

Metro Roundtable Meeting Summary

Thursday, November 9, 2023

Start Time
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Members in Attendance:

Andrea Cole, Andy Nye, Breanna Gonzalez, Brian Tracy, Casey Davenport, Dave Wissel, David Nickum, Emily Hunt, Greg Johnson, Jerrod Henrickson, Jessica Brody, Kim Gortz, Lauren Pulver, Lesley Sebol, Lisa Darling, Loretta Daniel, Sam Calkins, Shaden Musleh

Guests:

Courtney Massey, Dan Gallen, Stephen Brant, Tom Arnold, Kerry Major, Matt Lindburg, Aditi Bhaskar, Erik Jorgensen, Renee Lewis, Spencer Timon, Timothy Gates, Kevin Linder, Lucy Harrington

CWCB:

Russ Sands, Jeff Rodriguez, Jackie Daoust, Diane Kielty

Metro Roundtable Business Meeting

1. **Welcome/Introductions (1 min.)**

The meeting was called to order at 2:02 pm.

2. **Approval of [October 12, 2023, Meeting Summary](#) (1 min.)**

It was moved to approve the October 12, 2023, MRT Meeting Summary. Motion approved by acclamation.

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

It was moved to approve an agenda addition of the Building Community Awareness of Wetlands & Water Colorado Water Plan Letter of Support request during agenda Item 5, to be presented by Ducks Unlimited, Courtney Massey. Motion approved by acclamation.

4. **Public Comment (5 min.)** None.

5. **Colorado Water Plan Requests for Letter of Support (Lisa Darling – 15 min.)**

1. South Boulder Creek - [Watershed Restoration Phase III - Engineering Design, Permitting and Stakeholder Outreach](#) (Stephen Brant) Trout Unlimited with one abstention by David Nickum.
2. University of Colorado - [Effect of landscape transformations within the metro area on urban heat and water quality](#) (Aditi Bhaskar)
Fielded questions regarding the project consider conveying in the study results the integration with other water use studies.
3. Aurora Water/South Metro WISE Authority (SMWA) - [XBAT Pilot Study](#) (Kevin Linder/Aurora Water, Chris Muller/SMWA) Abstention by Lisa darling.
4. Colorado State University - [Colorado South Platte River Basin Salinity Characterization Study](#) (Professors Tim Gates, PhD and Allan Andales, PhD)
5. Ducks Unlimited - Building Community Awareness of Wetlands & Water (Cortney Massey, Ducks Unlimited)

All CWP Letter of Support requests provided presentations and fielded questions on their proposals.

A motion was made by Sam Calkins to approve all Letter of Support requests and was seconded by Casey Davenhill. The motion carried unanimously.

6. WSRF Committee (Open Position) (30 min.)

1. [Arapahoe County Water Supply Study Water Supply Reserve Fund Program Grant Progress Report #1](#) (Loretta Daniel – 10 min.)

An update was provided on progress on the Arapahoe County study assessing water demands for the year 2050. They are identifying potential shortages, efficiency opportunities, and conducting water user engagement. This is a county-wide study scheduled to be completed in May of 2024. Below is where the study is to date.

- Land Use and Socioeconomic Scenario Development
- Groundwater analysis
- Review of water conscious landscaping standards
- Assessment of water conservation plans on future water demand
- Demand and supply analysis

All of this is informing recommendations for regulatory modifications. Key takeaways are provided in the presentation. Presentation is available by request.

2. WSRF Application MRT Award Decisions

- i. [Clear Creek Watershed Post-Fire Hazards Data Gap](#) (Kerry Major, City of Golden)
- ii. [Godfrey Ditch Measuring Structure](#) (Daniel Gallen, Godfrey Ditch)
- iii. [KCWRWD Automated Meter Reading](#) (Renee Lewis, Ken Caryl West Ranch Water District)
- iv. [Lena Ditch Water Quality Monitoring Program](#) (Lucy Harrington, GEI)

A discussion on all WSRF proposals took place. An updated budget spreadsheet including this 2023 cycle 2 proposals was provided. There were no additional questions.

Action: There will be a correction to the Godfrey Ditch proposal in the budget allocation sheet to reflect their additional ask from the SPBRT, reducing the ask from the MRT.

A motion was made by David Nickum to approve all WSRF grant requests and was seconded by Sam Calkins. The motion carried unanimously.

3. WSRF Balance Summary ([2023 Budget Summary MRT WSRF](#))

7. MRT Chair and Vice Chair Nomination Process (15 min.) (Lisa Darling)

1. Open Positions – Please contact dkielty3@msn.com, lisadarling@southmetrowater.org, jeff.rodriquez@state.co.us to express your interest in the following MRT open positions.

Chair

Vice-Chair (2 are permitted)

WSRF Committee Coordinator (This could be co-led by 2 WSRF Committee Coordinators)

At-Large RT Seats (four open seats)

At-Large Water Quality Rep (Water Rights Owner)

At-Large Stormwater & Drainage

At-Large - two open general At-Large

The Legislative Appointment seat is currently being addressed.

It was suggested to have a discussion about the Open RT Seats in January.

No one has stepped up to fill the currently open positions. Having all MRT positions filled is an

MRT priority.

Action: Send out list of all open positions and seats along with a link to the Bylaws for member review to prepare for the January meeting.

8. CWCB Update (25 min.)

1. Jeff Rodriguez - 10 min.

NOVEMBER CWCB UPDATES

SCPP Webinar

- Monday November 13
- 10 - 11 am

CWCB Stakeholder Guide

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



C-9 Summit

- Agenda on EngageCWCB
- Westin Hotel in Westminster
 - Please RSVP



Reminders

- **CWCB Deadlines**
 - WSRF Deadline Dec. 1
 - WPG Deadline Dec. 1
- **Wildfire Ready Watersheds**
 - Accepting Applications
- **Technical Assistance & Local Capacity**
 - Accepting Application
- **Both Programs (ARPA Funds)**
 - Contracted by 12/31/24
- **Climate Change in Colorado Report**
 - To be released in late 2023



2. Jessica Brody – 10 min.

Shoshone Water rights will come to the CWCB Board early next year. There is consideration of state funding going to a water rights proposal. The proposal is forthcoming. There is a great deal of legislation coming forward. Please review legislative session proposals and provide feedback.

There is a resource section with a lot of information on the Colorado River Drought Task Force webpage, [CRDTF - Home \(crdroughttaskforce.com\)](http://CRDTF-Home.crdroughttaskforce.com). There are updated graphics that will be sent to MRT for distribution.

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

The IBCC has been engaged in supporting the C-9 Summit.

10. Committee Updates (25 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 was at the Confluence at the Confluence event. On November 30th PEPO will have a table at the South Platte Forum.
2. Environmental/Recreation Committee (D. Nickum) (5 min.) ([Meeting Summary October 25](#)) Alison Witheridge presented on process based restoration projects being advanced by Denver Water.
3. M&I Committee (A. Cole) (5 min.) ([Meeting Summary October 18](#)) The next meeting is scheduled for December 22nd. There will be a meeting on the final Friday every other month beginning in December.
4. Urban Landscape Conservation Task Force (Lisa Darling & Others) (5 min.) Staff has put together a draft report. There is a lot happening with nonessential turf. The final document will be ready by the end of the year.
5. Colorado River Committee (Alex Davis) (5 min.) ([Meeting Summary October 9](#)) The Colorado River Subcommittee will be holding a meeting on December 11th at 1:00 pm discussing the negotiations.

11. Round Table Member Comments (5 min.)

1. Status December MRT Meeting – The Membership selected to cancel the December meeting

and reconvene in January.

- El Paso County / Colorado Springs will be submitting a CWP proposal for an indirect potable reuse project. They are looking to build a regional reuse system. Another grant proposal they are advancing will be for a training program for those who are implementing the turf conversions.

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

Colorado Water Conservation Board Basin Roundtable Meetings

[Metro roundtable - 11/9/2023](#)

[Arkansas basin roundtable - 11/8/2023](#)

[Colorado basin roundtable - 11/27/23](#)

[North Platte basin roundtable - TBD](#)

[Southwest basin roundtable - 1/25/2024](#)

[Rio Grande basin roundtable - 12/14/2023](#)

[South Platte basin roundtable - 11/21/2023](#)

[Yampa/White basin roundtable - 11/8/2023](#)

[Gunnison basin roundtable - 11/20/2023](#)