

Bear Creek Watershed Association Policy

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BCWA Policy 16 Membership Bear Creek Watershed Association

Statement of Basis and Purpose

The Bear Creek Watershed Association (Association) is established in the Bear Creek Watershed State Control Regulation (Regulation #74, 5 CCR 1002-74) (Control Regulation). The Colorado Water Quality Control Commission recognizes the Association as a designated Water Quality Management Agency under provisions of the Federal Clean Water Act and the Statewide Water Quality Management Plan. The control regulation defines the Association as:

74.2 DEFINITIONS

“Association” means the Bear Creek Watershed Association formed by intergovernmental agreement and by-laws, and consisting of general purpose governments, Title 32 Districts outside incorporated areas, and permitted industry, corporations, proprietorships, and agencies or other appropriate entities within the Bear Creek Watershed.

"Districts" means all special districts in the Bear Creek Watershed who provide water and/or wastewater service, and operate a treatment facility.

Bear Creek Watershed Association Board

The Bear Creek Watershed Association has three types of membership –Members, Participants, and Mailing List Status.

- ***Membership entities*** may include all designated representatives and/or alternatives from a general-purpose government, special district and all other National Permit Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permittees (Operational Agencies) as designated by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment in the Bear Creek Watershed.
- ***Participants*** may include entities, other than membership entities, that demonstrate vested interest and support for the Bear Creek Watershed management program as designated by the Association Board. A participant representative can represent each of the six major sub-watershed areas within the Bear Creek Watershed.
- ***Mailing List Status*** is an e-distribution list containing interested parties as approved by the Association Board, but these people, organizations, agencies are not counted as either membership or participant entities.

The Association Board reviews and approves the list of membership entities and designated participants in January of each year or as approved by the Board. The Association by-laws define membership, eligibility, and operations.

Membership Entities

1. Clear Creek County
2. Jefferson County
3. City of Lakewood
4. Town of Morrison
5. Aspen Park Metropolitan District
6. Conifer Sanitation Association

7. Denver Water Department
8. Denver City and County
9. Evergreen Metropolitan District
10. Forest Hills Metropolitan District
11. Genesee Sanitation & Water District
12. Geneva Glen
13. Tiny Town Foundation
14. Jefferson County School District (Conifer High School & Mt. Evans Outdoor School)
15. Kittredge Water and Sanitation District
16. West Jefferson County Metropolitan District

Designated Participants

1. U.S. Army Corp of Engineers - Tri-Lake District
2. Jefferson Conservation District
3. Evergreen Trout Unlimited

Eligible Participants or Occasional Attendees (Considered Not Active)

1. Colorado Department of Transportation - Region 1
2. Colorado Water Engineer, District Water Commissioner
3. Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment - Water Quality Control Division
4. Colorado Department of Parks and Wildlife
5. Conifer Metropolitan District (No Cost Share Payment)
6. Park County (Not Active, but listed in the Control Regulation)
7. Brook Forest Inn Treatment Facility (No Cost Share Payment)

Membership Policy

1. The Association Board has determined by majority vote that the *Bear Creek Watershed Association* will consist of a maximum of 25 membership entities and 12 designated participants.
2. Membership Entities are primarily from a general-purpose government, special district and all other National Permit Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permittees (Operational Agencies) as designated by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment in the Bear Creek Watershed.
3. The Association Board by majority vote may designate a new membership entity that is deemed eligible.
4. There can never be more participants than membership entities on the Association Board.
5. Participants must petition the Association Board for membership.
6. Participants must demonstrate an ongoing vested interest to remain on the Association Board.
7. All permitted wastewater dischargers are expected to be and remain members of the Association.
8. Membership Entities are the primary cost share funding source for the Association.
9. The Association will maintain a set of by-laws that define members and membership participation.