

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

**December 10, 2008 4:00 – 6:25 PM
At the Denver Water Board Room**

Rod Kuharich chaired the meeting.

Members of the Metro Roundtable presented a plaque to Doug Scott in appreciation of his past service as chairman.

Nicole Seltzer, Executive Director of the Colorado Foundation for Water Education gave a presentation on articles that are planned for the *Headwaters* magazine, with requests for comments by Board members.

Eric Hecox led a discussion of projects and methods for meeting identified consumptive and non-consumptive water supply needs. The joint task order for Metro and South Platte basins is nearly complete. The Statewide Water Supply Initiative (SWSI) is extending the estimates of municipal and industrial projected water demands out to year 2050. There was discussion of options for potential “next steps” in obtaining additional water supply in the Denver metropolitan area. It was agreed that at the next meeting Eric will lead a discussion to review water supply projects that the group is interested in moving forward and to evaluate whether any additional study and support of such projects is warranted at this time.

There was a discussion of an application for a Statewide Water Supply Reserve Account expenditure by the South Metro Water Supply Authority (SMWSA) for an aquifer recharge pilot study. The purpose of the study is to evaluate the feasibility of implementing aquifer storage and recovery (ASR) in additional areas within the SMWSA region, excluding the Highlands Ranch area. The study would include the potential use of water sources that are somewhat lower in quality, but likely to be available to South Metro water users. Gordon McCurry of CDM led the presentation concerning this matter. The total project cost is estimated to be \$1,400,000. South Metro unanimously gave its approval for such expenditure from the statewide account, subject to the requirement that the project sponsors shall provide a 20 percent matching contribution.

Rod Kuharich provided a summary of the recent IBCC board meeting.

Barbara Biggs gave a report on the recent CWCB meeting, including a review of the upcoming “projects” bill for the CWCB.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 11.

Prepared by Gary Thompson
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