

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

**March 13, 2013 3:00 – 6:00 PM
At Denver Water – Denver Water Board Room**

Mark Koleber chaired the meeting.

John Stulp, Joe Stibrich, and Mark Pifher gave an update on recent IBCC meetings including the “2013 Roadmap” and the “No/Low Regrets” discussions.

Jacob Bornstein reported that the Statewide Water Supply Initiative (SWSI) will be updated in 2016. The SWSI was last updated in 2010, and it is CWCB policy to attempt to keep the SWSI information generally current. The 2016 update analysis will include consideration of climate change and dry or wet years.

Ted Kowalski (CWCB staff) gave a powerpoint presentation to summarize the Bureau of Reclamation’s Colorado River Supply and Demand Study.

Ray Alvarado (CWCB staff) gave an update on the Colorado River Water Availability Study. The draft report is available on the CWCB website. CWCB staff is seeking comments by the end of April.

Sean Cronin, chairman of the South Platte Basin Roundtable, reported that such roundtable had recently formed a committee from among its members to consider basin implementation planning discussions and future opportunities.

Todd Doherty and Joe Frank gave a presentation on the projected water supply gap for the South Platte basin and metro areas. Hal Simpson gave a summary of the South Platte basin hydrology. Matt Lindberg presented charts of “free river” water availability at various locations along the South Platte River. It was reported that there is currently about 72,000 acre-feet of gravel pit storage in the South Platte basin and there is an additional 83,500 acre-feet of future planned gravel pit storage capacity.

Sean Cronin suggested that the Metro Roundtable should have periodic joint meetings with the South Platte Roundtable. He also suggested that the metro Roundtable should set up a committee to work with the South Platte’s new planning committee.

Mark Koleber and Jacob Bornstein gave a summary of the Conservation Roundtable Mini-Summit meeting. Mark also gave a summary of the presentation to the IBCC concerning the Metro Roundtable’s “Bookends” paper.

Janet Bell and Tim Murrell gave a summary of the current status of the Flaming Gorge Task Force Phase 1 report. The CWCB voted that it would not provide funding for Phase 2 at this time.

Jacob Bornstein gave an update on CWCB activities.

It was reported that Tom Acre has left the Metro Roundtable, taking a job as City Manager in Trinidad, Colorado. The Education and Outreach Committee will meet to consider their ongoing work and to select a new committee chairman.

Mark Koleber recommended the formation of an executive committee to help guide the Metro Roundtable meetings and to work with the South Platte Basin Roundtable. Therefore, the Metro Roundtable unanimously approved the following membership for this committee: Joe Stibrich or Rick Marsicek, Marc Waage, Mark Koleber, John Hendrick, Eric Hecox, and Peter Nichols.

Eric Hecox is a new Metro Roundtable member.

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