



## SPBRT Roundtable Meeting Summary

Tuesday, March 12, 2024

Time: 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm

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**Roundtable Voting Members in Attendance:** Allyn Wind, Brent Schantz, Brent Nation, Bruce Gerck, Darren Beck, Daylen Figgs, Deb Daniel, Garrett Varra, Gene Manuello, Jim Hall, Jim Yahn, Joe Frank, John Kolanz, Julia Gallucci, Kirk Vincent, Larry Rogstad, Lisa Leben, Lynda James, Noelle Fillo, Richard Elsner, Scott Griebing, Sean Chambers, Stephen Larson

**Roundtable Non-voting Members in Attendance:** Sean Cronin

**Guests:** Erich Fowler, Pat Wells, Sarah Paschel Gerenday, Michael Welsh, Matt Ely, Lauren Hix, Carmen Farmer, Dave Breindel, Blain Dwyer, Robert Sakata, Phyllis Thomas, Julie Kallenberger, Sally Boccella, Mike Tilko

**CWCB:** Russ Sands, Jeff Rodriguez, Amy Ostdiek, Diane Kiely

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

The meeting was called to order by Chair Sean Chambers at 4:18 pm.

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

It was moved to approve the agenda with the addition of Amy Ostdiek with CWCB to present an Upper Division States Update. Approved by acclamation.

**3. Approval of [SPBRT Meeting Summary February 13, 2024](#) (Sean Chambers - 2 min.)**

It was moved by Scott Griebing to approve the February 13, 2024, SPBRT Meeting Summary with removal of CPW, State Engineer's office, and State Land Board in the parenthesis on page 4 under member updates to the slide deck provided by John Kolanz, and it was seconded by Larry Rogstad. The motion carried.

**4. Public Comment (3 min.)**

March 19th is National Ag week, [National Ag Day | HOME](#)

**5. WSRF (Garrett Varra - 10 min.)**

1. WSRF Update and SPBRT Funds Status CWCB Basin Account Funds – The fund is at \$588,346.

Tomorrow the last round of grants goes to the CWCB Board for approval. If they are all approved, the remaining in the WSRF fund will be \$252,846.

**6. Legislative Session Updates (Sean Chambers) (10 min.)**

The Dredge & Fill CDPHE bill has not yet been introduced.

There is a precipitation bill, SB24-148, for new development. It's initiated from Sterling Ranch. If you build a new development, you can take credit for the historic consumptive use if you go through water court. This can be done through an augmentation plan. There is also a detention pond statute. Sterling Ranch cannot capture precipitation based on the current statute. They would like this to change to allow them to capture water in

the detention pond as part of their augmentation plan. They would need to measure the amount they capture and release the rest. Sterling Ranch plans to file an augmentation plan.

A bill to promote the use of gray water reuse (SB24 – 037 Study Green Infrastructure for Water Quality Management) To apply standards in municipalities to allow gray water reuse in part of their municipal system (sink, bath, shower) as flushing water. New builds would be the best place to implement this type of system. Retrofit and rerouting would be much more expensive.

One Water concept seems to be narrowly focused on urban municipal settings. There may be different boundary conditions to consider for broader scale regionalization and Ag.

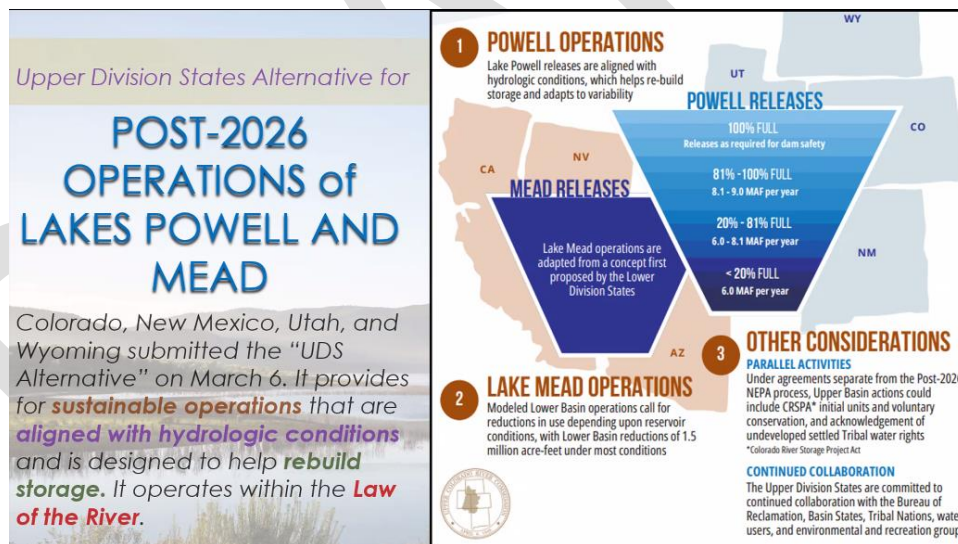
Ken Buck, Congressman for Colorado’s 4<sup>th</sup> District, is resigning. There will be a special election to be set by the Governor.

**7. SPBRT Membership Solicitation for Vacant and Inactive Seats and Meeting Locations (20 min.)**

1. Outreach to counties and municipalities to identify participants – There is no update beyond what was discussed at the last meeting. This is an ongoing effort to fill vacancies. Emails have been sent. Some ideas have been considered to accommodate an open house event or hold an informal session to generate interest. SPBRT would need to identify a venue. This may be a 2025 event. This is an opportunity to get young professionals’ exposure to institutional knowledge. POND may be a good place to promote the SPBRT to young professionals.

**8. Colorado River Update (Amy Ostdiek, CWCB)**

On March 6<sup>th</sup> the Upper Division States Post-2026 Operations at Lake Powell and Mead alternatives 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

**9. 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 (Casey Davenhill - 5 min.) (*No Meeting*) There will be a post-meeting report in April. Please contact Casey if you have an event to share.
2. Environmental/Recreation Committee (Larry Rogstad – 5 min.) (*No Meeting*) There will be a meeting at the end of this month.
3. M&I Committee (Jim Hall – 15 min.) ([Meeting Summary 2.23.2024](#)) A Powerpoint presentation with a call to action for participation was provided.

**10. IBCC Update (Jim Yahn & Sean Cronin - 20 Min.) ([Link to IBCC Webpage](#))**

1. February 27<sup>th</sup> IBCC Meeting Update – A survey has been distributed to the SPBRT members asking for input on how the IBCC and RTs communicate and work together. Commissioner Becky Mitchell laid out a great deal on the compact negotiations. It was good for information sharing among the RTs. Looking toward tackling broad issues across many basins and providing recommendations back to the CWCB and helping prioritize policy items. Facilitators are very helpful for managing the room.

**11. CWCB Update (10 min.)**

1. CWCB Staff Report (Jeff Rodriguez – (10 min.)

IBCC Survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ZWRRT3N>

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:

<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](mailto: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.](#)

## 12. Member Updates

- A Colorado Airborne Snow Measurement Program flight is being scheduled. They are aiming for mid-April. This is being funded through a WSRF grant and several front range entities.
- There is an offer to have the SPBRT meeting in the Republican River Basin for the June 11th meeting. If that won't work, they offered to have it in July or September. Sean Chambers and Casey Davenhill will follow-up.
- SB270 Stream Restoration education program about opportunities and limitations on the bill is being offered. It was suggested to have them present to the RT. Abby Burke is the primary contact.
- WEco is doing a workshop to educate legislators next week, [Programs & Events - Water Education Colorado](#).
- The Water Workforce Summit will be held April 2-3 at the Auraria Campus in Denver the first day then at the CSU SPUR on Wednesday. [Water Workforce Summit April 2-3, 2024 | Colorado Water Center | Colorado State University \(colostate.edu\)](#)
- CWCB Board Meeting is March 13-14 at the CSU SPUR.

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