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Table 1. SITE DESCRIPTIONS AND WATER ANALYSIS CHARACTERISTICS.

| Site | Description and Coordinates | рН | EC (μS/cm) | Alkalinity (mg CaCO₃/L) | TSS (mg/L) | Total Coliform (MPN) |
|------|--|------|----------------------|----------------------------|---------------|-------------------------|
| WPC6 | Culvert on Red Rocks Rd., some red coloration in runoff into West Plum Creek on east bank - N 39°14'27.5", W 104°57'32.1" | 7.15 | 143 | 217 | 3.00 | 2027 |
| BC2B | Before golf course on Perry Park Blvd N 39°15′23.6″, W 104°59′12.5″ | 6.88 | 200 | | | |
| BC2 | After golf course, before WWTP - N 39°15′56.0″, W 104°58′55.9″ | 7.18 | 455 | 93.2 | 3.00 | 547 |
| BC2A | After WWTP - N 39°15'58.4", W 104°58'49.3" | 9.39 | 788 | 134 | 12.3 | 1036 |
| WPC4 | First underpass on Jackson Creek Rd N 39°20'51.3", W 104°58'16.1" | 7.94 | 437 | 91.0 | 24.0 | 771 |
| JC2 | Second underpass on Jackson Creek Rd., large beaver dam encroaching on culvert, flooding surrounding ranchland - N 39°20'44.4", W 104°58'51.7" | 7.44 | 146 | 44.8 | | 3175 |
| JC1 | Confluence of Jackson Creek and West Plum Creek, surrounding ranchland - N 39°19'33.3", W 104°56'16.3" | 8.06 | 367 | 86.4 | 12.3 | 384 |

KEY FINDINGS

- Culvert at WPC6 remained in a stable condition with no washout anticipated, however Iron levels exceeded secondary drinking water standards and alkalinity was higher than previous years.
- Waucondah Wastewater Treatment Plant discharges high amounts of phosphorus and nitrate into Bear Creek.
- Arsenic levels were all below detection limits for each site. Coliform levels varied, with concern at all measured sites (>200 cfu / 100 mL).
- Erosion at JC1 remained minimal.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Investigation of the source of iron and cause of alkalinity at WPC6
- Discussion with Waucondah Wastewater Treatment Plant about dangerous levels of phosphorus and nitrogen discharging into Bear Creek
 - Additional communication with residents of the area whose drinking water is impacted
- Safe removal of beaver dam at JC2
- USGS flow calculations at JC1: once during peak flow, once during minimum flow, and 2-3 times during average flow.
- Potentially treat for high coliform and *E. coli* loadings from West Plum Creek before WPC-EPC confluence

Table 2. Metals, anions, organics, and pathogens analysis in water

| Standards | Metal Concentrations (mg/L) | | | | | | | Anion Concentrations (mg/L) | | | Organic Concentrations (mg/L) | | Pathogen Concentrations (cfu/100 mL) | |
|---|--------------------------------|----------|--------|--------|-------|--------|--------|--------------------------------|------|------------------|----------------------------------|------|---|---------|
| | AI | As | Cu | Fe | Р | Se | Zn | F [.] | Cŀ | NO₃ ⁻ | COD | DOC | Total Coliform | E. coli |
| EPA Aquatic Life Chronic [1] | N/A | 0.15 | N/A | 1.0 | N/A | N/A | 0.12 | N/A | 230 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| EPA Aquatic Life Acute [1] | N/A | 0.34 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | 0.12 | N/A | 860 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| EPA Human Recreation and Fishing [2] | N/A | 1.80E-05 | 1.3 | N/A | N/A | 0.17 | 7.4 | N/A | N/A | 10*** | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| EPA Drinking Water [3] | N/A | 0.01 | 1.3 | 0.015 | N/A | 0.05 | N/A | 4 | N/A | 11*** | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| EPA Secondary Drinking Water [4] | 0.05 | N/A | 1 | 0.3 | N/A | N/A | 5 | 2.00 | 250 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| CDPHE Chronic [5] | N/A | 0.00002* | 0.0062 | WS | 0.11 | 0.0046 | 0.0082 | N/A | 250 | N/A | N/A | N/A | 200 | 126 |
| CDPHE Acute [5] | N/A | 0.34 | 0.009 | N/A | N/A | 0.0184 | 0.110 | N/A | N/A | 10 | N/A | N/A | 200 | N/A |
| USDA Livestock [6] | 5 | 0.01 | 0.5 | 0.3 | N/A | 0.05 | 25 | 2 | 1500 | 100*** | N/A | N/A | 200 | N/A |
| Detection Limit | 0.0042 | 0.0168 | 0.0005 | 0.0003 | 0.029 | 0.0110 | 0.0003 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 3.0 | 0.10 | 1 | 1 |
| Site ID | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| WPC4 | 0.03 | BDL | BDL | 0.26 | BDL | BDL | 0.0084 | 1.63 | 21.3 | 0.04 | 3.15 | 2.81 | 771 | <10 |
| WPC6 | 0.13 | BDL | 0.0012 | 3.78 | 0.07 | BDL | 0.0135 | 1.71 | 7.47 | 0.03 | 6.42 | 4.77 | 2030 | 464 |
| BC2 | 0.09 | BDL | BDL | 0.33 | BDL | BDL | 0.0089 | 2.35 | 29.3 | 0.1 | 7.41 | 3.81 | 574 | <10 |
| JC1 | 0.04 | BDL | BDL | 0.36 | BDL | BDL | 0.0084 | 1.6 | 18.4 | 0.01 | 4.93 | 2.85 | 384 | 80.5 |
| JC2 | 0.06 | BDL | 0.0012 | 0.48 | BDL | BDL | 0.0073 | 1.45 | 4.88 | 0.02 | 7.36 | 3.19 | 3160 | 97 |
| BC2A | 1.06 | BDL | 0.0139 | 0.19 | 1.07 | BDL | 0.0262 | 1.35 | 64.7 | 69.1 | 16.6 | 7.90 | 1040 | 20 |
| BC2B | NM | NM | NM | NM | NM | NM | NM | 1.82 | 21.5 | 0.05 | 4.13 | 2.54 | NM | NM |

| N/A – Standards Not Available | (1) US EPA, O. National Recommended Water Quality Criteria - Aquatic Life Criteria Table. https://www.epa.gov/wqc/national-recommended-water-quality-criteria- aquatic-life-criteria-table (accessed 2022-05-23). |
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| BDL – Below Detection Limit | (2) US EPA, O. National Recommended Water Quality Criteria - Human Health Criteria Table. https://www.epa.gov/wqc/national-recommended-water-quality-criteria- human-health-criteria-table (accessed 2022-05-23). |
| NM – Not Measured | (3) US EPA, O. National Primary Drinking Water Regulations. https://www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water/national-primary-drinking-water-regulations (accessed 2022-05-23). |
| *- Total Recoverable | (4) US EPA, O. Secondary Drinking Water Standards: Guidance for Nuisance Chemicals. https://www.epa.gov/sdwa/secondary-drinking-water-standards-guidance- |
| Standards | nuisance-chemicals (accessed 2022-05-23). |
| ***- Nitrate + Nitrite | (5) Water Quality Control Commission regulations Department of Public Health & Environment. https://cdphe.colorado.gov/water-quality-control-commission- regulations (accessed 2022-05-23). |