

Colorado WaterWise Board Meeting

Thursday, August 9th, 2018

Call In

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

P: Called-in via phone
X: Attended in-person

Board:

P	Amelia Nuding	Western Resource Advocates	amelia.nuding@westernresources.org
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P	Tyler Kesler	Boulder County	tkesler@bouldercounty.org
	Melissa Walford	CWW Board Staff	admin@coloradowaterwise.org

Guests:

Call to Order

Amelia called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM

Board Business and Action Items

Approval of July Board Minutes. Nina motions, Lyndsey seconds. July minutes are approved.

Symposium Update

The committee will be meeting the week after the board meeting so not too much to update on. Committee is still searching for keynote speaker, seeking additional sponsors, and working on finalizing speaker list. Pecha Kucha and Award Nomination deadline is Sept 8. As of 8/2/18 registration count is 35. Lyndsey mentioned that Jennifer from CSU has confirmed for discussion of Green Roofs.

Sustainable Denver Summit Tabling

Melissa has sent information about a tabling opportunity at the Sustainable Denver Summit on November 29. Diana, Laura, Nina, and Katie may be able to help with a portion of the day. Nina asked about registration and table registration details.

Diana will investigate and send those details.

CWCB Water Loss Update

Diana discussed that this is being funded by CWCB and they are working with Cavanaugh and Associates to offer water loss trainings over the course of the next two years. CWW has been invited to be a part of the steering committee – mostly as to be involved for outreach. Information has been placed on the website – news page only – and included in monthly email. Registration has opened for the program. Diana will be attending the next committee meeting next week.

Northern's G3/QWEL Program Discussion

Northern is in the process of offering trainings to their allottees of the G3 – Watershed Wise Landscape Training – which is similar to QWEL. Frank Kinder is certified in both G3 and QWEL and says that G3 is more robust and in depth than QWEL. Northern is planning to host a G3 class October 18 and 19 as well as the exam. They are also considering offering QWEL training. And they also offer IA training and exams. They are offering multiple training options because they aim to provide a wide range of option to their various allottees. Both G3 and QWEL go over watershed understanding and irrigation audits. G3 is a bit more of a holistic approach, less herbicide and pesticide use and includes more on retaining rain water on site. Diana asked about the costs difference, Lyndsey explained that Northern has the two-day classes listed at \$100. G3 can be modified to be used by the public whereas QWEL and IA are more focused to utilities and more technical in nature. IA also offers various trainings and certifications whereas QWEL and G3 only have one certification.

Round Robin

Darren – Resource Central (RC) has been focused on turf removal and replacement. Based on feedback RC has found that many residents are interested in making the change but not sure where to begin. RC decided to offer Professional landscape designer visit with residents for 45 minutes. Often residents had a lot of questions about improving their irrigation system and talking about specific plants which made some of the appointments loose value. Instead, RC is training their own staff to address some of these questions as a part of the Slow the Flow program. Diana asked about the cost – Darren said it was \$80 for a combined Slow the Flow/landscape designers appointment for covered utilities. For those outside of the service area is \$100.

Amelia – WRA has created protocols for monitoring and verifying water savings from three different water saving options. **Amelia will send to board the protocols** for measuring and verifying water savings associated with turf replacement, irrigation improvements, and cooling tower retrofits, and water meter replacements (almost finalized). Created specifically for performance contracting industry – large energy service providers and do water efficiency. Darren, Diana and Lyndsey are interested in the protocols.

Tyler – Boulder will be launching Arbor Day program in late fall on a small scale. They will be promoting through existing energy smart program. Arbor Day is also trialing a cost share option for residents with Boulder County contributing 60%.

Eric – Fort Collins just launched Rachio trial project, 300 controllers that will be professionally installed and calibrated. Homeowner is required to pay install, but Fort Collins covers the cost of controller. Fort Collins will have access to the cloud to monitor data. Darren and Eric are doing a Lunch 'n Learn in November.

Katie – Last month Fountain issued an RFP for a sustainable action plan for city staff. Also doing a “Soil is Alive” class in September.

Amy – Is CWW interested in doing a “state of the state of water conservation in CO” every year? People like the idea, but how to do it? Time intensive and would need a grant (maybe CWCB). 1051 data is available, so we could use outside services or survey our membership. Amy might be interested in doing a strawman. How to narrow the scope? Geographically (e.g. front range). **Amy will put together a strawman, and the board can develop the scope further.**

Laura – Looking for resources on water efficiency in new development – Focuses of plan include; incorporate water and energy efficient into city plans and how best to integrate all plans, land use, LEED certification for commercial buildings, tap fee design, separate irrigation meters for non-residential, multi-family sub metering, landscape standards, one water, right of way and median standards. **If anyone has plans or information, please send them to Laura.**

Diana – Aurora has spent the whole rebate budget for the first year – mainly attributed to smart controller rebates. “Know your Flow” program with monthly report which compares their water use to standards based on weather data.

Lyndsey – Fall Field day on Sept 14th.

Wrap up and Adjourn

Diana adjourned the meeting at 11:10 AM.

Submitted by:

Melissa Brasfield