

SPBRT Roundtable Meeting Agenda

DATE CHANGE

Tuesday, November 21, 2023

Time: 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm

VIRTUAL ONLY

Roundtable Voting Members in Attendance: Brent Nation, Cory DeAngelis, Dan Gallen, Darren Beck, Daylen Figs, Garrett Varra, Jim Hall, Jim Yahn, Joe Frank, John Kolanz, Kirk Vincent, Lisa Leben, Loretta Daniel, Lynda James, Sean Chambers, Stephen Larson,

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

Guests: Timothy Gates, Shelley Stanley, Britta Strother, Daniel Hoekstra, Jody Shadduck-McNally, Donald Frick, James Ries, J. Bertrand, Ed Sigward, Stephen Brant, Donald Frick, Mark Thomas, Micaela Vondy, Lauren Hillmer, Phil Brink, Rich Belt, Katharine Cody, Mike Katalinich

CWCB: Robert Sakata, Russ Sands, Jeff Rodriguez, Diane Kielty

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

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair Jim Hall at 4:08 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 October 10, 2023](#) (Sean Chambers - 2 min.)

It was moved by Kirk Vincent to approve the October 10, 2023, SPBRT Meeting Summary as presented, and it was seconded by Garrett Varra. The motion carried.

4. Public Comment (3 min.) Cory DeAngelis extended an invite for the Division of Water Resources meeting with the Colorado Bar Association. The invitation will be sent to the Recorder and distributed to the membership.

5. Colorado Water Plan Requests for Letter of Support (Garrett Varra – 30 min.)

1. South Boulder Creek - Watershed Restoration Phase III - Engineering Design, Permitting and Stakeholder Outreach (Stephen Brant)

A motion was made to approve a SPBRT letter of support for the South Boulder Creek Phase III project by Garrett Varra and was seconded by Jim Yahn. The motion carried with one recusal from Darren Beck.

Applicant will provide a draft Letter of Support to the SPBRT Chair, Needs Committee Chair, and SPBRT Recorder.

2. Salinity Characterization in the South Platte River Basin (Timothy Gates, Colorado State University)

A motion was made to approve a SPBRT letter of support for the Salinity Characterization project by Lisa Leben and was seconded by Garrett Varra. The motion carried.

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3. Dominion WSD - Water Efficiency Planning and Regulations (Britta Strother)

There was discussion about setting a precedent to subsidize municipal plans that are generally paid through the cost to the customer. CWCB has always provided grants for efficiency plans.

A motion was made to approve a SPBRT letter of support for the Water Efficiency Planning and Regulations project by Garrett Varra and was seconded by Daylen Figs. The motion carried.

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6. WSRF (Garrett Varra - 90 min.)

1. A WSRF and CWCB Basin Account Funds update was provided. There was discussion on the use of the Basin reserve fund. The BIP reserve was established for a fiscal agent on behalf of the SPBRT for any revisions needed on the BIP. This fund could be freed at this time and must be used for grants.
2. Recommendations WSRF 2023 Cycle2 Applications
 1. 208 Region 2 - Nonpoint Source Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) 9-Element Watershed Plan, North Front Range Water Quality Planning Association. There was discussion on water quality trading within the context of this plan.

A motion was made to approve the 208 Region 2, 9-Element Watershed Plan WSRF proposal for recommendation to the CWCB by Garrett Varra and was seconded by Lynda James. The motion carried.

Applicant will provide a draft Letter of Support to the SPBRT Chair, Needs Committee Chair, and SPBRT Recorder.

2. 2024 N. Front Range ASO Flights, St. Vrain and Left Hand Water Conservancy District

A motion was made to approve the 2024 N. Front Range ASO Flights WSRF proposal for recommendation to the CWCB by Joe Frank and was seconded by Jim Hall. The motion carried with two abstentions, Garrett Varra and Sean Cronin (as proxy for Scott Griebing)

Applicant will provide a draft Letter of Support to the SPBRT Chair, Needs Committee Chair, and SPBRT Recorder.

3. Automated Gated Pipe System Field Trials, North 40 Technologies LLC. The Committee did not make a recommendation on this proposal due to questions regarding private enterprise for-profit WSRF eligibility. The Needs Committee Chair had a discussion with CWCB about eligibility, and private enterprise is eligible for WSRF funds. The SPBRT guidelines mimic the State guidelines allowing private entities to seek WSRF grant funding.

A motion was made to approve the Automated Gated Pipe System Field Trials WSRF proposal for recommendation to the CWCB by Jim Yahn and was seconded by Kirk Vincent. The motion carried.

Applicant will provide a draft Letter of Support to the SPBRT Chair, Needs Committee Chair, and SPBRT Recorder.

4. Godfrey Ditch Measuring Structure, Godfrey Ditch

A motion was made to approve the Godfrey Ditch Measuring Structure WSRF proposal for recommendation to the CWCB by Garrett Varra and was seconded by Daylen Figs. The motion carried.

Applicant will provide a draft Letter of Support to the SPBRT Chair, Needs Committee Chair, and SPBRT Recorder.

5. Larimer County Canal Delivery Headgate Automation, Water Supply and Storage Company (WSSC)

A motion was made to approve the Larimer County Canal Delivery Headgate Automation WSRF proposal for recommendation to the CWCB by Jim Yahn and was seconded by Jim Hall. The motion carried.

Applicant will provide a draft Letter of Support to the SPBRT Chair, Needs Committee Chair, and SPBRT Recorder.

6. Mattie Dam Diversion, City of Idaho Springs. Questions were fielded regarding fish passage. A fish ladder was determined not to be beneficial to the project.

A motion was made to approve the Mattie Dam Diversion WSRF proposal for recommendation to the CWCB by Lisa Leben and was seconded by Garrett Varra. The motion carried.

Applicant will provide a draft Letter of Support to the SPBRT Chair, Needs Committee Chair, and SPBRT Recorder.

7. Tamarack SWA Well 17, Ducks Unlimited. SP WRAP process and recharge was discussed.

A motion was made to approve the WSRF Tamarack SWA Well 17 WSRF proposal for recommendation to the CWCB Board by Garrett Varra and was seconded by Daylen Figs. The motion carried.

Applicant will provide a draft Letter of Support to the SPBRT Chair, Needs Committee Chair, and SPBRT Recorder.

Due to approval of all WSRF grant proposals, the SPBRT will reach into the reserves. It was recommended to use the BIP Reserve toward grants until the reserve is eliminated. There was RT consensus to proceed.

CWCB thanked everyone who participated in the C-9 Summit. The Summit was recorded. The recording will be available soon.

The Water Plan Grant deadline is December 1st.

Director Sakata shared that CWCB has changed how they fund the WSRF program. This change should provide more consistent availability of WSRF funds. This was done to avoid Severance Tax funding variations and stabilize the WSRF accounts.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:27 P.M.

THE DECEMBER SPBRT MEETING IS CANCELED