



SPBRT Roundtable Meeting Summary

Tuesday, January 9, 2024
Time: 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Roundtable Voting Members in Attendance: Adam Gates, Bruce Gerck, Cory DeAngelis, Donnie Dustin, Daylen Figgs, Garrett Varra, Gene Manuello, Jim Hall, Jim Yahn, Joe Frank, John Kolanz, Julia Gallucci, Kirk Vincent, Larry Rogstad, Lisa Leben, Lynda James, Richard Elsner, Scott Griebbling, Sean Chambers

Roundtable Non-voting Members in Attendance: Donald Baggus, Sean Cronin, Casey Davenhill

Guests: Laura Belanger, Mark Lorie, Brent Schantz, Lisa Sigler, Rich Vidmar, Justin Kurth, Laura Chartrand, Kara Sobieski, Brenan Bloyd, Noelle Fillo, Matt Lindburg, Josh Kuhn, Heather Sackett, Pat Well

CWCB: Lauren Ris, Robert Sakata, Emily Zmak, Russ Sands, Jackie Daoust, Kat Weismiller, Jeff Rodriguez, Diane Kielty

1. Welcome/Introductions (Sean Chambers - 5 min.)

The meeting was called to order by Chair Sean Chambers at 4:04 pm.

2. Approval of Agenda: (Sean Chambers - 5 min.)

It was moved to approve the agenda as presented by acclamation. The motion carried.

3. Approval of [SPBRT Meeting Summary November 21, 2023](#) (Sean Chambers - 2 min.)

It was moved by John Kolanz to approve the November 21, 2023, SPBRT Meeting Summary as presented, and it was seconded by Kirk Vincent. The motion carried.

4. Public Comment (3 min.)

Kevin Ryan the State Engineer retired. They are working toward filling the position.

5. Colorado Water Plan Requests for Letter of Support (Garrett Varra – 10 min.)

1. Western Resource Advocates - Successful landscape transformation in Colorado (Laura Belanger)
A presentation was provided, and questions fielded.

It was moved by Scott Griebbling to approve a letter of support for WRA's CWP application and was seconded by Daylen Figs. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Colorado Springs Utilities - Colorado Landscape Industry Education Plan for Water Conservation (Julia Gallucci)

A presentation was provided, and questions fielded.

It was moved by Garrett Varra to approve a letter of support for CSU's CWP application and was seconded by Jim Yahn. The motion carried unanimously.

6. WSRF (Garrett Varra - 5 min.)

1. WSRF Update and SPBRT Funds Status CWCB Basin Account Funds – An increase was received in October. Reserves were used in the last grant cycle. The fund is currently at \$588,346.00. \$237,846 will remain after the Cycle 2 2023 grants are approved by the CWCB Board. This includes a requested \$15,000 addition to the Idaho Springs project. The BIP reserve category is no longer needed. CWCB will pay the cost for any BIP updates. The volatility of the severance tax has been addressed by a 3 year CWCB holding account for WSRF funding.

A motion was made by Jim Hall to eliminate all reserves in the SPBRT WSRF fund and was seconded by Daylen Figs. The motion carried.

2. Approve increase of \$15,000, from \$40,000 up to \$55,000, for Idaho Spring's Maddie Dam Project
A motion was made by Scott Griebing to approve the additional \$15,000 to the Maddie Dam Project and was seconded by Jim Hall. The motion carried unanimously.

7. Annual Officer Elections

All current officers stood to continue to serve in their positions.

A motion was made by Kirk Vincent to retain all the same officers and was seconded by John Kolanz. The motion carried unanimously.

8. Open SPBRT Seats (Garrett Varra – 20 min.)

Kent Swedlund resigned from the SPBRT as the Logan County representative.

1. Open At-large Seats

i. Industrial Representative (At Large)

1. Brent Schantz ([Resume Packet](#)) – United Water District ([United Water and Sanitation District | Customized Water Solutions for Colorado Communities \(unitedwaterdistrict.com\)](#))

Brent Schantz was introduced. He provided his background and interest in the position. United Water's industrial use is primarily water and gas.

A motion was made by Garrett Varra to elect Brent Schantz as the At-Large Industrial Representative and was seconded by Jim Hall. The motion carried unanimously.

Action: Add Brent Schantz to roster and ListServ. Send welcome information.

There are additional open seats, including municipal open seats.

Action: February meeting discuss due process in membership solicitation.

9. City of Aurora Wild Horse Reservoir Project Presentation (30 min.) (Rich Vidmar)

Located near Hartsel in Park County and would store up to 93,000 acre feet. It is off-channel. Displayed the northeast annexation area and diversion areas. Project details were provided including location, configuration, permitting, timeline, and source water and dam information. They are currently at 30% design. Questions were fielded.

10. Committee Updates (15 min.) [Roundtable Meeting Records – The South Platte Basin](#)

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

1. PEPO Committee (Casey Davenhill - 5 min.) (*No Meeting*) The PEPO Purchase Order was received in Mid-December. The Farm Show is coming up later this month. A volunteer sheet was passed around the room.

PEPO Update January 2024



Coordination & Facilitation

Engage and inform Roundtable leadership, BIP Work Groups, WSRF Committees and other Roundtable PEPO liaisons.



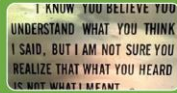
Communication

Promote relevant programs, maintain and update southplattebasin.com website, provide social media curation, create articles for publication and reports to Roundtables, PEPO and CWCB.



Outreach

Leverage existing outreach network and messaging to promote the goals of the Basin Implementation Plan and the Colorado Water Plan; curate social media posts and respond to stakeholder inquiries.



Project Management

Communicate the annual plan, records maintenance, reporting and leveraging Water Supply Reserve Funds for outreach.

2. Environmental/Recreation Committee (Larry Rogstad – 5 min.) ([Joint Env. Rec. Subcommittee Meeting Summary 12 7 2023 Final](#)) The purpose of this meeting was to establish goals for 2024. A highlight was Mag Chloride used on freeways. Clear Creek County is concerned with this issue as the CDOT Floyd Hill Project continues.
3. M&I Committee (Jim Hall – 5 min.) ([Meeting Summary December 22, 2023](#))

SPBRT will have periodic updates on the Colorado River.

11. IBCC Update (Jim Yahn & Sean Cronin - 10 Min.) ([Link to IBCC Webpage](#))

There will be a meeting on February 27th from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm in the Denver area.

12. CWCB Update (20 min.)

1. CWCB Staff Report (Jeff Rodriguez – 10 min.)
Budget requests in the legislature were shared by the new CWCB Director, Lauren Ris.

JANUARY CWCB UPDATES

Climate Change in Colorado

- Final report released
- Interactive maps and charts on webpage

Soil Moisture Survey

- Open until 2/5/24
- Results to direct focus and funding



Soil Moisture Survey:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScz5MVF_a1Ty_OUTDQ1lOrR_iaCi5-4ou385gQJ0AddRXgWBg/viewform

CWCB Stakeholder Guide

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

IBCC Meeting Dates

- First meeting 2/27/24
 - Denver area
- Continue with 3/yr
 - 3rd will be C9 Summit

Reminders

- **CWCB Deadlines**
 - WSRF Deadline Feb. 1
- **Wildfire Ready Watersheds**
 - Accepting Applications
- **Technical Assistance & Local Capacity**
 - Accepting Application
 - Both Programs (ARPA Funds)
 - Contracted by 12/31/24
- **CWCB Reports Coming in 2024**
 - ULCTF and BBC Turf Replacement Analysis



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)

Climate Change in Colorado: <https://climatechange.colostate.edu/>

Colorado River issues: <https://cwcw.colorado.gov/colorado-river-commissioners-corner>

2. CWCB Director Report (Robert Sakata - 10 min.) ([CWCB Directors Report-1/9/2024](#))
There has been no CWCB Board meeting since the last South Platte Basin Roundtable meeting. The next CWCB Board meeting Monday, January 29 – Tuesday, January 30 at the Hyatt Regency Conference Center, Aurora, CO.

This is the last meeting for Director Sakata to be serving as the South Platte Basin CWCB Board member. He thanked all for their hard work on the Roundtable and wishes everyone the very best moving forward. He was thanked for an exemplary job.

13. Round Table Member Comments (15 min)

- SPBRT Meeting Survey Results – 17 people responded to the survey.
 - How often would you suggest that the SPBRT meet? 10 votes – 12 times / 5 votes – 9 times / 1 vote – 4 times
 - Is the current Longmont location the best for most live meetings? 15 yes / 2 no
 - Would you support the SPBRT rotating the live meeting location to different venues around the basin? 10 votes – yes / 4 votes – maybe / 1 vote – no
 - Would you support having occasional virtual-only meetings? 12 votes – yes / 2 votes – no / 3 votes – maybe
 - Would you support moving the time of the meeting from 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm to 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm? 13 votes – yes / 3 votes – no / 1 vote – other
 - Select your preferred length of time for SPBRT meeting duration. 2 votes – 1 hour / 3 votes – 3 hours / 11 votes – 2 hours
 - What day of the week works best – Tuesday

Action: Circulate survey results. This will be discussed at the February meeting.

The Family Farm Alliance is looking for farmers to participate in a focus group to discuss data as it relates to agriculture. The flyer was shared with RT members.

- 2024 SPBRT Meeting Schedule
 - February 2024 SPBRT will be at the regular Weld County location.

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:37 pm.