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

June 2, 2010 1:00 PM – 4:15 PM At the Denver Water Board Room

Rod Kuharich chaired the meeting.

The group discussed the concept of co-hosting a meeting with elected officials concerning water supply planning for the metro area. The meeting might include mayors, city council members, county commissioners, and legislators, and it will be hosted in conjunction with the Foundation for Water Education.

Barbara Biggs provided an update on Colorado Water Conservation Board activities. She explained that new state-wide draft flood plain rules are available for review. There was general discussion of the draft report on the Colorado River Water Availability Study. She also reported that Frank Jeager had given a presentation to the CWCB concerning the Colorado-Wyoming Coalition concept for the Flaming Gorge Project.

Julio Iturreria gave an update on the recent South Platte Roundtable meeting.

There was discussion of a draft letter prepared by Rod Kuharich, dated June 1, concerning Identified Projects & Processes and water conservation. Board members should provide additional comments to him on the draft letter until June 16.

There was a discussion of projects and methods to meet the future water supply needs of the Metro area. There was general agreement that project proponents should meet with the Metro Roundtable if they are seeking support for CWCB grant funds related to the water supply reserve account funding. Projects might appropriately be evaluated on the basis of:

- Water availability
- Regulatory feasibility
- Sociological and political considerations
- Cost feasibility
- Reallocation of agricultural water versus development of new sources

There was discussion of \$4 million available in the state water supply reserve account. If there are any proposals related to the Metro area that might seek to use a portion of this account, they should be considered at the July 12 Metro Roundtable meeting.

All of the legislative appointments for the Metro Roundtable are expiring this summer, so appropriate candidates need to be identified. This matter will be further discussed at the July 12 meeting.

The next Metro Roundtable meeting is set for July 12 at 1:00 PM.