

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

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

Rod Kuharich chaired the meeting.

Chris Piper, on behalf of the Colorado Foundation for Water Education, provided a handout on potential articles that might be published in the *Headwaters* magazine, and asked for feedback, which was given by roundtable members.

There was discussion of a marked-up draft of the “Metro and South Platte Basin Roundtables Draft Task Order Summary”. Members were invited to provide additional comments.

Eric Hecox, Peter Nichols, and Rod Kuharich attended the recent IBCC meeting at which there was continued discussion of the visioning process. The IBCC meeting focused on three key water supply strategies: (1) M&I water conservation; (2) Agricultural water transfers; and (3) Compact development and transbasin diversions. Eric provided a copy of the document entitled, “Interbasin Compact Committee - Colorado’s Water Supply Future Vision Exercise”, seeking feedback from Metro Roundtable members. The next IBCC meeting will be on October 29.

Barbara Biggs gave an update on activities of the Colorado Water Conservation Board. There are proposed new rules for loaning water rights to be used for instream flow purposes. She also described the Northern Integrated Supply Project and the criteria for potential positions by the CWCB in support of regional water supply projects.

Janet Bell reported on the recent South Platte Basin Roundtable meeting. She said that Greg Varnihan gave an update on phreatophyte control and removal work in the South Platte basin. The South Platte Basin Roundtable will be meeting in late September in the Yampa basin for a field trip and joint meeting with the Yampa Basin Roundtable.

The joint meeting of Metro representatives with the Gunnison Roundtable has been rescheduled for early October, with Metro’s representatives yet to be determined.

Greg Varnihan described the status of the proposed Ducks Unlimited Project.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 15, with bi-monthly meetings to be scheduled thereafter.

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