

Minutes November 1, 2000 WCRC Meeting

Meeting held in the Creede Town Hall
Called to order by Chairman Zeke Ward at 1:07 PM

Those Attending:

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Introduction of new members: Mr. Burkett of Wason Ranch

Willow Creek Web Site Name (Glen) Glen would like to get a new web site that holds the name of the committee. Then begin ratifying the site to bring it up to par. New name may be www.WillowCreede.org. Rex Sheppard motioned for Willow Creede, Mr. Bussey seconded and motion carried. Mark Stromburg suggests that data should not be on website until data is validated. **Paste Ph Demo**- Glen handed out maps on the Outlet Mine (up by East Willow) It's ugly but does not seem to be putting anything into the Creek. Have to look at Metals content in the dirt and is it mobile. TCLP is an unnatural process. They went with something that was more

natural. Glen showed a sample of his idea of a simpler screening process. Concern would be the best way to move the material and is not a good idea to disturb that much material. For more information on this method of testing consult Glen. This method would work as a screening technique that will allow WCRC to cut back on lab expenses. Mike Wireman supports this test. Dr. Howard and Steve Russell liked the test method but would like it to be more standardized. Glen discussed the USGS method as opposed to his proposed method. Need control particle size, control water, sample size. Glen will continue to work on a sample analysis plan and committee will table further discussion until next month. **Airport Corner Update** (Zeke) The metals go out quite a bit further than the lack of vegetation. Some Metals go down to a depth of about 1 ft. Mark Walker says that this is not a bad problem and the clean up should not be too bad. The analysis of this area should be sufficient for characterization. If it is contained on the property it will not involve RCRA. Next Step would then be for the property owners to develop a remediation plan. Mark Walker (with CDPHE- voluntary clean up) will be at December meeting. Hopes to discuss details at that time. Mark Stromberg feels that there must be a TCLP done to be sure that it is not a RCRA site. Mr. Parker clarified that the parcel of land at the airport that will be going to the county is 40 acres. The area that the county will be getting in the flood plain is different than the Parker property. There was a motion to approach the Commissioners and begin the Voluntary clean up made by JB Alexander, Chuck Barnes seconded. Mark Stromberg voted against because he strongly feels that there is a RCRA Issue. Motion carried with one opposing vote. **Tailings Pile characterization update**(JB)-May High Flow Data overview of existing data. JB handed out some preliminary information. We don't have an analysis of these highly concentrated samples. The handout is an analysis of the creek. Everything looked as expected. Manganese only becomes a problem at the Nelson. In the total of Willow Creek measurements went a little lower than last year. West willow is contributing enough to mess up everything. Having some trouble measuring flow rate. The trend is that at the spring flush we had more water and higher metals content. No explanation. Mark Stromberg suggests that we put these numbers on the graphs for this May to set the standards that later might cause us to be arguing against ourselves. The only thing that the 200 PPB is saying is that this is the level at which fish can live. Mr. Stromberg suggests not putting a level on there to keep from establishing a precedence. **Bio-samples** (Glen) Laura Coppock, ACZ labs says that on the 15 bottles of bugs we should liquefy them and extract them for metals. There is money available to accomplish this. They are working on it. Mark Stromberg knows a guy that will do this cheaper at Kansas State University. **Underground Recon update**- will have lights and oxygen meter and Stephen Wardell thinks they can get the self-rescuer. **JB's Commodore contract overview**- JB got a copy of the bid package. JB had a problem with the connections. The metals will rust. They said they were doing this because it will look more natural. Tim Scanlan and CDMG will sit down and work out a compromise on Bid package. **Misc.** -Thank You's go to JB for all the work that he is doing pro-bono. Adjourn 3:30 Minutes submitted by: _____ Approved and

accepted: _____
Dawn L. Ward
Coordinator Assistant

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Zeke Ward
Chairman