

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

**June 11, 2008 4:00 – 6:15 PM
At the Denver Water Board Room**

Doug Scott chaired the meeting.

Erich Hecox gave an update on the May IBCC meeting in Walden. The main focus was on continuing the “visioning” process, developing a more robust vision statement, and looking at technical work behind various strategies for moving forward with the work of the IBCC. Chips Barry said that he is recommending that the IBCC adopt a statewide “use only what you need” concept. He would also like to propose a statutory definition of un-appropriated water that would exclude water owed by Colorado for interstate compact deliveries. Specifically, he proposes a statutorily-mandated finding in each basin by State Engineer concerning the amount of such un-appropriated water. There was general discussion of this concept.

Barbara Biggs provided information on the Colorado Water Conservation Board’s activities. The CWCB approved a grant application by the Super Ditch in the Arkansas River basin. The Upper Basin County Water Needs Assessment grant proposal was also approved.

Tom Akers gave a short presentation on the proposed study concerning “Demonstration of Membrane Zero Liquid Discharge Process for Drinking Water Systems”. The Metro Roundtable unanimously approved \$50,000 from the Water Supply Reserve Account for this project.

Jeff Shoemaker of The Greenway Foundation presented information concerning a proposed feasibility study to identify habitat and recreation improvement alternatives. He expects to make a funding request at the next Metro Roundtable meeting.

Sue Morea and Hal Simpson gave a summary, as an initial draft, of several topics related to the consumptive needs assessment in the South Platte and Denver metro area. There was discussion and comment by Roundtable members. Sue and Hal reported that an updated draft report would probably be submitted within the next few weeks.

Erich Hecox summarized water-related bills from the past legislative session.

Doug Scott gave an update of the status of Metro Roundtable member renewals. Doug indicated that this is his last meeting as member and chairman.

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