

Bear Creek Watershed Association

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BCWA Policy 36 Reservoir and Lake Management Cost Share



Statement of Basis and Purpose

The Bear Creek Watershed Association (BCWA) is established in the Bear Creek Watershed State Control Regulation (Regulation #74, 5 CCR 1002-74) (Control Regulation). The Control Regulation assigns water quality monitoring to the Association. Specifically, the Association must monitor Bear Creek Reservoir. Other lakes and reservoirs in the watershed may also require periodic or ongoing water quality monitoring to characterize water quality (e.g., Evergreen Lake as a designated direct use water supply). These lake or reservoir monitoring efforts provide a benefit to specific members. As such, the BCWA has determined that a special management cost share is appropriate for those designated members that benefit from these monitoring efforts. The cost share is based on a monitoring level of effort required by BCWA staff to monitor and report on the waterbody.

The management cost share will be based on the surface acres at normal pool of a designated lake or reservoir monitored by the BCWA. There are three waterbodies being monitored by the BCWA under the 2017 monitoring program (BCWA *PGO29 Bear Creek 2017 Sample Plan Version 2017.01*):

Bear Creek Reservoir (110 surface acres), Evergreen Lake (40 surface acres) and Summit Lake (40 acres). The BCWA Board has assigned Bear Creek Reservoir (listed in Control Regulation #74) and Evergreen Lake (Direct use water supply) as high-level of effort and significant reporting waterbodies. Summit lake is assigned as a Low-level of effort and minimal reporting waterbody.

Policy Position

The lake and reservoir annual management cost share for specific members that receive direct or indirect benefit from a BCWA water quality monitoring program is established based on surface acres and level of monitoring/reporting effort:

1. Low-level of effort and minimal reporting - \$25 per surface acre
2. Mid-level of effort and moderate reporting - \$60 per surface acre
3. High-level of effort and significant reporting - \$100 per surface acre

The annual management fee will apply for the duration BCWA monitoring for a designated waterbody. The BCWA Board will determine the level of monitoring and reporting, and assign a designation to a waterbody through the annual monitoring sample plan adoption each year.