

Metro Roundtable Meeting Summary

Thursday, March 10, 2022

Time: 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Virtual Meeting

Members in Attendance:

Alex Davis, Andy Nye, Anne Beierle, Barbara Biggs, Blair Corning, Bob Peters, Casey Davenport, Courtney Brand, David Kamin, Dave Nickum, David Rausch, Dawn Jewell, Devon Buckels, Emily Hunt, Jim Hall, Kim Gortz, Ken Lykens, Lesley Sebol, Lisa Darling, Lauren Pulver, Loretta Daniel, Rick Marsicek, Rick McCloud, Rob Sakata, Robert Roland, Sarah Borgers, Shaden Musleh, Susan Nedell

Guests:

Eric Jorgensen, Matt Lindburg, Jessica Brody, Hope Bartlett, Juan Madrid, Lucas Roy, Blake Mamich, Kate Ryan, Ashley Giles, Nona Shipman, Phyllis Thomas, Brad Paterson, Lauren Berent-Burgess, Mallory Hiss

CWCB:

Russ Sands, Greg Johnson, Megan O'Grady, Diane Kielty

Metro Roundtable Business Meeting

1. Welcome/Introductions (1 min.)

2. Approval of February 10, 2022 Meeting Summary (1 min.) (*Attachment 1*)

It was moved to approve the February 10, 2022 meeting summary with addition of Rob Sakata to the attendee list; motion carried unanimously.

3. Agenda: additions or changes (1 min.)

4. Public Comment (5 min.)

5. WSRF Committee (S. Borgers) (15 min.)

1. Guidelines Update

2. Reminder that WSRF initial proposals due March 15 for Cycle 1 of 2022, [Grants - South Platte Basin Website](#)

6. Colorado Water Trust's Programs Update (Kate Ryan, CWT) (20 min.) Introduced Blake Mamich, Project Manager with Colorado Water Trust (CWT). Provided an overview of CWT projects around the state, their evaluation process, and program offerings. Presentation available by request.

Link to CWCB Focus Areas Instream Flow Programs - <https://cwcb.colorado.gov/focus-areas/ecosystem-health/instream-flow-program>

7. BIP Update & Implementation (20 min.) (Bob Peters)

The M&I committee developed a ranking of projects pulled from the BIP. Two elements were covered. The first was a committee review of the prioritized projects identifying those deemed significant to develop a scope of work. The project selection needs to be vetted. The second element was the overall process for identifying projects. They have 5 steps of the process identified. This outline has been shared with the SPBRT for review and feedback.

1. Environment & Recreation Colorado Water Plan Initiative (Dave Nickum) – It was suggested that Forest and Watershed Health might be folded into E&R. E&R does not believe it has the bandwidth. The BIP has a great deal on Watersheds. This is a statewide issue that may be best addressed at a higher level. E&R plans to continue educating themselves on needs/opportunities and bringing any relevant updates and recommendations to the full RT as needed. The committee invites any new participants to participate in E&R.

8. CWCB Update (Sam Stein) (10 min.)

BIP survey is still available for input at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/6VFB6Y8>

Elgin Turner, CWCB, manages RT logistics. He is asking for 30-day advanced notice on RT live meeting needs. DNR has put out new guidance for Covid. Local guidance is still to be followed. June 30th is the next IBCC meeting. The CWCB Board Meeting is scheduled for March 15th & 16th and will include updates on Demand Management and Federal infrastructure funding. The July CWCB Board meeting will have discussion on the update to the CO Water Plan. Introduced Megan O'Grady new to CWCB as the Senior Climate Change Adaptation Specialist. There have been discussions on statewide RT membership, numbers, and on-boarding. An outline is under development to share with

PEPO to discuss options and charting a course forward. An statewide RT manual is under consideration and could support cross-basin RT collaboration.

9. IBCB Update (Lisa Darling/Rick Marsicek) (20 min.)

PEPO and Wildfire Program updates were provided and there was a funding presentation. A facilitated dialogue took place about the role of the IBCB and what topics they should cover. A Workplan subcommittee was formed to discuss IBCB taking a greater role in cross-basin discussions. Lisa Darling will serve on this subcommittee. A subcommittee meeting is in a couple of weeks.

10. Colorado Water Plan (10 Min.)

1. Request for MRT Letter of Support for a Water Plan Grant - One World One Water Center at MSU Denver: A Denver Botanic Gardens Collaboration (Nona Shipman & Hope Bartlett, MSU Denver) – This is a “Your Water, Your Life” higher education water contest encouraging interdisciplinary engagement. The project application is going to the CWCB Board for approval next week. A letter of support may not be necessary at this time.

A tour is being scheduled for August 3rd in collaboration with the Water22 campaign that includes the Chatfield Denver Botanic Gardens and the Chatfield Reservoir Reallocation Project.

It was moved to approve a Letter of Support for the CWP “Your Water, Your Life” grant application by David Nickum and second by Bob Peters; motion carried unanimously.

2. The link to the projects for CWP grants review is here, <https://cwcb.colorado.gov/december-2021-water-plan-grant-applications>

11. Committee Updates (10 min.) (Due to the length of today’s meeting, please contact the committee lead should you have questions.)

1. PEPO Committee (C. Davenport) (5 min.) Participated in statewide PEPO meeting on February 22nd. There is much interest in greater communication across RTs. The PEPO subcommittee is working now with a \$50,000 budget. A process is under development to get subcommittee meetings posted on the SPB website. We have member handbooks in place that are online. PEPO is looking for feedback on how to improve the manuals.
2. M&I Committee (B. Peters) (5 min.) Bob Peters will contact the PEPO committee regarding the project prioritization process the M&I committee has under development.

<p>MRT 2022 Presentation Topics Front Range Roundtable and Forest Health Salinity Study Update (Darling) Presentation from Water Limited Providers</p>

12. Round Table Member Comments (5 min.)

- MRT has three voting member open positions, Recreation representative and two At-large, to be filled at the May MRT Annual Meeting. Announcement is posted on the [South Platte Basin Website](#).
- WQ sampling will be performed by the Colorado Geological Survey along the South Platte.
- Recommended Presentations for 2022:
 - Water Reuse Colorado Towns of Bennet and Fountain Presentation
 - Wildfire Ready Watersheds - Chris Sturm, CWCB
 - Douglas County and Douglas County Wildfire Mitigation Program's
 - Regional Reuse Study Presentation
 - Front Range SMP/IWMP Presentation - May

13. Meeting Schedule

1. [South Platte Basin Roundtable Meeting](#) – Tuesday, March 8th, 2022, 4:00 pm, **Virtual**
2. [Metro Roundtable Meeting](#) – Thursday, March 10th, 2022, 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm, **Virtual**
3. [South Platte Basin Roundtable Meeting](#) – Tuesday, April 12th, 2022, 4:00 pm, **Virtual**
4. [Metro Roundtable Meeting](#) – Thursday, April 14th, 2022, 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm, **Hybrid – Zoom Virtual & Denver Water, Between 12th and 13th on Shoshone, Denver, CO 80204. Directions will be provided prior to meeting.**