

**Colorado Water for the 21st Century
Metro Roundtable – Meeting Minutes**

**April 8, 2009 4:00 – 7:00 PM
At the Denver Water Board Room**

Rod Kuharich chaired the meeting.

Alexandra Davis, Assistant Director of the Department of Natural Resources, gave a presentation on the Blue Mesa Reservoir Concept. She said that the Bureau of Reclamation has tentatively determined that up to 200,000 acre-feet per year at Blue Mesa Reservoir could be available for beneficial use during the first 3 or 4 years of a drought cycle. The CWCB may continue discussions with Reclamation concerning this topic.

Bruce Whitehead (Southwest Colorado Water Conservation District) and Eric Kuhn (Colorado River Water Conservation District) gave a presentation on the “Colorado River Compact Curtailment Alternative”. Eric gave an overview of water supply issues related to the Colorado River Compact. Bruce described a proposed West Slope Water Bank concept.

Dan Birch (Colorado River Water Conservation District) gave a presentation concerning an ongoing study to estimate water requirements for energy development on the Western Slope.

David Nickum and Jonathon Kahn gave a follow-up presentation on the non-consumptive needs assessment for the metro basin, including detailed mapping. They are in the process of providing attribute codes on the various stream segments, instead of the current hydrologic user codes (HUCs).

Mark Pifher and Jacob Bornstein gave a report on the most recent IBCC meeting.

There was discussion of having a joint meeting with the South Platte Roundtable and the Arkansas Roundtable on May 13.

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