



UPPER CLEAR CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION

Regular Meeting Agenda

Thursday, December 14, 2023 · 8:30am-10:30 am · Online Virtual
meeting

Call to Order/Establish Quorum

Introduction of Visitors

Agenda Approval

Approval of Minutes – [UCCWA November 9, 2023 Minutes](#)

Secretary/Treasurer Report – [UCCWA Financial Summary November 2023](#)

Account Status: CHECKING (11/27/23) \$ 6,786.01

SAVINGS (11/27/23) \$68,747.24

INVESTMENTS (09/29/23) \$22,234.66

Invoices: KDP Invoice #641 for \$820.00 for secretary/treasurer and webpage management.

Referrals

- Idaho Springs RV Park Lift Station A and Force Main - Request for Referral Modification ([Modification Request Memo](#))

Water Quality Incident Reports

- The City of Idaho Springs notified the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment on Friday, November 10, of a release of untreated mine drainage water from one of the lines bringing water to the Argo Tunnel Water Treatment Facility. A company doing underground boring accidentally breached the Big 5 Tunnel transfer pipeline near the intersection of Colorado Blvd and 17th Avenue in Idaho Springs. Upon notification of the breach, Argo facility operators shut down the pump to prevent further release. We believe the initial release of untreated water was approximately 8,000 gallons, based on in-line flow measuring. Argo facility workers sent an emergency notification message to downstream water users on Friday, November 10. However, because the collection system exceeded its storage capacity, mine water will continue to discharge into Clear Creek at a rate of approximately 18 gallons per minute until the repair is completed. Facility workers plan to repair the line this week, after obtaining the necessary parts. We will send a notice through this email list once the necessary repairs are complete. We are currently analyzing water samples to determine the extent of potential impacts from the release.

Other Business

- UCCWA Submission 12/2/2023 - RFA #42262, Water Quality Control Division Nonpoint Source Funding Announcement

- Pinyon Environmental as Fiscal Agent
- Addendum to Watershed Plan Update Contract – Grant administration built into grant applications.
Action: Vote on Watershed Plan Update Contract Addendum
- UCCWA Secretary/ Treasurer and Management Roles Subcommittee Update (Pat O’Connell)
- Standing Items:
 - **LRE Regulatory Update** (Jessica DiToro) ([November 28 Reg Update](#))
 - **Floyd Hill / Technical Team** (John Curtis & Jo Ann Sorensen) [I-70 Floyd Hill to Veterans Memorial Tunnels Design and Construction — Colorado Department of Transportation \(codot.gov\)](#)
 - **Bakerville SWEEP Update** (Kerry Major & Ryan Zabel) No update.
 - **Clear Creek Watershed & Forest Health Partnership Update** (Diane Kielty)
 - Letters of Support from UCCWA: [WaterSmart](#), [MRT WSRE](#), and [Wildfire Ready Watersheds](#) grant applications.
 - CSM Bakerville Student Project won "Best of award" for Environmental impact.

Member Updates

Announcements

- [January 23rd-25th, 2024 | Water Transmission Pipeline Engineering and Management.](#) This course will provide insight into how different pipeline materials degrade over time. Join to gain an insight on how to approach large-diameter pipeline management.
- [April 15th-17th, 2023 | Partners in the Outdoors | Colorado Parks & Wildlife.](#) Save the date. The Partners in the Outdoors Conference is Colorado's foremost opportunity to cultivate common ground, explore best practices of partnering, and design collaborative solutions with diverse voices and stakeholders to conserve Colorado's outdoor heritage. Our annual conference has quickly become one of the signature events in Colorado bringing together organizations, agencies, schools, businesses and communities engaged in the future of Colorado's conservation and outdoor recreational opportunities.

Adjournment

Next Meeting: **January 11, 2024**