

Left Hand Water District
Source Water Protection Plan Meeting
January 14, 2009

Attendees:

Kathy Peterson, General Manager LHWD
Tammy Allen, CDPHE WQCD
Jan Toniazzo, Resident
Hank Schmidt, LHWD Treatment Manager
Pete Lawrence, Town of Ward
Eric Schroder, USFS
Lane Drager, Boulder County Public Health
Joe Ryan, University of Colorado
Ed Baile, Left Hand Water District
Norman B. Bowers, Town of Ward

The meeting began with a round of introductions.

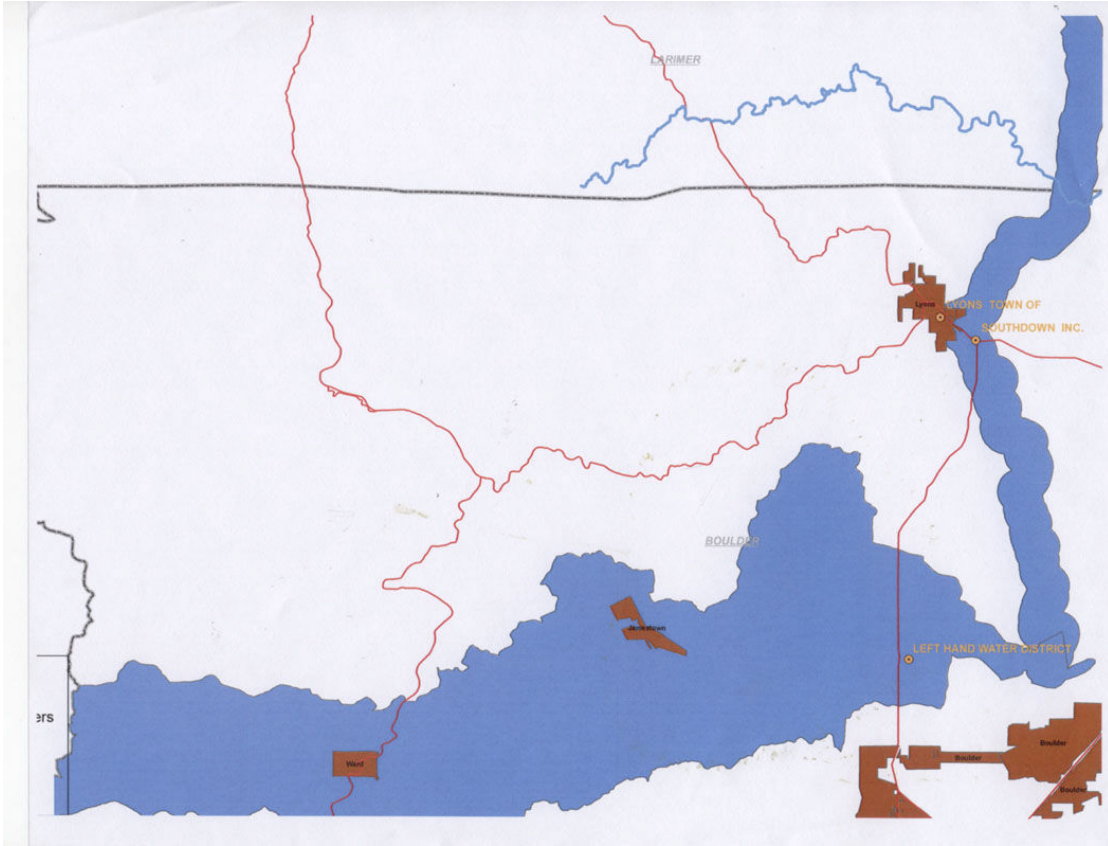
Lane Drager, an Environmental Health Planner from Boulder County Public Health (BCPH), gave us a power point presentation about the county's Septic Smart program, which went into effect on September 1st of 2008. The program requires that all septic systems in the county be inspected at the time of a property sale or transfer. The results of the inspection are disclosed to the buyer. All issues must be repaired by either the existing owner or new buyer within one year of closing. This way the repairs can be negotiated in the cost of the property.

The county did some mapping of potentially high concentration of aging systems (which they are willing to share with us). There have been incidences of folks with pipes running right out to the stream. The county hired a PR firm and underwent a lot of public outreach before beginning the program. They held numerous public meetings. They will be reviewing the program annually to evaluate progress. For more information see the presentation: LHWD_SepticSmart_01_14_08.ppt. or visit the website <http://www.bouldercounty.org/health/enviro/water/septicmart/>

Geneva will work with Lane to get the data so we can overlay areas of high septic density and older homes with our source water protection area. We will need to decide how much detail about the program to include in our plan, but fortunately Lane is very willing to provide any info we need.

Kathy Peterson asked Lane about the possibility of getting a representative of Boulder County Public Health to participate in the SWPP since preserving source water is a mission of the Board of Health's. (Generally County Boards of Health do participate in the SWPP process). Lane said that the department had recently hired some new people. He had actually been doing his bosses job. He knows the county did have someone attending LWOG meetings, and he thought it was a good idea. I will cc him on future emails and hopefully someone will participate from BOCO Board of Health in the future.

Tammy Allen brought a print out of the new shapefile for our area of responsibility. Basically the area is similar to our previous one except that it now has the Boulder Feeder Canal represented (see scanned image below).



Tammy Allen also checked on the Permitted Dischargers for us. They are the Town of Lyons, Southdown Inc, and Lake of the Pines.

Pete Lawrence brought a copy of the Town of Ward's Wellhead Protection Plan. He promised Geneva a tour of the wellhead area when the snow melts. :)