

Metro Roundtable Meeting Summary

Thursday, March 14, 2024

Members in Attendance:

Alex Davis, Andrea Cole, Andy Nye, Breanna Gonzalez, Brian Tracy, Casey Davenport, Cynthia Lane, Courtney Brand, Dave Wissel, Dawn Jewell, Devon Buckels, Emily Hunt, Greg Johnson, Heather Justus, Jarod Roberts, Jessica Brody, Kim Gortz, Lesley Sebol, Lisa Darling, Loretta Daniel, Rick Marsicek, Sam Caulkins, Sarah Borgers, Shaden Musleh, Susan Nedell

Guests: Donny Roush, Brian McWilliams, Katherine Cody, Rachel Pence, Orna Buch, Shane Wright, Brent Soderlin, Braylen Aldridge, Robert Sakata, Sarah Hodson, Mike Tilko, Lauren Berent Burgess, Sean Flanagan, Alesandra Reed, Jamie Krezelok, Vivian Cervantes, Courtney Massey

CWCB:

Russ Sands, Jeff Rodriguez, Jackie Daoust, Emily Zmack, Diane Kielty

Metro Roundtable Business Meeting

1. Welcome/Introductions (1 min.)

The meeting was called to order by Chair Lisa Darling at 2:01 pm.

2. Approval of [February 8, 2024, Meeting Summary](#) (1 min.)

It was moved to approve the February 8, 2024, MRT Meeting Summary. Motion approved by acclamation.

3. Agenda: additions or changes (1 min.) None.

4. Public Comment (5 min.) None.

5. WSRF Committee (Kim Gortz & Sam Calkins) (35 min.)

1. WSRF Balance Summary ([WSRF Budget Summary 0224 MRT](#)) The budget was presented.

2. Proposal Summaries Cycle 1 2024

- i. [Tamarack SWA Well 17](#) (Katherine Cody, Ducks Unlimited) (5 min.) A presentation was provided, and questions were fielded. MRT approved the applicant to move forward to submit a full application.
- ii. [Wadley Farms 3 Lake #1 Improvements](#) (Dave Breindel, Wadley Farms 3 Homeowners Association) (5 min.) A presentation was provided, and questions were fielded. MRT approved the applicant to move forward to submit a full application.
- iii. [Youth Development, Water Education, and the Colorado Water Plan](#) (Donny Roush, City & County of Denver) (5 min.) A presentation was provided, and questions were fielded. MRT approved the applicant to move forward to submit a full application.
- iv. [Youth River Festival](#) (Shane Wright, Lincoln Hills Cares) (5 min.) A presentation was provided, and questions were fielded. MRT approved the applicant to move forward to submit a full application.

6. CWCB Update (15 min.)

1. Jeff Rodriguez - 5 min.

On March 6th the Upper Division States alternatives Post-2026 Operations at Lake Powell and Mead were submitted to the BLM. The presentation is available by request.

For more information on Colorado River issues:

Upper Division States Alternative:

<https://cwcb.colorado.gov/coloradoriver>

Commissioner's Corner:
<https://cwcb.colorado.gov/colorado-river-commissioners-corner>

Questions? Email: Amy Ostdiek: amy.ostdiek@state.co.us

IBCC Survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ZWRRTT3N>

1051 Survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ZW57PGF>. CWCB is offering free training to people involved with water loss auditing to support them through the process.

Water Conditions Monitoring Committee:
Next meeting is Tuesday, March 19th. <https://cwcb.colorado.gov/events/water-conditions-monitoring-committee-meeting-march-2024>

Wildfire Ready Watersheds: <https://www.wildfirereadywatersheds.com/>. Questions/interest contact Steve Reeves (steven.reeves@state.co.us)

Federal Technical Assistance and Local Capacity Grants: Questions/interest contact Michael Regan (michael.regan@state.co.us)

Commissioner Mitchell and staff are hosting a series of public webinars to update the public on ongoing Colorado River Negotiations and answer questions.

Virtual:

March 19, Tuesday, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

April 4, Thursday, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

[Visit the CWCB calendar for meeting information.](#)

MARCH CWCB UPDATES

Colorado River Webinars

- Information on CWCB Calendar
 - 3/19 - 11:30 - 12:30
 - 4/4 - 11:30 - 12:30
- Upper Division State Alternative
- Questions? Email Amy Ostdiek
 - amy.ostdiek@state.co.us

1051 Reporting

- M36 Water Loss Audit
 - Required
 - CWCB training
- Deadline June 30th

Water Conditions

- Next meeting 3/19/24
 - 9:30 am
 - Virtual

CWCB Guide

- CWCB Staff will be going on the road to get roundtable feedback

Reminders

- CWCB Deadlines
 - WSRF Deadline Apr. 1
 - WPG Deadline July 1
- Wildfire Ready Watersheds
 - Accepting Applications
- Technical Assistance & Local Capacity
 - Accepting Application
 - Both Programs (ARPA Funds)
 - Contracted by 12/31/24



2. Jessica Brody – 5 min.

The March CWCB Board meeting wrapped up this afternoon. They approved over 52 CWP grants. The Board continues to encourage applicants to reach out to the CWP Regional Managers for funding information. The Department of Natural Resources and CWCB applauded the confirmation in the Colorado legislature of Colorado Water Conservation Board members recently appointed by Governor Polis. The new representative from the South Platte Basin is Brad Wind.

7. IBCC Update (L. Darling/R. Marsicek) (20 min.)

1. February 27th IBCC Meeting Update – A survey will be sent out. This survey (Concepts: No regrets/Low regrets 2.0 Survey) helps gather IBCC and basin/basin roundtable input on recent IBCC discussions, enhanced communications, and the C9 Summit. There is a Youtube video of the February IBCC meeting at [Interbasin Compact Committee \(IBCC\)](#)

[Meeting - February 2023 \(youtube.com\)](#). The next IBCC meeting is scheduled for June 18th. The following meeting will be the C9 Summit.

8. Legislative Update Discussion (Looking for Lead Volunteer) (20 min.)

1. [State Issues - Colorado Water Congress \(cowatercongress.org\)](#)

A question was put to the members regarding interest in having a legislative update as a topic on the agenda during the months of legislative session. This will be on the agenda in April and members can determine MRT interest at that time.

9. Committee Updates (30 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*) PEPO engages in youth festivals in the Basin and has been working with Lincoln Cares. PEPO will be doing some professional events with BizWest. BizWest has a water related public event in July and PEPO will have a booth.
2. Environmental/Recreation Committee (D. Nickum) (5 min.) (*No Meeting*) No report.
3. M&I Committee (A. Cole) (15 min.) ([Meeting Summary 2.23.2024](#)) A presentation was provided with a call to action for MRT members to volunteer for an existing to advance projects supporting the BIP objectives and State Water Plan categories (Vibrant Communities, Thriving Watersheds, Robust Agriculture, Resilient Planning) and move them forward to the roundtable for approval and initiating the contracting process. Each project selected by the Roundtable will have a “quarterback” to guide the process and a scoping committee. Please contact Andrea Cole if you are interested in serving at andrea.cole@dominionwsd.com.
4. Colorado River Committee (S. Musleh) (5. Min.) (*No Meeting*) The meeting was cancelled. It will be rescheduled. A suggestion was made to the committee to determine if there is a way for the MRT to support the Colorado River conversation. The committee is education focused with an emphasis on Colorado River impacts on the South Platte basin. The committee has a standing meeting the first Monday of each month at 1:00 pm.

10. Round Table Member Comments (5 min.)

No comments.

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