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

October 13, 2010 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM At the Denver Water Board Room

Rod Kuharich chaired the meeting.

Heather Bergman provided an update on IBCC activities. Work is going forward by subcommittees for Conservation and Identified Processes and Projects to prepare a report by the end of the year concerning accomplishments and an ongoing work plan for 2011. The report will may include policy-level recommendations for improvements in water conservation in the short-term, medium, and long-term. A sub-committee on new water supplies is also active.

Rod Kuharich provided an update on the Colorado Water Conservation Board activities.

To Acre provided a report on the Metro Roundtable education subcommittee, which is working with the Colorado Foundation for Water Education to organize a potential meeting on December 8 to include state representatives, county administrators, county commissioners, city council members, and others in the metro area, related water supply matters. The meeting will include a discussion of "where we are with the water supply gap and ideas to address the gap at a statewide level".

Julio Iturreria led a discussion on the DRCOG metro vision policy recommendations related to water conservation. Rod Kuharich will send a letter on behalf of the Metro Roundtable to DRCOG to indicate concern about the water conservation percentage goal expressed in its staff recommendations.

Heather Bergman gave an update on the work of the Flaming Gorge feasibility task force.

Jacob Bornstein gave a report on the CWCB non-consumptive needs assessment – Phase 2. This update will include water demand projections to year 2050. He reported that there is approximately 130,000 acre-feet per year of gap in Metro area water supplies, which would need to be bridged through a combination of active conservation and new water supplies. These figures do not include reservoir evaporation and system losses.

David Little provided a report on Denver Water's global negotiations regarding the Moffat expansion.

The next Metro Roundtable meeting is set for November 10 at 2:00 PM.

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