

Great News!

The Bear Creek Lake Study is on the agenda for the Colorado Water Conservation Board's meeting on Monday, Jan. 26. CWCB's Board of Directors will hear a staff report on the issue, then I will have five minutes to make a comment on behalf of SaveBCLP. Lakewood officials and Chris Wolfe, Morrison's Mayor, will also attend and comment.

We are cautiously optimistic about the direction of the Feasibility Study, as the Preferred Alternative is a 300 acre feet reallocation. When the Study began, reallocation proposals ranged to 20,000 acre feet. Last fall, the options narrowed to 300 a-f and 6,000 a-f. A 300 a-f storage increase would have very little impact on BCLP and its ecosystem. That said, the decision isn't final, so we will continue to express our opposition to a larger storage increase.

This CWCB meeting is neither the time nor the place for the greater SaveBCLP community to attend. The agenda includes water issues from across the state that affect us all, including a session on the Colorado River Negotiations. Rest assured, we are committed to advancing your concerns as strategically as possible and will provide a more detailed update after the meeting.

Here's a link to CWCB's agenda for Monday: <https://cwcb.colorado.gov/events/board-meeting-january-26-27-2026>

The Bear Creek Update is scheduled for 2:25pm. If you'd like to watch it, the meeting will be streamed on YouTube. The video link will be posted to the agenda page (linked above) Monday morning when the meeting starts. You can find it on the right-hand side bar of the Agenda.

The Public Scoping Hearing, specific to Bear Creek, is still on the horizon. We'll get at least 30 days notice and everyone will be encouraged to attend that meeting. I'll keep you posted on possible next steps.

Fingers crossed!

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