



## **MINUTES**

### **RMWEA/RMSAWWA Water Reuse Committee**

**September 19, 2007, 1:00 p.m. – Plum Creek Wastewater Authority (PCWA)**

#### **1. Attendees**

Tara Kelley, Will Koger, Curt Thompson, Georgene Porter, Scott Lehman, Tom Repp, Natalie Plegge, Tim Grotheer, Stan Thurber, Matthew Hayes, Richard Leger, Brad Zachman, Rob Demis, Janet Kieler, Steve Lohman, John Rehring, Kenan Diker, Frank Johns, Jenny Fifita, Stu Feinglas, Kristi Riegle (via phone)

#### **2. Colorado Regulatory Program**

**Final Forms/Guidance Documents:** The following forms have been revised and are posted on the website: Notice of Authorization, Letter of Intent, User Plan to Comply, and Agronomic Rate Policy.

**Draft Monitoring Policy:** A draft revised policy was distributed to the Committee prior to the meeting. Major changes include:

- Addition of first paragraph under the “Monitoring Requirements”
- Clarification of table 1 requirements
- Addition of all language regarding secondary treatment parameters throughout document including Table 2
- Addition of the first paragraph under “Other Monitoring” re flow measuring devices

The State felt that addition of the secondary treatment parameters language in the policy was the preferred method as opposed to addressing individuals without a discharge permit in those individuals’ NOAs. John Rehring asked if that one individual (without a discharge permit) for whom this language was added has had a chance to review the proposed modified language and neither the State nor others in the group remembered who that entity was. The group agreed with all of the changes but requested more clarity to the first paragraph under “Other Monitoring” re flow measuring devices. It was unclear whether this was referring to flow of secondary effluent or tertiary effluent. If secondary, was there a reason to have that requirement for those that already are covered under a discharge permit or those receiving reclaimed water from such a facility. If tertiary, Scott Lehman noted that flows will be variable and based upon peak day demands and amount of system storage. Janet Kieler will inquire with Margo Griffin. Margo will ultimately be making the modifications to the policy.

**Draft Annual Report:** The group discussed the usefulness of the Annual Report template. Although not many indicated they use it, the modifications will still be made to it once the Monitoring Policy is final.

**Reg. 84 Rulemaking Hearing:** Tara Kelley reported that there were no comments/questions re the proposed changes at the Rulemaking Hearing and the modified Reg. has been approved. It will become effective September 30, 2007. John R. asked whether any additional modifications to Reg. 61 are still required. These changes were originally proposed to ensure conformance between Reg. 84 and Reg. 61 and included a reference to allowance of reclaimed water for in-plant process uses at wastewater treatment facilities. The thought was the proposed Reg. 61 changes were no longer necessary. Janet K. will follow up with Jerry Raisch. It was mentioned that the next and last Reg. 61 workgroup meeting will be held on October 16, 2007 at 1 pm at Denver Metro, then the Reg will be into the hearing process. Kristi Riegle questioned how use at a wastewater treatment facility, which is currently exempted under Reg. 84, differs from if you offer the water to some industrial customer that uses it in a closed loop process. The group felt that the issue centered around 1) a higher level of training of wastewater treatment facility personnel to the potential health effects of reclaimed water (since they deal with raw wastewater on a daily basis), 2) protection of the municipality itself from a supply perspective.

### **3. Public Outreach/Public Information materials**

**Online Training Course for RMWEA:** The Reg. 84 online training course for RMWEA has been submitted and should be available on the RMWEA webpage (<http://www.rmwea.org/>) soon. RMWEA, in partnership with 360water Inc., offers State approved courses to Wastewater and Water Operators in the States of Colorado, New Mexico and Wyoming.

**Existing Tri-Fold Brochure:** The brochure has been finalized and the .pdf version was distributed to the Committee prior to the meeting. Currently only the City of Westminster has shown an interest in getting print copies, but only if another entity wanted to go in on it. Once there is a need, Tara K. will inquire with the City of Colorado Springs office services, the entity that printed them before, for a cost.

### **4. Web Page Revamp**

Jenny presented the rough draft outline of the webpage to the group. The group felt it was pretty comprehensive. Comments to the content and information that anyone might want to post on the webpage should be directed to Jenny Fifita. Right now the webpage subcommittee is only comprised of Steve Fisher, Jenny F., and Tara K. Anyone interested in helping out, please contact Jenny.

### **4. Other/New Business**

**WateReuse Association:** Currently, three utilities in Colorado are members of the WateReuse Association. If we get 5 utilities as members, we can form a local chapter. The benefit to this is we get 30% of the Colorado members' dues back each year for use in Colorado. This would help the Committee with more national exposure, as well as legislative information, current research, educational materials, etc. It is definitely a win-

win for the members. Westminster and Colorado Springs Utilities anticipate joining the association within the next year, pending budget approvals. This would bring us to the 5 utilities needed to form a local chapter. For information on the WaterReuse Association, go to [www.watereuse.org](http://www.watereuse.org)

**Secretary:** We have a new secretary! After the meeting, Natalie Plegge, PCWA, has graciously volunteered to be the new Committee secretary. Thank you, Natalie!

**New Chair for 2008:** Tara announced her intention to step down as chair of the committee in 2008 and is looking for a replacement. If interested, please contact Tara directly.

**Future Meetings:** Future meetings will continue to alternate between the Aurora Municipal Center and the Plum Creek Wastewater Authority on the second Tuesday of every other month from 1-3 pm. Future meeting dates through 2008 are:

11/13/07: Aurora

1/8/08: PCWA

3/11/08: Aurora

5/13/08: PCWA

7/8/08: Aurora

9/9/08: Location TBD, but meeting will probably be held at the RMWEA/RMSAWWA Joint Annual Conference in Colorado Springs or rescheduled

11/11/08: PCWA

All meetings at PCWA are held in the main conference room in the Administration Building. The specific conference room(s) at Aurora are TBD.

**Future Projects/Business:** The group discussed that future projects could center around public outreach, specifically assistance to users/addressing user concerns.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING:** November 13, 2007 @ 1 pm at the Aurora Municipal Building, room TBD.