

Metro Roundtable Meeting Summary

Thursday, July 13, 2023

Start Time
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Hybrid – Live & Virtual

Members in Attendance:

Andrea Cole, Andy Nye, Alex Davis, Barbara Biggs, Bob Peters, Breanna Gonzalez, Brian Tracy, Casey Davenport, Cynthia Lane, David Kamin, Dawn Jewell, Emily Hunt, Greg Johnson, Jamie Krezelok, Jessica Brody, Lisa Darling, Loretta Daniel, Morgan Lynch, Rick Marsicek, Sarah Borgers, Sam Caulkins, Shaden Musleh, Susan Nedell, Tom Arnold

Guests:

Sam Calkins, Erin Reilley, Conscience Bay, Drew Matsushima, Elise Schmelzer, Heather Justus, Jon McAnally, Ed Kennedy, Jim Hall, Erik Jorgensen, Tom Browning, Lauren Berent, Heather Justus

CWCB:

Robert Sakata, Russ Sands, Emily Zmak, Jeff Rodriguez, Emily Adrid, Diane Kielty, Jackie Daoust

Metro Roundtable Business Meeting

1. **Welcome/Introductions (1 min.)**
2. **Approval of [June 8, 2023, Meeting Summary](#) (1 min.)**

It was moved to approve the June 8, 2023, MRT Meeting Summary with correction to spelling of Becky Mitchell's name. Approved by acclamation.
3. **Agenda: additions or changes (1 min.)** None
4. **Public Comment (5 min.)**
5. **WSRF Committee (B. Peters) (5 min.)**
 1. [WSRF Committee Meeting Summary 6/29/2023](#)
 - i. WSRF Application Submission Process Discussion – The suggested new timeline for proposals was presented. [Proposed MRT Application Deadline Table 6.29.2023](#)

A motion to approve the suggested change to the WSRF application timeline was made by Alex Davis and was seconded by Cynthia Lane. The motion carried unanimously.

2. WSRF Balance Summary – Allocations will be approved by the Board after the September Board meeting and may be reflected in the balance sheet in October.
6. **Colorado River Subcommittee (Alex Davis) (20 min.)**
 1. Statement of Purpose – The draft purpose statement was shared. There has been a request from Amy Ost diek to discuss Colorado River updates at the MRT meeting in September. It was suggested to reach out to the SPBRT Colorado River Subcommittee for possible collaboration. The Colorado River topic is on next week's IBCC meeting agenda.
 2. **Action:** Committee approval decision vote

A motion was made by Bob Peters to approve the creation of an MRT Colorado River Subcommittee and was seconded by Alex Davis. The motion carried unanimously.

7. CWCB Update (20 min.)

1. Jeff Rodriguez - 10 min.
 - i. Drought Summit Lessons Learned
Drought Summit: <https://engagecwcb.org/drought-summit>
 - ii. RT input on C-9 Summit Agenda -The draft agenda was presented, and feedback requested. This will be a one-day event held on November 14th. Some topics may collapse together. Please email Jeff Rodriguez before the end of July if you have suggestions for the C-9 Summit agenda. Lessons learned and innovations will both be elements of the Summit. Activities were suggested that involve gaming that could increase attendee engagement.

JULY CWCB UPDATES

Funding Reminders

- **August 1**
 - WSRF
 - NRI Projects
- **Annual WSRF Allocations**
 - Available October 2nd
- **Wildfire Ready Watersheds**
 - Accepting Applications
- **Technical Assistance & Local Capacity**
 - Accepting Applications
 - CWCB Contractor Update
- **Both Programs (ARPA Funds)**
 - Contracted by 12/31/24
- **Turf Program Cycle 2 Open**
 - Closes 8/31

Climate Change in Colorado

- Expected in late 2023
 - Update to 2014 Report
- Visit the webpage

Reminders

- C9 Summit
 - Nov. 14
- Drought Summit Recap

2023 C-9 SUMMIT DRAFT AGENDA

1. **Roundtable Handbook Discussion**
2. **PEPO Workshop on Regional Collaboration**
3. **All Chairs Panel** (Board, IBCC or mix of BRTs, Board and BRT chairs)
4. **CO River Updates** + Colorado River Drought Task Force Report out?
5. **Drought Resilience** (could be across sectors)
6. **Climate Change**
7. **Funding**
8. **Water Conservation**
9. **Watershed Health**
10. **Water Quality**



The Technical Assistance and Local Capacity Fund and Wildfire Ready Watersheds Fund have a contracting deadline of December 2024 with funds mandated to be used by December 2026.

The Climate Change in Colorado Report will be released in the fall of 2023. It is an update to the 2014 report. They are working on more interactive climate update tools. Emily Adrid was introduced. She is the new CWCB Water Planning and Climate Impact Specialist, emily.adrid@state.co.us, Climate Change in Colorado: <https://climatechange.colostate.edu/>

2. Jessica Brody – 10 min.

The next CWCB Board meeting will be in Crested Butte at the Elevation Hotel next week. It will be hybrid. Demand Management and Colorado River hydrology are on the agenda. There is a desire for more information on the Colorado River. In Executive Session the Board will be given an opportunity to provide input on the vacant Director position.

8. IBCC Update (L. Darling/R. Marsicek) (10 min.)

The next meeting will be folded into the C-9 Summit. The next IBCC meeting will be in 2024.

9. Committee Updates (20 min.) [Roundtable Meeting Records — The South Platte Basin](#)

Link to Announce a Meeting Form - [Add a meeting — The South Platte Basin](#)

1. PEPO Committee (C. Davenhill) (5 min.) (*No Meeting*) A number of events are coming up including the SP CURE October event, Sustaining Colorado Watersheds Conference in October, Cherry Creek Stewardship Partners Conference in August, and the Children’s Watershed Festival in Sterling. PEPO is participating in the North Front Range Water Quality Planning Association (NFRWQPA) meetings to identify stakeholder processes already in place. NFRWQPA is working on developing an EPA 9-point watershed plan.
2. Environmental/Recreation Committee (*D. Nickum*) (5 min.) ([Meeting Summary](#)) Hattie Johnson was the speaker from America Whitewater. The meeting summary is provided in the above Meeting Summary link.
3. M&I Committee (*B. Peters*) (5 min.) (*No Meeting*)
4. Urban Landscape Conservation Task Force (Lisa Darling & Others) (5 min.)

10. Round Table Member Comments (5 min.)

Testing Ag Performance Solutions Field Day: August 8-9; ARDEC Ft. Collins:

<https://www.irrigationinnovation.org/csu-taps>

APS Plant Health 2023 in Denver

<https://www.apsnet.org/meetings/annual/PH2023/Pages/default.aspx>

Limited Irrigation Research Farm Field Day: Aug 17 in Greeley, Kendall.dejonge@usda.gov

11. Upcoming Public Meetings Schedule – See CWCB’s [Online Calendar](#) and [EngageCWCB.org](#)

Colorado Water Conservation Board Basin Roundtable Meetings

[Metro roundtable - 7/13/2023](#)

[Arkansas basin roundtable - 7/12/2023](#)

[Colorado basin roundtable - 7/31/23](#)

[North Platte basin roundtable - TBD](#)

[Southwest basin roundtable - 7/27/2023](#)

[Rio Grande basin roundtable - 7/11/2023](#)

[South Platte basin roundtable -7/11/2023](#)

[Yampa/White basin roundtable - 7/12/2023](#)

[Gunnison basin roundtable - 7/17/2023](#)