Meeting Minutes  
August 12, 2021 2:00 p.m. – 2:40 p.m.

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Agenda

1) Call to Order and Introductions. (Nathan Adams)

   Nathan Adams- Called the forum to order at 2:10pm

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


2) Approval of Forum Minutes from May 6, 2021. – Action Item

   Brandon Garden-Motion to Approve
   Grant Perkins- Second

   Unanimous

3) Wastewater Regulatory Updates: Katrina Pasqual, NDEP BWPC

   Katrina Pasqual was not present, so we proceeded onto the next agenda item.

4) Wastewater Exam Results & Review: Ashley Jacobson, NWEA

   Ashley Jacobson- Mentioned that they are having their next board meeting next month. Not sure if it will be in person or by zoom, but once they know they will send it out to anyone who would like to attend.

5) State Training Updates/Introduce RCAC: Linh Kieu, NDEP BSDW
Linh Kieu - Stated that BSDW continues to engage with EPA on the LCR rule revisions. They expect to receive some revisions before the effective date of December 16, 2021. Still have not received the revisions yet, but they were promised to receive them soon. With the effect of COVID, we have had a fair number of retirements in the bureau. As many know that Max Sosa retired and Crystel Montecinos has replaced that position. Margie Evans, Rich Johnson and Jim Balderson have also retired. BSDW is currently filling positions. If anyone is trying to get a hold of these people, please contact our main line. In regard to RCAC, they just wanted to say that they have always been one of our TA providers, but they were awarded our subgrant for technical assistance for the small systems. If anyone needs technical assistance, they are another resource. NVRWA is still around so feel free to reach out to them as well.

Ty Long with RCAC - Mentioned that they are excited and look forward with working with the state.

Bridget Harris - Mentioned in the next 6 months, there will be a list coming out for trainings that are for free. The trainings will be on RCAC’s website, and they will be sending out reminders as well.

6) Drinking Water: Exam Results Review from Q1 & Q2 2021: Crystel Montecinos

Crystel Montecinos - For the exam summaries for quarter 1 on distribution there were a total of 49 computer-based exams and the most missed was disinfection, the monitoring evaluations and adjustments. There was an overall passing rate of 49% for distribution. For quarter 1 treatment, there were a total of 22 computer-based exams. The most missed questions were in treatment and lab techniques. The overall passing rate was 64%. For the March written exams, distribution had a passing rate of 60% and treatment had a passing rate of 50%. In June there was another written exam, there were a total of 7 distribution and 7 treatment exams. Distribution had a passing rate of 71% and treatment had a passing rate of 43%.

Ty - Asked what were the majority of test takers taking? Grades one or two or?

Crystel Montecinos - Answered that the majority of the test takers were for the grades one and two.

7) Forum Member Elections: (update list) – Action Item

Crystel Montecinos - Sent an email out regarding the list of everyone’s terms and expiration dates. We need to go over the terms that have lapsed. Need to vote on who wants to stay and who wants to continue not being on the forum.

Jim Kerr - Mentioned that he would like to stay on the board.

Grant Perkins - Also agreed to stay on the board.

Andrew Hickman - Motioned to re-elect the members whose terms were currently expired.

Branden Garden - Second the motion

Unanimous
8) **Member’s Discussion**

**Brandon Garden**: Wanted to ask if we are going to have a lot of email correspondence for any trainings offered by RCAC?

**Bridget Harris**: Answered that they will be including it in normal list of approved classes on the website.

**Crystel Montecinos**: The RCAC courses will also be on our NDEP website and along with all the other approved courses.

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

**Stacey Van Diest**: Wanted to mention that NVRWA is doing onsite trainings at systems. You can email, call or look on the website request training. Max Sosa is the new wastewater circuit rider. He has been traveling to all our facilities.

10) **Member’s Open Comments**

No comments

11) **Public Comments**

**Guest**: Asked if there is a page on the website explain what the forum is?

**Crystel Montecinos**: Mentioned that on the website under the forum link, you can find the mission statement.

**Jake Jacobson**: Asked is there any advertisement for the open positions that are on the forum board?

**Linh Kieu**: Answered only if you attend the forums is the way you would know about it.

**Grant Perkins**: Suggested that maybe we can do more outreach to the operators maybe they will get more interest.

12) **Call for Agenda Items & Forum Goals & for the next meeting**

**Crystel Montecinos**: Mentioned that they could discuss how to get the word out about forum openings on the board.

**Guest**: Suggested to put the mission statement on the agenda.

**Stacey Van Diest**: Commented that NVRWA can help with more participation.
Scheduling next Forum Meeting – (4th Qtr. meeting) – Action Item

Jim Kerr - Motion to Approve December 8, 2021 at 2pm for the next forum.

Brandon Garden - Second
Unanimous

Adjourn

Brandon Garden - Motion to Adjourn

Jim Kerr - Second

Adjourned at 2:42pm