

Colorado WaterWise Board Meeting

Thursday, April 13, 2017
Western Resource Advocates
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

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

Board:

X	Amelia Nuding	Western Resource Advocates	amelia.nuding@westernresources.org
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X	Ruth Quade	City of Greeley	ruth.quade@greeleygov.com
X	Melissa Walford	CWW Board Staff	admin@coloradowaterwise.org

Guests:

Rick Shultz – Castle Rock
Drew Beckwith – Western Resource Advocates
Mike Fink – Fountain Water – Standing in for Rose-Marie

Member Currents

Drew Beckwith – Western Resource Advocates gave a Legislative Update.

- 4 Water efficiency/conservation bills that have been introduced since our update last month.
 - HB-1248 - Projects Bill – CWCB permission on how to spend money including funding from Severance Tax. Chair of House Ag Committee. Currently looks at about \$30-50 million mostly for Water Plan implementation.
 - Section 9 – \$1.1 Million water loss training and resource – M36 Training similar
 - Section 10 – \$268,000 Non-potable reuse and graywater. CDPHE to get funding to update regulations
 - Section 14 – \$1 Million long term strategy for drought and land use planning – webinar series.
 - Current status: through House – in senate
 - HB-1008 – Graywater is currently regulated by local government. This bill would provide exemption for graywater research at Academic & Water Providers. Big application would be the CSU's Pilot and Denver Water facility at the National Western Complex redevelopment.
 - SB-252 – Performance contracting – mostly around energy currently. This bill would include water meter replacement with a financing requirement based on accuracy of savings.
 - HB-1273 – Encourage greater water efficiency in new development. For development projects of 50 units or larger – proof of water availability required before development. Require developer to include water conservation measures into the development.

- All 4 are likely to pass. Amelia asked if any of these would benefit from a letter of support from CWW. Drew said HB-1273 would be the only one. **Drew will send the one sheet to Amelia to spread to the board for email vote approval to support.**
- St Jude - Fish ditches – western slope land owners divert water for private fish ponds. “Aesthetic” water law
- Lead testing – funding for rural schools for lead testing

Amelia called the meeting to order at 10:29 AM

Call to Order

Board Business and Action Items

Approval of March Meeting Minutes: Amelia moved to approve the minutes. Alyssa second. Board approved March meeting minutes.

Board Nomination – Email Approval of Keith – welcomed Keith to the board.

Support Letter for EPA WaterSense through Alliance for Water Efficiency (AWE) and USGBC Letter – Email Approval and Letters to Bennett and Gardner – Meeting vote approval. Diana made motion to approve. Lindsey Second. Board approved Letter. **Melissa to include announcement in May Newsletter. Darren and Melissa will work on getting the letter mailed and emailed out.**

Financial Update – Lyndsey Lucia provided update

- Memberships is over budget for 1st quarter by \$8000, but this is similar (though a bit lower) than last year because a lot of membership are up for renewal in the first quarter.
- Good standing in checking and savings accounts
- Keith asked what the fiscal calendar is. Amelia said it is calendar year.
- Rick asked how members are notified of the membership expiring. Frank explained that process of email notification – both personalized and automated.

Organizational Handbook Review – Diana Denwood

- Diana mentioned there are a lot of formatting changes for consistency. Reviewed comments
- Page 9 – Secretary Responsibility – Remove elected by membership
- Page 14 – Goals for Membership Committee – Diana updated the goals that were discussed for each committee. Diana will separate short and long term goals. Lunch & Learn committee – Remove language
- **Page 29 – WaterWise newsletter procedure – advertising committee removed, specific details removed. Ruth will edit that section and send to Diana**
- Page 30- #15 – remove comment on sending postcard
- Page 31 – Advertising Guidelines – Remove
- Page 38 – Bylaws – Article 2.10, Directors – Waiver Section. 501.c.3 – requirement
- Page 39- Article 4, Officers – include language on co-chairs not just a singular position
- Lindsey B. mentioned removing Project Proposal – Strawman Page 28

Rocky Mountain AWWA Update – Frank

- Ongoing partnership discussions with RMAWWA – they have numerous committees that we may want to be a part of. Trustees invited us to participate in a meeting – Frank did not attend – but they were sent info on CWW.
- Conservation committee – Lyle from Aurora is Chair of that committee – Frank asked if anyone has interactions with that organization. Diana attends conservation committee because of CII. Keith asked about the possibility of competition. Amelia explained that there are possibly overlap in content – but not really competition because they are not a membership driven committee like CWW. **More of a possibility of cross promotion for resources and events. April 20th is the next meeting. Frank will send out the committees and see if there are other committees that we would be interested in.** Diana said she would reach out to Lyle on how much promotion they would like for attendance at the committee meetings.

Committee Updates

- Tools & Technical Assistance – Chair Becky F.
 - Moving forward with webinar scheduled with RESNET Index – 25th or 26th. Using this webinar to engage members. Next meeting committee to discuss case studies work and development. Frank discussed RESNET – complimentary to WaterSense – indoor and outdoor component. **Melissa and Frank to discuss with them to finalize goal and timing of the webinar.** Amelia discussed intern to work with case study development.
- Newsletter Committee – Ruth
 - Summer issue – Articles due May 1st – looking for someone to spotlight. Amelia mentioned industry member – CO Ski County or TOTO or WaterSmart. Board decided to offer CO Ski Country to be the Industry Spotlight. Sections within the Newsletter: Editorial, 1-2 features, Conservation, Education, ICI, Xeriscape, Plant, Green Industry, Leg, western slope, book/movie/documentary review, CWW update. **Amelia to work on CWW Update.** Frank asked if others send the email to people in their organization – some members do share throughout network. **Keith will write a piece for the June letter on irrigation.**
- Summit Committee - Ruth
 - Ruth has created timeline and will share. Call scheduled for the 24th to discuss timeline, content, location. **Melissa will include info in May email blast to members on content, speakers, etc.**
- LLYLI
 - Met on Monday with Jayla – planning hiking/social media event around the 14ers with CWF with potential for sponsorship from REI, CO mountain club. Trying to do event July/August timeline. Amanda with South Adams is helping with committee – a lot of social media interactions. Board to hike a 14er to engage on social media.
 - Spanish fact sheet is done and ready to go.
 - All the images on fact sheet are separated into jpgs for use on website, social media.
 - Laura is working on shopping cart for website. 3 goals for cart – partnerships, wholesale, retail.

Other Business

Diana asked about needing assistance with finding a presenter for the next member currents. She wants to do it on Rainwater collection. Rick recommended Tyler Dell (CSU) and mentioned he made presentation at ProGreen.

Frank chatted with Becky Garber at ALCC about their career pathways program – high school and college students working with irrigation contractors.

Wrap up and Adjourn

Amelia adjourned the meeting at 12:02 PM

Submitted by:
Melissa Walford