January 2021 Membership Meeting Minutes

Location: Zoom Call

Date: Thursday January 21, 2021

Time: 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

10:00 – 10:10 AM
Welcome and Introductions by Phone
Attendees: Ty Long, Frank Johns, Brandi Honeycutt, Aliza Furneaux, Laura Belanger, Anya Kaufmann, Austa Parker, Michael Henley, Ben Stanford, Alex Gerling, John Rehring, Donene Dillow, Eric Dole, Dave Takeda, Ronda Sandquist, Shaun Thompson, Bret Eastberg, Wes Martin, Kevin Linder, Jason Assouline, Michael Bourke, Scott Summers, Damian Higham, Tyler Nading, Matt Benak, Shannon Spurlock, John Handzo, Bob Peters, Stephanie Riley, Kyria Bosma, Jill Vandegrift, Erin Carr, and Allegra da Silva

10:10 – 10:20 AM
Admin Items
a. New members
   Kevin Linder (Aurora Water) – welcome!

b. Financial Updates
   Using funds for DPR project
   Financial position is better than expected because of membership dues
   Laura Belanger – moved to approve income and expense sheet
   Bob Peters – seconded
   Unanimously approved

c. Approve November Meeting Minutes and Financials
Frank Johns – moved to approve November meeting minutes
Laura Belanger – seconded
Unanimously approved

10:20 – 10:35 AM
CDFPHE Updates

a. Reg 84 Updates
   Compliance “office hours” offered by CDPHE for treaters and end users
   Suggestion by Wes Martin to make it quarterly occurrence

b. Reg 84 Stakeholder Working Group Updates
   Phase 1 – Revised Regulation 84 draft is being internally reviewed; hope to get it out to stakeholders in the next week or two for review and comment; comment period will extend until April or May 2020; Phase 1 was about readability and reducing redundancies
   Phase 2 stakeholder process – dates for meetings will be released soon; Phase 2 involves how to add new uses in a less burdensome process
   Rulemaking in 2022

10:35 – 10:40 AM
National Updates

a. National Symposium March 15-25th, virtual
   Recognize Donene as National Rep over the past several years
   WRA priorities: implementation of the EPA National Water Reuse Action Plan; reauthorize and increase Title XVI funding; funding for Alternative Water Source Grants program; and develop interagency working group for water reuse
   WRA engagement with state sections: change from section “bylaws” to a different formal structure; discussion of liability insurance and state registration (WRCO does have both of these currently)

10:40 – 10:50 AM
DPR Rulemaking Project Updates

a. Updates
   Thanks to Laura Belanger for her past service in shepherding the process, contracting, etc.
   December 2020 – Lisa Carlson (facilitator) started work on the project; have set up a Steering Committee to get project kicked off; expect a stakeholder meeting invite from CDPHE (meeting will be in March 2021); overall schedule will be 18 months of stakeholder meetings followed by formal rulemaking; contact Brandi Honeycutt, Austa Parker, or Laura Belanger with questions
   People who were not involved in the past DPR project and want to be notified of stakeholder process info should contact Brandi Honeycutt (brandi.honeycutt@state.co.us)
10:50 – 11:00 AM  Ty Long
Awards Committee Needs
   a. Looking for volunteers
      Volunteer to “own” the awards committee – Jill Vandegrift
      Support volunteers – Bob Peters (can connect to Metro Roundtable), Austa Parker, Ty Long, Scott Summers
      Reach out to Jill Vandegrift (vandegriftjc@cdmsmith.com) to join the committee

11:00 – 11:10 AM  Ty Long
Future Meeting Logistics
   a. Virtual vs. in-person
      Some members are barred from in-person meetings for the time being
      During the May meeting, discuss format for September and November meetings
      Consensus that a hybrid platform is needed even for in-person meetings
   b. Increase remote attendance capabilities.
      Consider purchasing mic/speaker; need to understand logistics for different locations ahead of time
      Consider portable 360 camera in addition to the portable mic(s); purchase of equipment has already been approved in a past meeting; consider using individual laptop cameras for video if needed (or just use screen-sharing for slides and files, rather than video of people attending)

11:10 – 11:20 AM
   a. National Conference
      March 15-25th, virtual
      Discounted rate Register by Feb 1st for membership discount
      Will be a blend of pre-recorded sessions (March 1 – April 22) and live roundtables with breakout rooms; live roundtables will be recorded and will be viewable until April 22

11:20 – 11:40 AM  All
   a. Drought
      Is this an opportunity for advocacy?
      Aurora Water will need to run the IPR train hard this year as a result; going through maintenance
      WIFIA financing approved for several new reuse-related projects
   b. File Sharing
      Send files to waterreusecolorado@gmail.com
c. New standing agenda items
   Agricultural reuse in Colorado (Denver Water is considering a demonstration pilot on agricultural water reuse)

d. Water Plan & BIP
   Bob Peters will reach out regarding input to the Basin Implementation Plans on this topic and others; BIP for the South Platte should be out for public comment in June 2021; includes 4 overarching themes and a dozen goals under that
   BIP for Arkansas may include water reuse themes from Colorado Springs (per Laura Belanger)

e. PFAS (PFOA/PFOS and beyond)
   Big concern for Aurora Water as we move toward DPR
   Need to monitor policy trends around wastewater effluent (and challenges to biosolids land application); pencil in speaker on the topic for the July meeting; Allegra to work with Ty on it
   Michigan update on PFAS requested from Scott Summers
   The Analyst, a quarterly journal of the Association of Water Technologies, had an article by Katie Jones, et al. (Dewberry, engineering company) that gave a nice overview on the PFAS/PFOS subject. I would be happy to share the article if anyone is interested. If yes, please send an email to mdhenleywater@gmail.com.

f. Social Media
   Discussion about the value of being present in LinkedIn; moderator role (sharing the responsibility)
   Proposal to develop a social media plan (short-term commitment); no volunteer stepped forward so we will revisit in the future

11:40 – 11:50 AM
   All
   Upcoming Engagement Opportunities
   a. EPA Water Reuse Action Plan – Implementation Step Continues
      Check out the website for opportunities; update will be provided at the national conference as well

   b. DPR stakeholder process
      See notes above

   c. Reg 84 stakeholder process
      See notes above
Next meeting March 11 (virtual).

Please send Ty Long (TLong@rcac.org) agenda items in advance of the meeting

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| Proposed Meeting Dates 2021 |  |
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| March 11 (Adjusted for WateReuse Symposium) | Virtual |  |
| May 20                      | Virtual |  |
| July 15                     | Virtual |  |
| September 16                | TBD |  |
| November 18                 | TBD |  |