



**SP CURE Board Meeting**  
**Tuesday, June 20, 2023 – 9:00 am**

Meeting Location:  
Virtual Meeting

## Meeting Summary

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### High Level Take-Aways

- SP CURE prepared for the Water Quality Forum retreat.
- The monitoring committee continues to brainstorm presentation/approach for future Roadmap Meeting.
- Confluence at the Confluence this year will focus on watershed groups collaborating and sharing information.

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### Action Items

- Beth to share WQF email about extension for workgroup submittals.
- Curt to share DSN newsletter.
- Erin to share recording of monitoring committee meeting.
- WQF Retreat – See attachment for list of items to comment on.
  - Sarah to share rationales when available.
- BC to finalize and submit taxes for fiscal year April 1, 2021 – March 31, 2022.

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### 1. Discussion and Approval of May Meeting Summary

Gary Smith made a motion to approve the May meeting minutes. Dan DeLaughter seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

### 2. Water Quality Forum – Prep for WQF retreat

Dan, Julie, Erin, Sherry, Jim, and Eric will be attending.

#### a. Workgroup process/formation of TACs

Aluminum workgroup will continue and plans to meet infrequently (1-2 times per year). There's a lot of value in the discussion. Much of the support came from West Slope participants. This workgroup is unique and does not have Division participation. The Division plans to address this after the nutrients were adopted, so the group wants to study it now to understand impacts of alum in treatment. It does have EPA and CPW participation. The workgroup provides updates to the Division, including access to minutes and presentations. The group focuses on the science and sticks to it.

WQF has not received any other proposals from workgroups on their website, so they have extended the submittal deadline. Proposals can be submitted directly and bypass the website. Beth will share this email with SP CURE.

Sarah provided an update from the most recent WQF steering committee meeting. The meeting included Mindi May, Jojo La, and others. They discussed issues at hand. Jojo emphasized that we need to come into this closer together, and we need to meet in the middle. The issues need to be dealt with before coming to the Commission.

Jim mentioned that Jojo and the Division are limiting access to the Commission from organizations outside the Division and State. Because of this, the Commission doesn't have an understanding of what organizations are doing to address water quality issues. This approach shuts down informing and communicating with the Division. This needs to be brought up. The Commission will be better prepared if they understand what stakeholders are concerned about, what they are actively doing for water quality, and the sentiment coming into the hearing. Sherry mentioned that Aurora has offered tours of treatment facilities, but this has not happened.

Sherry mentioned that permit renewal process for treated water discharge has gone better. The Division participated on tours and was in communication with stakeholders. This is a positive shift in the approach.

What are the "hard pile" issues? We need to discuss these even though the Division does not like being put on the spot. Jim mentioned that we need time to ponder before responding about these issues. It's important to talk about the issue sooner than later.

At the nutrient hearing, the process was postponed allowing for more time to analyze the proposal. This was needed, and participants found it helpful. Because of the Nutrient TAC, the Division took an alternative approach that ultimately resulted in postponing the hearing. Sherry was on the TAC, and they also did not receive the information with enough advance notice. They did not have time to do a deep dive. In addition, she expressed that the TAC could have more experts on it. Overall, there was a lack of transparency with data and information.

In future TACs, the stakeholders could pay a 3<sup>rd</sup> party expert to participate. The timeframe is short, and Dan described it as a "train with no brakes." There is a lack of resources (time and staff) across the board. These sentiments should be shared at the retreat.

- b. Addressing 3rd Party Requests re Permit Modification – should this be a topic that is brought up at WQF Retreat? How did WWUC discussion go?

This was brought up at the WWUC meeting. Participants expressed concern and showed interest in discussing this further. SP CURE's biggest concern is the lack of notification prior to publishing the permit amendment in the bulletin. And is the South Platte River next? Can this happen through narrative standards as well?

This is not on the agenda for the retreat, and we aren't sure if this is the best place to have this conversation. There is a desire to raise communication concerns with permits as a whole. These concerns need to be shared carefully so the Division does not feel attacked. The Permit Issues forum could raise the issue through the webinars. The group will be submitting a rationale, although it does not explicitly mention communication on permits. They are rebranding the workgroup as "Permittee Communication and Engagement." SP CURE will support this workgroup rationale.

- c. Feasibility Workgroup

SP CURE is interested in participating in scoping. We have not seen the rationale on this yet. Dan brought up a few concerns that could be addressed including:

- RO Treatment. It's not feasible to do this everywhere, and the Division has mentioned this.
- Capital projects timeline. The compliance duration timeline is currently at whim of permit writer.

Other options to consider include:

- Timeline
- Costs

- Nutrient trading
- Site-specific standards

Sarah to forward rationale when available. We will also provide a summary email prior to retreat. Dan scheduled a meeting next Tuesday from 2-3pm. SP CURE members can participate.

i. Option to consider Integrated Planning?

The permitting authoring toolkit was updated last month. This tool will help regulators understand how integrated planning can be used. In addition, there is funding available to address integrated planning.

Integrated planning, One Water, and Integrated management plans all appear to be the same thing. We could benefit from learning more about integrated planning and how it fits into feasibility.

d. Reg 22 Workgroup

Construction flexibility – maintain permit rating and full site approval but only have to build to near-term capacity. This will avoid overbuilding. The other option is to de-rate, which facilities would not want to do for practical and legal reasons.

Historical lift stations – Division acknowledges they do not have a good handle on lift stations and are developing a streamlined process to gather/collect this information.

The rationale has not been released, and we are waiting to see what is included. The Division may not include both issues. This is a concern. The topic is “meaty” and is hard to pause and restart. We do not want to see a delay. SP CURE will support this workgroup and emphasize importance of keeping momentum.

### 3. Partnership Opportunities – Update on current initiatives and next steps

The two current partnership opportunity initiatives include WQF and Roadmap Meeting. The monitoring committee continues to brainstorm presentation topics and approach for this presentation. Beth and Aimee Konowal will follow up in October to set the presentation date.

### 4. Confluence at the Confluence – Update on planning/next steps

The group kicked off planning for this year. We were joined by various watershed groups, including Casey Davenport, Russ Clayschulte, and Jane Clary. The group made a few decisions on theme, event format, and approximate date.

- Theme – watershed group collaboration
- Event format – similar to previous years, one day, free attendance, with mixture of presentations, stories, and panels
- Date – middle/end of October

### 5. Discuss Project Updates

- Colorado Monitoring Framework** – Currently CMF is organizing the next board meeting. The focus activities for the remainder of the year include PFAS deliverables and communication, and further definition of CMF’s role.
- CWQMC/CDSN** – Undergoing data call for Reg 93 for South Platte Basin. Lynn with DSN needs notification by July 1<sup>st</sup> if you need assistance. Curt to share annual newsletter.
- BMW Watershed** – Next week is stakeholder meeting. Usually includes activities like tour at the Lake. As a result of the Nutrients Lakes & Reservoir hearing, BMW is considering site-specific standards and discussed approaches.

- d. Monitoring Committee** – Monitoring committee met this month. USGS joined the meeting, and they will be doing monthly PFAS sampling on Cherry Creek. Erin will share a meeting recording with the group. USGS provided an update on their South Platte project and habitat mapping that will take place prior to restoration activities. The group brainstormed parameters for round robin, aluminum, sulfate and potentially ammonia.

## **6. Budget Update**

The budget is up to date.

The taxes for fiscal year April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022 are being reviewed by Christine and Dan. Mike will address their comments and submit the filing. Because we are e-filing, no physical signature is required.

## **7. Other Topics and Announcements**

## **8. Next Meeting Dates**

July 18, 2023 - Virtual

August 15, 2023 – Virtual

September 19, 2023 – Virtual

Attachment A – SP CURE Talking Points for 2023 Water Quality Forum Retreat

**SP CURE Board Meeting: June 20, 2023**  
**Attendance Record**

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

\*Joined virtually/by phone