

CWCB Director's Report to the South Platte Basin Roundtable

Tuesday January 9, 2024

- I. No CWCB Board meeting since last South Platte Basin Roundtable meeting
- II. Next CWCB Board meeting Monday January 29 - Tuesday January 30
- III. Location: Hyatt Regency Conference Center, Aurora, CO
- IV. Agenda will not be finalized until next week but here are agenda topics to date:
 - A. Division Directors' reports
 - B. Basin Directors' reports
 1. If there is anything in particular that you would like for me to include in my report please let me know.
 - C. Water Project loans update
 - D. 2024 Projects Bill
 - E. WSRF Applications
 - F. Instream flow requests
 - G. Colorado River Updates
 - H. Operational Planning Update
 - I. Species Conservation Trust Fund eligibility list approval
 - J. Water Supply planning: One Water
 - K. Drought Resilient Project overview
 - L. Water Quality Control Commission & Colorado Water Conservation Board workshop
- V. Attended the Colorado River Water Users Association Annual meeting in Las Vegas
 - A. Upper Colorado River Commission met on the morning of the first day
 1. Report from each state and tribes
 2. Working to formalize an agreement with the tribes
 - B. CRWUA Meeting
 1. A series of general sessions covering all aspects of water use on the Colorado River
 - C. Commissioner Becky Mitchell stood firm stating that the overuse by the lower basin states has created the problem and that they need to address this.
- VI. This is the last meeting for me to be serving as the South Platte Basin CWCB Board member

- A. Thanks for all of your hard work on the basin roundtable and I wish all of you the very best moving forward.
- VII. New role
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Upcoming water/ag related meetings;

- I. Western Colorado Horticultural Society Annual Conference
 - a. January 15-18, 2024
 - b. Grand Junction Convention Center, Grand Junction, CO
 - c. <https://www.coloradofruits.org/>
- II. Colorado Cattlemen's Association Mid Winter meeting
 - a. January 15-16, 2024
 - b. Marriott West, Golden, CO
 - c. <https://www.coloradocattle.org/mid-winter-conference>
- III. Four States Irrigation Council Annual Meeting
 - a. January 17-18, 2024
 - b. Hilton, Ft Collins Colorado
 - c. <https://www.4-states-irrigation.org/>
- IV. Colorado Farm Show
 - a. January 23-25, 2024
 - b. Greeley, CO
 - c. <https://coloradofarmshow.com/>
- V. Western Colorado Soil Health, Food and Farm Forum
 - a. January 26-27, 2024
 - b. Montrose, CO
 - c. <https://www.soilfoodfarm.org/>
- VI. Southern Rocky Mountain Ag Conference
 - a. February 6-8, 2024
 - b. Monte Vista, CO
 - c. <https://agconferencesrm.com/>
- VII. Colorado Fruit and Vegetable Growers Association Annual Meeting
 - a. February 27-28, 2024

- b. Westminster, CO
 - c. <https://coloradoproduce.org/>
- VIII. Colorado Ag Forum
 - a. February 29, 2024
 - b. Westminster, CO
 - c. <https://www.coloradoagforum.com/>
- IX. Colorado Agriculture Hall of Fame Banquet
 - a. February 29, 2024
 - b. Westminster, CO
- X. Arkansas River Basin Forum
 - a. March 6-7, 2024
 - b. Otero College, La Junta, CO
 - c. <https://www.arbwf.org/>
- XI. Total Solar Eclipse
 - a. April 8, 2024
 - b. Across Texas (1:42 PM CDT), Oklahoma, Arkansas, Missouri, Illinois, Kentucky, Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania, New York, Vermont, New Hampshire and Maine (3:33 PM EDT)
 - c. <https://science.nasa.gov/eclipses/future-eclipses/eclipse-2024/where-when/>
- XII. Sustaining Colorado Watersheds
 - a. Oct 7-10, 2024
 - b. Avon, CO.
 - c. <https://www.coloradowater.org/scw-conference-2023>
- XIII. Kansas Governor's Water Conference
 - a. Nov 13-14
 - b. Manhattan, KS
 - c. <https://kwo.ks.gov/news-events/governor's-water-conference>

If you have any questions or comments please feel free to reach out to me anytime! Also if there are any water related meetings, conferences or other events that could be relevant to my work at the Colorado Department of Agriculture please feel free to pass that information along to me as well.

Sincerely,

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