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Department of Public Health & Environment

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WATER AND WASTEWATER FACILITY OPERATORS CERTIFICATION BOARD

Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment
4300 Cherry Creek Drive South, Sabin Room

December 9, 2015 Meeting

Call to Order:

Tom Settle called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Board members present:

Gabby Begeman, Ron Falco, Tim Grotheer, Rich Hayes, Bill Hogrewe, Laura Lynch, Ray Padgett, Tom Settle, Steve Walker and Lance Wenzholz.

Board members absent:

Staff present:

Trisha Oeth, Board Administrator; Jackie Whelan, Division Liaison; Annette Quill, Assistant Attorney General, and Nancy Horan, Operations Manager for the Board.

Approval of Agenda:

The agenda was approved as published with the addition of two items - one regarding recognition of OCPO's years of service and the other regarding the upcoming ABC Conference in Denver.

Rulemaking Hearing:

The Board conducted a rulemaking hearing to consider the adoption of revisions to Regulation No. 100. Testimony was received from Jackie Whelan on behalf of the Water Quality Control Division. No public comment was offered. Following the close of the record and deliberations, Steve Walker moved for final approval of the revisions to Regulation No. 100 as proposed by the Division with the modifications noted during deliberations, along with the accompanying Statement of Basis, Specific Statutory Authority and Purpose with the changes noted today. Ray Padgett seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Administrator's Items:

1. Rich Hayes moved for approval of the October 27, 2015 meeting minutes. Lance Wenholz seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Ray Padgett abstained from the motion.
2. The Administrator reviewed a summary of the October Contractor Coordination Subcommittee meeting.
3. The Board reviewed the draft agenda for the February 9, 2016 board meeting.
4. The Administrator discussed with the Board ABC's offer of complimentary registration for the ABC Conference in January 2016.

Policy Amendment:

Ray Padgett moved for approval of revisions to Board Policy 15-3, Timing of Training for Certification Renewals, in accordance with the marked-up version provided in packets. Tim Grotheer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Request for Disciplinary Action:

Trisha Oeth, the Board's Administrator, and Annette Quill of the Attorney General's Office reported on the status of an operator certification revocation request regarding Mr. Ronald Weisshaar (operator identification number 6834), and explained the basis for a Motion for Entry of Default and Default Judgment. Ron Falco recused himself from the discussion of this matter, due to his involvement with enforcement actions on behalf of the Water Quality Control Division. Following discussion, Bill Hogrewe moved that the board enter an order for default judgment against Mr. Weisshaar in accordance with the Proposed Order submitted by the division and revoke Mr. Weisshaar's water treatment level D and distribution system level 2 certificates, and issue a formal reprimand regarding Mr. Weisshaar's wastewater treatment level D and collection system level 2 certificates, and that the Board Chair work with the Board's administrator and attorney, as well as the division, to finalize a letter of reprimand that includes a full description of the basis for the reprimand. Gabby Begeman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Contractors' Report:

1. The Board discussed the recommendations regarding reciprocity requests provided by the CECTI Reciprocity Committee in memos dated October 29 and November 16. Ray Padgett moved that the board accept the recommendations regarding reciprocity requests from Melissa Walford (water treatment and water distribution), Louis Beauchamp, Richard Bednar, Zeke Campbell, David Jones, James Schreckenbach, and Hyrum Webb. Rich Hayes seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Division Liaison Report:

1. Jackie Whelan provided an update regarding investigations into allegations of operator misconduct and a summary of recent division enforcement actions.
2. Jackie updated the Board regarding the status of facility reclassifications.

Attorney General Report:

There was no separate Attorney General's Report.

The meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m., December 9, 2015.