

Metro Roundtable Meeting Minutes

**Wednesday, July 8, 2015
Denver Water
1600 West 12th Ave., Denver, CO 80204
4:10 PM - 6:00 PM**

Denver Metro Roundtable Business Meeting

1. Welcome/Introductions

A quorum was present

2. Approval of the Meeting Summary

June 2015 Metro Roundtable Meeting Minutes approved unanimously with one correction made to the spelling of Dave Holm.

3. Agenda: additions or changes

Rearrangement of meeting topic sequence to accommodate for late arrivals.

4. Committee Updates

a. PEPO update presented by Casey Davenhill

Review of PEPO Budget Charges:

Includes preparation for compiling documents for MRT handbook. The committee updated the member handbook information that had been done originally by Colorado Foundation for Water Education and is using Colorado Water Education materials in its outreach distribution packets. The Table of Contents is ready for MRT member review. Casey to provide hard copy prints of 4-page brochure as needed. Janet to contact Casey for request.

Update on Facilitated Meeting:

Facilitated South Platte BRT & MRT PEPO Meeting; Tuesday July 28, 2015; 10 am - 2 pm; Cabela's, 14050 Lincoln Street, Thornton, CO. PEPO continues to identify joint actions where the strategies of South Platte & MRT align. Where strategies do not align will be identified as well. Many priorities within each Action Plan are compatible. The MRT PEPO committee is larger than South Platte. There appears to be increasing interest from both round table Executive Committees that suggests agreement in leveraging common goals and combining outreach moving forward. Goals for meeting are to identify joint priorities, review IPP's and brochure to ensure consistency and common message, determine how to proceed with social media and file archive using SPRT and MRT PEPO funds, and ensure key materials are available. Also plan to conduct a review of the new member handbook. Working on elements for new budget going forward and new action plan. Will prepare immediately to submit to CWCB in timely fashion. Casey sending compiled list of South West Basin IPPs to Viola to distribute to group.

Update on Social Hour in coordination with CFWE Water Fluency Course "booth":

On Aug. 12 the MRT meeting will be held at the CAVEA Center on the 4th Floor of the Student Success Center at MSU Denver. Following the MRT meeting, a Joint Networking Social Hour will be held in conjunction with MSU Denver OWOW Center & CFWE Water Fluency Course from 6 - 7 pm at the Marriot Springhill Suites. If possible, we would like to show the video developed in conjunction with the BIP, and have copies of the 4-page brochure available. Welcome other ideas on brief presentation for this event. Casey will

coordinate with Kristin at CFWE.

Update on Interim Water Review Committee:

Denver Metropolitan Hearing: September 15, 2015, 6 pm – 8 pm; Aurora City Council Chambers in the Aurora Municipal Center, 15151 East Alameda Pkwy., Aurora, CO 80012. The agenda is out for presentation at Interim Water Resources Committee Meeting. Barb will be presenting and would like feedback from MRT members on which aspects of the plan to emphasize for the Committee public hearing. She will also coordinate with Joe Frank to ensure a coordinated message from the two RTs. HDR is finalizing a standard PowerPoint on the BIP for use by MRT and SPRT members asked to speak.

Outreach Opportunities:

Colorado WaterWise whose mission is, "Connecting stakeholders, providing resources, and serving as the collaborative leader in the efficient use of urban water in Colorado." has created a statewide messaging campaign 'Live Like You Love It' and will be asked to make a brief presentation at the August 12th MRT business meeting.

On Aug. 22nd, the American Planning Association, Colorado Chapter is holding a workshop at American Mountaineering Center in Golden. On agenda is the topic of Water Supply and Conservation Planning. Plan to reach out to them and get word out on MRT and possibly consider asking to be included in their agenda . At minimum provide MRT 4-page handout.

On October 14-16, the Colorado Water Institute with CDR Associates is facilitating Best Practices for Collaborative Water Decisions: Moving from Concept to Action in Palisade, CO. Fee \$995. PEPO will research if there are there scholarships available to pay fees for Metro RT members to attend conferences?

Aspen Journalism is writing an article on the South Platte Implementation Plan. This is an On-line journal. Brent Gardner-Smith is the reporter. Barb will send Aspen Journal article to MRT membership for response inputs. www.aspenjournalism.org.

Request attendance of MRT members at IWRC meeting in Aurora.

b. IBCC presented by Joe Stibrich

A draft IBCC Conceptual Framework document handout was made available to the Members for review. A number of subcommittees have been created throughout the drafting of this document. It has been redrafted by the most current subcommittee. They will be addressing it on Monday at IBCC meeting. Joe to forward Draft to Jim Lockheed and Marc Waage for review and comment. Please read through and share comments with Joe before Monday. A number of questions from the Members were fielded regarding the original water plan and the intent of the Framework as a guide for future trans-mountain diversion issues. Stretch goals for water conservation are included in the new draft CWP. Concerns were expressed on criteria for baseline / benchmark data. It was suggested that stretch goals don't belong in this Framework document or the CWP. There is no criteria to measure conservation and stretch goals. An area of concern is defining terms in the Draft Framework. The new draft appears to be a rewrite of the "Agreement" document with new terms. This is an IBCC document and the IBCC will make the determination. If MRT members have opinions please express. Principle 6 on Conservation. Framework was originally 2 concepts; 1) Water users of trans-mountain development had to reach higher level of conservation, 2) As State we will strive to achieve a higher level of conservation. Issue is not just TMD language. The language states all water projects. Why are we getting in a debate on standard of technical and economics when Framework was created to address trans-mountain diversions? State and Federal governments will look at all policies that apply to technical and

economic considerations and will reference this Framework document. It could add yet another layer of criteria to meet. The concept of a conservation stretch goal is beyond common practice. It's the only place this concept shows up. Would like to see whole paragraph stricken and make a stand that MRT will not agree. Recommend request to remove entire paragraph in that it doesn't refer to TMDs. At IBCC meeting there was discussion around stretch goals and adaptive management. It was suggested to differentiate practical and aspiration goals. This is where conversation went at that time.

Call to Motion: Subcommittee to be created to review new Draft CWP document and identify a list of issues to be addressed.

Motion Julio Iturreria, second Janet Bell
Motion approved unanimously

Subcommittee Members Selected

Marc Waage, Janet Bell, Jim Hall, Julio Iturreria, Eric Hecox, Joe Stibrich

c. **WSRA Committee presented by Tim Murrell**

Guideline Discussion:

Discussion was on WSRA guideline handout with highlighted changes followed by adoption. Some changes have been made to application process, but changes are not substantial. Merged 1st tier and 2nd tier together, eliminating tiers. New process involves a full application review by MRT. Comment that 5th bullet is confusing in the parenthetical language, move to strike. Done. Is MRT considering future possibility to go out and seek applicants with the highest priority projects that reflect the MRT goals? The August MRT meeting will include discussion on topic of actively seeking applicants to submit to ensure projects align with basin priorities. Are deadlines on submittals included for budgeting purposes? Funding release for re-infusions are conducted twice a year based on severance tax revenues. There is a schedule on page 5 that also helps inform timing for State match purposes. Education through PEPO subcommittee to support timely submittal to align with matching state funds. Tim will make WSRA fund account status available at each meeting for decision making purposes going forward.

Adoption of WSRA Guidelines:

Motion Janet, second by Mark
In favor, unanimous

WSRA Bluff Lake Nature Center presented by Jeff Lamontagne:

A 2-page project summary was submitted but not distributed to DMRT. Tim to distribute Bluff Lake Project Summary to DMRT.

Overview: 123 acre in Stapleton Area. City & County managed as native habitat. Wide variety of bird species. Focus is environmental restoration and education. Was historically a buffer zone for Stapleton airport runways. Year Round Lake Project has been in works for 7-8 years. Lake fed only by urban storm water and precipitation. Dammed in 1884 as irrigation water body at that time. 1884 technology still in place, not lined, leaking. It tends to dry out, which provides a teachable opportunity when it's dry for a few weeks, but is more problematic when it is dry for several months. 3 phases; 1) reinforce dam, 2) line the lake bottom, 3) tap in Denver's recycled water and have an agreement in place which State of Colorado has reviewed. \$3.1 million project. Requesting \$10,000 from MRT, \$200,000 from statewide funds. Questions were fielded by applicant. Conceptual grant application was favorably received. Applicant was asked to provide full WSRA Grant Application at August meeting for formal action.

5. Legislative Update

- a. Interim Water Resource Review Committee Summer Agenda and Schedule
- b. Other legislative items of interest

6. Basin Implementation Plan: Next Steps

- a. HDR representative Britta Struther presented PowerPoint discussion

There is \$58,000 remaining in budget. Review of estimated monies needed per task remaining. Recommendation made that website be handed over to new web management entity to be discussed at July 28th meeting. Website management firm recommendations have been forwarded to the PEPO committee.

7. Meeting Schedule

- a. Next Metro Roundtable Meeting: August 12, 2015; 4 pm – 6 pm Will be held at the CAVEA Center on the 4th Floor of the Student Success Center at MSU Denver, CO. Following the MRT meeting, a Joint Networking Social Hour will be held in conjunction with MSU Denver OWOW Center & CFWE Water Fluency Course from 6 - 7 pm at the Marriot Springhill Suites. Parking is available in the garage right off 7th Avenue and the Auraria Parkway.
- b. IBCC Meeting: July 13, 2015; The Sheraton Denver West 360 Union Street, Lakewood CO
- c. CWCB Meeting: July 15-16, 2015; Ignacio, CO
- d. Facilitated South Platte BRT & Metro RT PEPO Meeting: Tuesday July 28, 2015; 10 am - 2 pm; Cabela's 14050 Lincoln Street, Thornton CO
- e. Interim Water Resource Review Committee - Denver Metropolitan Hearing: September 15, 2015, 6 pm – 8 pm; Aurora City Council Chambers, 15151 East Alameda Pkwy., Aurora, CO 80012.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm