **Wastewater, December 8th meeting--Al**

- Steve Gunderson spoke about:

- budget shortfalls;
- the new legislature needs to be educated about water concerns.
- Dave Akers spoke about:
  - his desire to improve the Division's relationship with the Wastewater Utility Council. Perhaps this can be done through a discussion with key Division managers and a few Council members.
- A "special assessment" will be sent to members to help pay legal bills stemming from work done on the nutrient criteria.

### **Nutrient Criteria—Mary**

- The Colorado Water Resources and Power Development Authority (the Authority) has requested a cost/benefit analysis of the criteria as well as a delay of the nutrient criteria rulemaking hearing. The Authority is willing to contribute \$400,000 towards the cost/benefit analysis. On 1/10/11, the Commission will consider the request for the delay of the June 2011 hearing.
- Please consider attending one of the upcoming nutrient criteria meetings. This will help reinforce the idea that the option of a High Quality Reservoir designation is needed. If you prefer to attend by phone, contact Mary Fabisiak for specific phone-in information.

### **Water Conservation Committee—Alyssa**

- The Water Communications Conservations Guide is designed to help water utilities communicate the value of conservation to consumers, public officials and other key stakeholders. It is available at: <http://www.awwa.org/Resources/Waterwiser.cfm?ItemNumber=55474&navItemNumber=55644> ;
- The winter edition of the Colorado Waterwise newsletter is available at: <http://coloradowaterwise.org/Newsletter> ;
- There is a state-wide campaign throughout 2012 to celebrate the uses and value of water. See Attachment B to find out more, or contact the Colorado Foundation for Water Education at: [info@cfwe.org](mailto:info@cfwe.org) or 303-377-4433 or [www.cfwe.org/2012](http://www.cfwe.org/2012) ;
- In 2010, the Colorado Legislature passed a law requiring water providers to report data regarding water use and conservation. These reports will be addressed to the Colorado Water Conservation Board. The Board is currently developing guidelines for the reporting. Their next meeting on this is on January 13<sup>th</sup>;
- The RMSAWWA Conservation Committee will meet on Jan. 10<sup>th</sup> to discuss the training and certification effort;
- Northern Water Conservancy District is hosting training for landscape irrigation auditors. For more information, see: [http://www.newcd.org/news\\_information/web\\_news/LatestNews/LandscapeIrrigAuditorTrainingFlyerJan11.pdf](http://www.newcd.org/news_information/web_news/LatestNews/LandscapeIrrigAuditorTrainingFlyerJan11.pdf)

## **Water Quality Policy Committee—Jim**

- Jim has only received one set of comments on the Policy 4 guidance document. Please send your comments to Jim by January 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Impoundment Regulation
  - At the December 9<sup>th</sup> impoundment meeting, several utilities offered to collect and provide data to the Solid Waste Division. The Division is looking for 8 sets of data. The idea is to show the lack of potential for drinking water residuals to pollute groundwater. Analysis of in-plant processes for the full suite of groundwater standards is appropriate, It would be a good idea for water utilities to have a discussion about the data prior to providing it to the Solid Waste Division.
  - Also, perhaps we should do a cost/benefit analysis on our own.
  - The next meeting is Jan 21<sup>st</sup> from 1-3 in Building C at CDPHE, 4300 Cherry Creek Drive South.

## **Membership committee report--Greg**

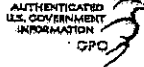
- Please send updates to Greg ASAP.

## **Open Discussion—All**

EPA has recently made a video titled Water you waiting for. It showcases the water profession for high school and vocational technical school students. It can be found at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/operatorcertification/wateryouwaitingfor/#>

## **Next Meeting**

- The next meeting will be on February 4, same time/place.



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One Hundred Eleventh Congress  
of the  
United States of America

AT THE SECOND SESSION

Began and held at the City of Washington on Tuesday,  
the fifth day of January, two thousand and ten

An Act

To amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to reduce lead in drinking water.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of  
the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Reduction of Lead in Drinking  
Water Act".

SEC. 2. REDUCING LEAD IN DRINKING WATER.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1417 of the Safe Drinking Water  
Act (42 U.S.C. 300g-6) is amended—

(1) by adding at the end of subsection (a) the following:

"(4) EXEMPTIONS.—The prohibitions in paragraphs (1) and  
(3) shall not apply to—

"(A) pipes, pipe fittings, plumbing fittings, or fixtures,  
including backflow preventers, that are used exclusively  
for nonpotable services such as manufacturing, industrial  
processing, irrigation, outdoor watering, or any other uses  
where the water is not anticipated to be used for human  
consumption; or

"(B) toilets, bidets, urinals, fill valves, flushometer  
valves, tub fillers, shower valves, service saddles, or water  
distribution main gate valves that are 2 inches in diameter  
or larger."; and

(2) by amending subsection (d) to read as follows:

"(d) DEFINITION OF LEAD FREE.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—For the purposes of this section, the  
term 'lead free' means—

"(A) not containing more than 0.2 percent lead when  
used with respect to solder and flux; and

"(B) not more than a weighted average of 0.25 percent  
lead when used with respect to the wetted surfaces of  
pipes, pipe fittings, plumbing fittings, and fixtures.

"(2) CALCULATION.—The weighted average lead content of  
a pipe, pipe fitting, plumbing fitting, or fixture shall be cal-  
culated by using the following formula: For each wetted compo-  
nent, the percentage of lead in the component shall be multi-  
plied by the ratio of the wetted surface area of that component  
to the total wetted surface area of the entire product to arrive  
at the weighted percentage of lead of the component. The  
weighted percentage of lead of each wetted component shall  
be added together, and the sum of these weighted percentages  
shall constitute the weighted average lead content of the  
product. The lead content of the material used to produce

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wetted components shall be used to determine compliance with paragraph (1)(B). For lead content of materials that are provided as a range, the maximum content of the range shall be used."

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The provisions of subsections (a)(4) and (d) of section 1417 of the Safe Drinking Water Act, as added by this section, apply beginning on the day that is 36 months after the date of the enactment of this Act.

*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

*Vice President of the United States and  
President of the Senate.*



**The year 2012 is a milestone for Colorado water.** It started as a small celebration of the anniversaries of legislation and organizations that built the foundation for today's Colorado water management. The idea has since grown to be a statewide celebration of water, its uses and its value. In 2012, all corners of Colorado will host events that educate our citizens on water's history and basic science, create awareness of current issues, highlight careers in water, create avenues for greater volunteerism and grow Colorado's culture of stewardship.

**There are currently over 80 individuals involved in planning activities for 2012.** They represent state and local governments, water providers, nonprofits, artists and interested community members. All are interested in hosting individual events within their organizations and communities. There is also a desire for the coordination of statewide events such as a media campaign, traveling displays, a symposium, K-12 activities, library reading programs, higher education events and much, much more.

**Help celebrate Colorado water in 2012.** There are many ways to be involved. Use the Water 2012 logo in your organization's promotions and events in 2012. Sign up for the email list to be notified of meetings and happenings. Check out the Water 2012 page at [www.cfwe.org/2012](http://www.cfwe.org/2012) to read minutes of past meetings or see discussions at the forum. Join a subcommittee that is already planning statewide activities, or if you don't see one that interests you, start your own and recruit people to join you. You can also plan your own local activities.

For more information or to be added to the mailing list, contact the Colorado Foundation for Water Education at [info@cfwe.org](mailto:info@cfwe.org) or 303-377-4433.