SP CURE
SOUTH PLATTE COALITION
FOR URBAN RIVER EVALUATION

SP CURE Holiday Board Meeting

Tuesday, December 20, 2022 – 9:00 am

Meeting Location:
Hybrid Meeting at Brown and Caldwell

December Meeting Summary

High Level Take-Aways

- Mo Fair presented on the Sand Creek Regional Greenway Partnership.
- SP CURE discussed opportunities to connect with environmental groups and increase outreach about our organization.
- SP CURE reviewed and finalized text for the Regulation 31 RPHS.

Action Items

- BC to finalize Regulation 31 RPHS, share with SP CURE, and submit to WQCC.
- BC to contact Jojo La and request opportunity to present to the WQCC.
- BC to initiate environmental group contact list.

1. **Discussion and Approval of November Meeting Summary**

   Jim Dorsch made a motion to approve the November meeting minutes. Dan DeLaughter seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

2. **Sand Creek Recreational Opportunities**

   Mo Fair presented on the Sand Creek Regional Greenway Partnership (Partnership). Mo is the Executive Director and has been with the organization for 4 years. The area was previously a neglected, superfund site. It has been developed into a trail with unique and diverse opportunities that serves the three cities of Aurora, Commerce City, and Denver.

   The Sand Creek Greenway provides opportunities from sunrise to sunset with trail heads in each city, year-round restrooms, and areas of paved trail from Denver to the South Platte. Activities include:

   - Birding & winter bird counts
   - Fishing
   - Picnicking
   - Youth events

   In 2023, the Partnership will provide new signage, wellness programs, and increased accessibility for those with mobility issues. In addition, they will be adding 2 more full-time and 2 more part-time staff and an education intern. The new staff will focus on outdoor equity, a wellness program, and a natural science assessment program that includes water quality sampling. For more information and opportunities to engage, view the website at: https://www.sandcreekgreenway.org/

3. **Discussion on Protection of Urban Streams**

Meeting attendees discussed protection of urban streams. There is a disconnect between regulators and the environmental community with regards to this topic. The environmental community perceives that urban streams are not being protected and tools available are not sufficient. They are becoming more involved in the regulatory process, such as in Regulation 38. As a result, the process is becoming politicized. The environmental groups and regulated entities are split.

SP CURE discussed how we can connect with the leaders of environmental groups. We are trying to get to the same end point—environmental stewardship and improved water quality. However, environmental groups want quick outcomes whereas we see this as a long-term process. In addition, environmental groups want stringent standards (get to zero) whereas we are focused on meeting water quality standards. The discussion could focus on what we have in common, such as jobs, treated wastewater, and more.

Thus far, engagement has been a challenge. Meeting attendees discussed next steps to initiate outreach.

- SP CURE would like to present to the Commission. BC to contact Jojo La to request 10-20 minutes for this.
- Prepare a list of organizations and contacts that SP CURE can use for meeting invites and targeted outreach. BC will initiate this list.
- SP CURE to invite stakeholders to two meetings per year. The meetings can highlight success stories such as source assessment studies required for PFAS.
- Update the white paper about SP CURE. The monitoring committee will work on this in 2023.
- After white paper is complete, SP CURE will make a presentation “about us” that can be used for outreach purposes.

4. **Regulation 31 RPHS**

The Draft SP CURE RPHS supports the McCutchen Report and Colorado Wastewater Utility Council RPHS. The draft was shared with SP CURE last week, and meeting attendees discussed the draft. Overall, the group liked that the draft is succinct and to the point. Dan DeLaughter recommended two more items to add to the RPHS in support of South Platte Renew. Those items are (1) should use PQLs (not MDLs) for reporting and (2) revert to original timeline for phased implementation. Jim Dorsch made a motion to approve the draft RPHS with Dan’s proposed additions, and Sherry Scaggiari seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

BC will revise the RPHS to include the new language, disseminate the final with SP CURE, and submit the RPHS to the WQCC.

5. **Discuss Project Updates**
    a. **Colorado Monitoring Framework** – All member meeting coming up, working on finalizing date and agenda for this. Task Order for next review is in development, and still looking for PFAS funding.
    b. **CWQMC/CDSN –** Wrapped up data call for Colorado basin in the fall. CDSN received a mini-grant w CDPHE to work on non-point source sponsors and encourage watershed groups upload data. The grant will fund training and fact sheets. Next fall is data call for South Platte Basin (July 2021 – June 2022).
    c. **BMW Watershed** – Erin Sandos provided draft RPHS for upcoming nutrient hearing with focus on phasing of implementation of TMDLs – asking for clarity on existing

TMDLs and that it would not be helpful to have new TMDLs adopted for these new parameters.

d. **Monitoring Committee** – October meeting hosted the round robin. Santiago from Thornton is still compiling data, more info to come on this.

6. Budget Update

The budget is up to date, and there are no unplanned expenses.

7. Other Topics and Announcements

None.

8. Next Meeting Dates

January 17,2023 – Virtual
February 21, 2023 – Virtual
March 21, 2023 – Virtual

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Attendance Record

Present	Name	Organization
	Juliana Archuleta	Adams County
X*	Sherry Scaggiari	Aurora Water
	Zachary Trabold	Aurora Water
X*	Julie Tinetti	Centennial W&S
X*	Brian Tietze	City and County of Denver
	Jon Novick	City and County of Denver
X*	Michael Probasco	East Cherry Creek Valley W&S
X*	Sara Brewer	East Cherry Creek Valley W&S
X*	Curt Bauers	FRICO
X*	Brian Tracy	City of Golden
X	Jim Dorsch	Metro District
X*	Jordan Parman	Metro District
	Mark Koch	Molson/Coors
	Mark Cubbon	South Adams County W&S
	Gary Smith	South Adams County W&S
X*	Dan DeLaughter	South Platte Renew
	Nicole Laurita	South Platte Renew
	Eric Marler	Suncor Energy (U.S.A.)
X*	Caleb Owen	Thornton
	Shay Shih	Thornton
	Steve Materkowski	UDFCD
X*	Christine Johnston	Xcel Energy
X*	Sarah Reeves	Coordinator, Brown and Caldwell
X*	Beth Albrecht	Brown and Caldwell
X	Erin Donnelly	Brown and Caldwell
X	Mo Fair	Sand Creek Regional Greenway Partnership

*Joined virtually/by phone