

BEAR CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION

MEETING MINUTES

Association Co-Chairs: Pat O'Connell and Zoe Loftis

Financial Officers: Patrick O'Connell, Kevin Johnson, Jason Stawski

Program Manager: Kielty Diversified Projects

Technical Services: LRE Water

Wednesday, February 12, 2025

9:00 am – 10:30 am

9:00 AM - CALL TO ORDER & ESTABLISH QUORUM

The meeting was called to order at 9:01 am by Co-Chair O'Connell. A quorum was established.

9:05 AM - INTRODUCTIONS AND WELCOME

9:10 AM - ACTION ITEMS

AGENDA APPROVAL

A motion was made Zoe Loftis to approve the agenda as presented and was seconded by Bob Calley. The motion carried.

APPROVAL OF JANUARY 8, 2025, MEETING SUMMARY

A motion was made by Cindy Brady to approve the January 8, 2025, meeting minutes and was seconded by Gayle Gordon. The motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT – JANUARY FINANCIAL SUMMARY

A motion was made by Thomas Riggle to approve the January 2025 Financial Report and was seconded by Bob Calley. The motion carried.

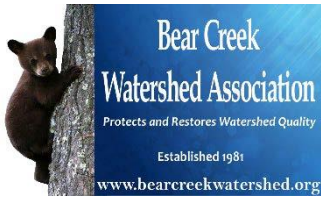
- **2025 BCWA PROPOSED BUDGET AND DUES**

Cost Share Invoicing will take place after the 2025 Budget and Cost Share is approved by the members.

The Division/Commission does not engage in pursuing dues owed by entities not participating in the BCWA cost share. This puts the financial burden on those entities that do participate.

The Foundation is discussing dissolution. A return of \$25,000 of Association funds will be part of the discussion. The Foundation would like to discuss the possible reallocation of the Association funds to other activities in the watershed. Should the Foundation dissolve, the Jefferson Conservation District would become the implementation agency for grants and projects.

There was discussion on which lab to use, GEI or Colorado Analytical. The costs are different and will impact the cost share dues for Reg 85 entities. Cost savings and time involved with sample drop off were discussed. GEI would still be used for other sampling.



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A motion was made by Cindy Brady to approve the 2025 Budget and Cost Share with revisions to the Regulation 85 entities new cost share split. It was seconded by Bob Caley. The motion carried.

Action: Discuss with Jojo La Commission support on regulation compliance for BCWA cost share entities. Jojo La, Administrator, Cell: 720-277-9262, jojo.la@state.co.us

Action: Send email to Gary Hague with information on process to request a dues reduction.

• INVOICES FOR PAYMENT (INVOICE PACKET)

- KDP – January 2025 Invoice 717 for \$2,644.00
- LRE Water – Invoice 28695 for \$2,271.00
- LRE Water – [Invoice 29183 for \\$3,217.50](#)
- GEI - Invoice 003168260 for \$1,536.00

Total Invoices for Payment - \$9,668.50

A motion to approve all invoices for payment was made by Jason Stawski and was seconded by Kevin Johnson. The motion carried.

9:25 AM – DISCUSSION

MANAGER (DIANE KIELTY)

• GOOGLE WORKSPACE STATUS

- New Email Address: diane@bearcreekwatershed.org

The process is underway to have BCWA documents transferred into the BCWA Google Drive.

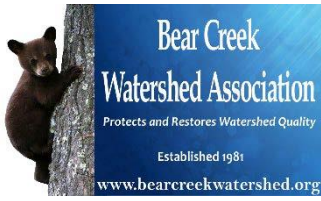
Action: All folders are to be transferred into the Google drive.

• WEBSITE UPDATE

The provider information for bearcreekwatershed.org. The Registrar is server whois.tucows.com. It expires on October 21, 2025.

ADA Compliance - Accessibility access ([accessiBe](#)) needs to be discussed to meet the July deadline for compliance.

• MAIL & BANKING UPDATE – NEW MAILING ADDRESS: PO BOX 150380, LAKEWOOD, CO 80215



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TECHNICAL (ERIN STEWART)

• 2025 REGULATION 85 SAMPLING SCHEDULE

- Sampling cost analysis review (Kevin Johnson and Bob Calley)
There was discussion on entities sampling independently or to continue with sampling through the BCWA. The Reg 85 data entities chose to go with Colorado Analytical, as long as the data can be documented as it has in the past and can meet detection limit recording.

Action: Remove Conifer Sanitation from Reg 85 data cost share.

Action: Adjust cost share dues to reflect switch to the Colorado Analytical lab.

Action: Kevin Johnson will contact Colorado Analytical to request account set up documentation be sent to Diane Kielty.

• 2025 SAMPLING ANALYSIS PLAN UPDATE

- Erin provided a review of the sheet that will be sent out with sampling sites and parties responsible for monitoring different sites. An analysis is being done on what has been monitored in the past to determine need and frequency for the revised SAP. Projects done over time have added sampling but there needs to be feedback on what sampling can be discontinued due to project completion and if other sites can be used. A composite Monitoring Detail Sheet will be sent to the members for input and to fill in information. The prior SAP was extremely detailed with Reg 85 data and other project data woven in. LRE suggests pulling additional monitoring efforts out of the main part of the SAP. The ongoing need for data loggers at all historical sites will be included in the SAP discussion since there may be some sites with loggers that may not be required.

Action: Erin Stewart will send the Monitoring Detail Sheet with a map to Diane Kielty to be distributed to the membership to request feedback.

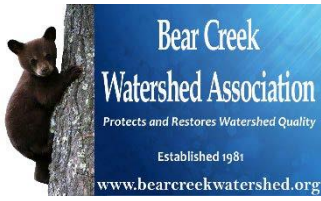
Action: A Technical Review Committee meeting will be held to discuss sampling responsibilities.

• DATA MANAGEMENT ALTERNATIVES

- Water Year 2024 – LRE has imported all 2024 data from the GEI data sheets. This will be utilized in developing a method for graphing purposes. They are working on temperature, probe information, depth profiles and plankton. The long-term analysis will take more time and LRE will do what they can with the budget, but it will require much more work to get it into a standard format.
- Historical Dataset – The direction is to focus on the data in the TMDL time period. Graphs with standards are being incorporated and will be used in the 2024 Annual Report.

• DRAFT BEAR CREEK RESERVOIR TMDL

- TMDL discussion and next steps – Questions were addressed at the recent meeting with CDPHE. It was confirmed that the model will be shared once the TMDL is in place. There was a request from the Division for



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recommendations. There were questions on implementation and enforcement. There was a request for BCWA to participate in the Feasibility Workgroup. This is an open work group. Members can sign up to participate at [Signup Form](#). The subgroup documents are available at [\[2\] Feasibility & Implementation Subgroup Meetings - Google Drive](#).

It will be helpful to reference the BCWA Trading Program if it is in the TMDL. The 90% reduction to internal loading is of interest for many watershed groups. The TMDL is a planning document. The numbers can change over time. Implementation strategies on the TMDL would be a good focus at this time. Having the Trading Program mentioned in the TMDL but having the program outlines separately from the regulatory process may be the desired route.

LRE will update the letter that was sent to CDPHE for the February 5th BCWA TMDL meeting, showing red marks on specific sections and will include recommended language. The letter is due to CDPHE by March 4th.

- Legal Review – The Jefferson County Attorney's Office spoke with HPK Water Resources legal firm. Expending resources on the TMDL will not take place at this time. The City of Lakewood also determined not to pursue legal counsel. This expenditure for the Association will be investigated. Past BCWA legal counsel provided a quote. The \$20,000 in the budget would get 40 hours. BCWA will get an estimate on how many hours would be anticipated for TMDL support.

Action: Pat O'Connell will contact the legal counsel for determination on services for BCWA.

Action: LRE will update the TMDL letter to submit by March 4th. A draft will be sent to the members by February 28th with the target to send to the Division by March 3rd.

- Available for review [here](#). **Comments will be accepted through March 4, 2025.** Comments may be submitted electronically to (joni.nuttle@state.co.us) or via mail, please see website for more info.

10:00 AM – MEMBER UPDATES & ISSUES FORUM

CITY & COUNTY OF DENVER

DENVER WATER DEPARTMENT

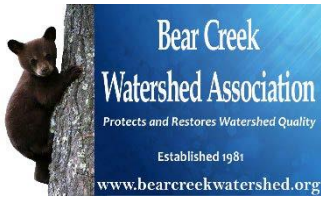
JEFFERSON COUNTY (PLANNING & OTHER)

- Working on an updated logo for BCWA.

CLEAR CREEK COUNTY (ENV. HEALTH & OTHER)

CITY OF LAKEWOOD

- A new Lakewood Stormwater Management staff member is being hired and will be assigned to the BCWA.
- EutroSORB ([EutroSORB | Phosphorus Filtration Technology](#)) absorb bags projects are being pulled out and will need to be replaced. The shelf life on the product is coming to term. Some of the bags are breaking down and are no longer effective. These should be checked. Lakewood will share more information on the status.



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WASTEWATER DISCHARGERS (PLANT UPDATES & OTHER)

- The Evergreen Metro District is moving to 60% design on the Biosolids Dewatering Project.

BEAR CREEK WATERSHED FOUNDATION

OTHER MEMBER UPDATES/ISSUES

10:58 AM – BCWA MEETING ADJOURNMENT

GENERAL INFORMATION

- The 2025 National Public Lands Day is on September 27th.** The cleanup will focus on the Clear Creek Corridor from Golden into Adams County as well as cleanup efforts on Lookout Mountain. The afterparty will take place at [Bear Creek Lake Park](#) thanks to partnering hosts with the City of Lakewood.
- BILL TOPIC:** HB25-1120, the Septic System Replacement Enterprise legislation currently under consideration by the House Energy & Environment Committee of the Colorado General Assembly. ([cdad5b_2a8928ee716d4b66be40ce03bb62a16d.pdf](#))
- BILL TOPIC:** Concerning Standards for the Determination of a Total Maximum Daily Load for State Waters. ([D:\dist\text\1099_01.txt](#))

Administrative Action Items

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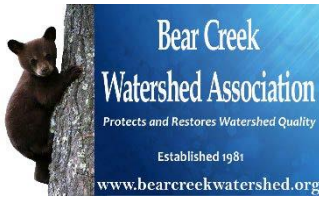
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Action: Schedule a hybrid meeting in 2025 at the Town of Morrison to hold a general meeting followed by a tour of the new Town of Morrison water plant.

Action: Plan a retirement celebration for Russ. This could be a lunch or other similar event.

Action: Research Conifer Metro online.

Action: The Financial Officers will review the 2025 budget and dues and consider dues adjustments for 2026.



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Technical Action Items

Technical Review Session meeting - Discuss the frequency for 2025.

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Action: Schedule a meeting for the samplers.

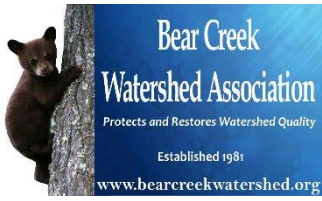
Action: The City of Lakewood will discuss their sampling program internally followed by a discussion with LRE Water and BCWA to develop a sampling plan going forward. Once the sampling plan is evaluated, BCWA will communicate with CDPHE. LRE will evaluate the data to prepare. A first pass on the sampling plan will be provided by LRE in January.

Action: LRE will receive additional Regulation 85 data from Kevin Johnson and develop a schedule for submission.

Action: Data files will be converted to prepare to consolidate data into one map with layers.

In Attendance

Member Organization	Representative	1st Alternate	2nd Alternate
Aspen Park Metro	Simon Farrell		
Brook Forest	Owe Dues		
City & County of Denver	Alan Polonsky		
Clear Creek County	Gary Hague		
Conifer Metro			
Conifer Sanitation			
Denver Water	Cindy Brady		
Evergreen Metro	Zoe Loftis	Jason Stawski	
Forest Hills Metro	Dominique Devaney		
Genesee	Bob Calley	Carl Osborne	
Geneva Glen			
Jefferson County	Patrick O'Connell		
Jefferson County Schools	Bonnie Begert	Ray Cosby	
Kittredge	Thomas Riggle		
Lakewood	Lee Blair	Erica Keyser	Hannah Porter
Morrison	Simon Farrell		
Park County			
Tiny Town			
West Jefferson County	Kevin Johnson		
Participant Organization			
Federal Land/USACE	Gene Seagle		
Jefferson Conservation District	Gayle Gordon	Margo Yousse	
State Regulatory/CDPHE	Joni Nuttle	Kindra Greentree	



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Evergreen Trout Unlimited			
Denver Mtn Parks			
EPA			

Consultants:

Erin Stewart/LRE, Molly Adams/LRE Water, Jessica DiToro/LRE Water, Diane Kielty/KDP