Agenda

1) **Call to Order**

   **Nathan Adams** - Called the forum to order at

   **Forum Members** - Stacey Van Diest, Nathan Adams, Greg Reed, Jim Kerr, Brandon Garden, Andrew Hickman, Grant Perkins

   **Guests on Lifesize** - Adrian Noriega, Amber Dehn, Andy Alvirez, Anthony Morikawa, Ashley Jacobson, Bob Mann, Brett W, Cameron Billows, Chris Natoli, Curtis Orthel, Daniel Despain, Don Geary, Don Kalkoske, Elizabeth Kingsland, Gregory Heck, Jason Webb, Justin Gilliam, Katrina Pasqual, Kyler Simpkins, Linh Kieu, Matthew Martensen, Nicholas Nelson, Robert Cobb, Steve Schroeder, Steven Acree, Steven Hampton, Will Raymond, Crystel Montecinos, Mike Boney

2) **Approval of Forum Minutes from December 16, 2020.** – **Action Item**

   **Greg Reed** - Motion to Approve

   **Jim Kerr** - Second

   **Unanimous**

3) **Wastewater Regulatory Updates: Katrina Pasqual, NDEP BWPC**

   **Katrina Pasqual** - Updated everyone with regulatory changes that were approved last year. With the SEC requirement for a review of the program changes in 2018. There were a couple of major changes that were done. The first change was the initial contact hours requirements for grade one and grade two were reduced by 10 for each. For grade one, there is a requirement for 50 contact hours and for grade two there is a requirement of 100 accumulative contact hours. The other major change has to do with the certificate. That is no longer going to expire after 5 years. The new certificate is now renewable after every two years with the inclusion of 5 separate contact hours. These changes came into effect last August. If anyone has any questions, they can contact Katrina Pasqual.
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4) **Wastewater Exam Results & Review: Ashley Jacobson, NWEA**

   Ashley Jacobson- Stated that as of today, they have had 55 exams for wastewater. They have a 27% passing rate. They are having a lot of new people that aren’t in the industry apply due to the requirements in their jobs. Exams are still on hold until the state of open 100%. They are planning to have the written exam in August at the Tri-State Conference.

5) **Drinking Water Regulatory Updates: Crystel Montecinos / Linh Kieu, NDEP BSDW**

   Linh Kieu- Mentioned that the biggest update would be ABC and AWWA are working on a summarize report for the computerized exams like we have on the written exams.

   Greg Reed- Asked if the positions have been filled that are vacant in BSDW?

   Linh Kieu- Answered Crystel Montecinos has replaced Max Sosa in the Operator Certification Program.

6) **Drinking Water: Exam Results Review from Q3 & Q4 2020: Crystel Montecinos**

   Crystel Montecinos- Mentioned that we should be back in the office soon and so you will be able to get in touch with us a lot better. From the excel spreadsheet, it shows that disinfection is one of the topics that needs improvement. The subjects that need improvement for treatment are labs and treatment. Maybe people can get more in house trainings that the operators can take on these subjects.

   Jim Kerr- Mentioned that he has two guys that are trying to pass their grade two exams. They would take their exam and come back and say what is on the exam is not what they are studying currently. AWWA put a series of books out that covers and meets the latest ABC criteria and the operators said that these books were very beneficial. It might help with other operators with study materials.

7) **Member’s Discussion: [S. VanDeist, NvRWA] publish Operator Forum information in NvRWA publication?**

   Stacey Van Diest- Offered to have the forum or any other topics that the operators would want on the NvRWA website if the board is interested?

   Nathan Adams- Agreed that would benefit the operators.

8) **Training Needs: Forum Members Input**

   Jim Kerr- Mentioned that Mike Boney has been doing some wastewater trainings for the wastewater operators. Wanted to remind operators that there was another way to get some more contact hours.

   Andrew Hickman- Suggested that there might be in need of wastewater collections training and hands on water sampling training.
Mike Boney- Answered that there are things in the process and will take those trainings into consideration.

Jim Kerr- Mentioned also that American Water College has really good trainings as well.

9) Member’s Open Comments

No Comments

10) Public Comments

Jeremy- Wanted to thank everyone for having a virtual conference this year.

11) Agenda Items & Forum Goals & for the next meeting

No Comments

12) Scheduling next Forum Meeting – Tri State (3rd qtr. meeting) – Action Item

Linh Kieu- Commented that we will get with Tri-State with Stacey and figure out a date and send an email to everyone. The date might be August 12th.

13) Adjourn

Brandon Gardner- Motion to Adjourn
Greg Reed- Second

Adjourned at