

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

**June 10, 2009 3:00 – 6:10 PM
At the Denver Water Board Room**

Rod Kuharich chaired the meeting.

Jacob Bornstein and David Nickum gave a follow-up presentation on the non-consumptive needs assessment for the metro basin. After discussion, the Metro Basin Board approved the non-consumptive needs assessment with the priorities as shown on the maps that were included in the presentation, but the approval included the following amendments:

- Cherry Creek Reservoir and Chatfield Reservoir will be listed as the primary flat-water facilities;
- Add “fishing” as an attribute for Segment 4, but the downstream terminus for fishing in Segment 4 shall end at the Burlington Ditch diversion dam;
- The downstream boundary for Segment 4 is at the Adams County northern county line.

The non-consumptive needs assessment was approved by a vote of 13 to 3.

Chips Barry, Dave Little, Mark Pifher, and Rod Kuharich described ongoing efforts for coordinated water supply planning among Denver Water, Aurora Water, and the South Metro Water Supply Authority. These entities are exploring opportunities for shared infrastructure and water supply.

Janet Bell gave an update on the Upper Mountain Counties Water Needs Assessment.

There was a discussion of various state-wide water supply concepts. The Metro Roundtable Board approved the following resolution:

The Metro Roundtable hereby requests that the Interbasin Compact Committee and the Colorado Water Conservation Board, as part of developing “Strategies to Meet Colorado’s Future Water Supply”, include all options including Green Mountain Reservoir Pump-back, Yampa River, Flaming Gorge, Colorado River Return, and Blue Mesa Reservoir Pump-back”.

This resolution was approved by a vote of 12 to 4.

Mark Shively, Executive Director of the Douglas County Water Resource Authority, gave a presentation on a grant request for the “Appraisal & Feasibility Studies Required for Federal Assistance under the Rural Water Supply Act in the Douglas County Region”. The Metro Roundtable unanimously approved \$100,000 from the Metro Basin Account and recommended that an additional \$500,000 should be approved from the Statewide Account. It is noted that the request from the Metro Roundtable was \$175,000, but Metro has only about \$100,000 in its account at this time.

Elizabeth Brown, Invasive Species Coordinator for Division of Wildlife, gave a presentation on Zebra and Quagga mussels, and the Aquatic Nuisance Species program in Colorado for containment of these species.

The next IBCC meeting is scheduled for July 20.

Barbara Biggs gave an update on the recent CWCB meeting.

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