

# **Metro Roundtable Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, October 14, 2015**

**Denver Water**

**1600 West 12th Ave., Denver, CO 80204**

**4:00 PM - 6:00 PM**

## **Metro Roundtable Business Meeting**

### **1. Welcome/Introductions (5 min)**

### **2. Approval of the Meeting Summary (5 min)**

Approved

### **3. Agenda: additions or changes (5 min)**

Request for approval of education action plan.

### **4. Committee Updates (40 min)**

#### **a. WSRA Committee (Davenhill – 20 min)**

Overview: \$243,000 in account balance as of the last meeting. WSRA committee has met and identified that they want to be prepared to fund implementation projects brought forward. The goal of committee is to budget accordingly and limit education grant outlays to \$5,000 in order to hold funds in reserve.

#### **• WaterWise (5 min)**

Amy Conklin handed out an updated worksheet highlighting additional supporters. She asked for \$5,000. In meeting packet is the completed grant application. Question fielded, "Who owns Live Like You Love It?" Colorado WaterWise owns it. Once the partners are secured they will serve on a steering committee. Benefit is leveraging all partners to maximize media buys. The MRT grant would make MRT a "partner". They have approached all of the RT's. We are the first application they have submitted.

A comment was made by a Metro RT member that Aurora is a founding member of the Storm Water Council but has some concerns with the campaign. The MRT mission is to address bridging the gap on water quantity. The WaterWise message seems to be more about quality. Is it an appropriate message for MRT? Also, this is focused on media with 2016 as its launch. Given 2016 is an election year, it may be a very difficult time to acquire reasonably priced advertising.

Response that WaterWise has multiple messages under three primary threads, conserve, care, and commit. The conservation message addresses the gap. In 2016 they may direct message toward more localized communities.

Last month during the CWCB meeting, while considering grants, a statement was made that applications which are heavily weighted toward State funding may not be viable in the future. The State money is disappearing as are Round Table monies. The numbers in the WaterWise request may change as they receive feedback from other round tables. What happens if they don't get \$200,000 from State? Answer, "They will adjust and do best they can. It can be adapted. In-kind is the primary component.

WSRA committee recommends that \$5,000 be approved. A motion was made to approve \$5,000, motion 2nd.

Vote:

Yes - 13

No - 1

WaterWise grant application request for \$5,000 approved.

- MSU Denver WaterWise Theater Troupe (5 min)  
Tom Cech original request \$8,300. He has revisited this with WSRA committee and the committee is prepared to recommend \$5,000. Applicant was asked if there is there a place in the play regarding where the water goes? Yes. Also, if the troupe expanded market for performances, could they get financial support from that additional market? Applicant responded that the students may be limited to number of performances. Increased performances could increase the cost of the performance for travel, etc.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the original \$8,300 grant request.

Vote:

Yes - 14

No - 0

MSU Denver WaterWise Theatre Troupe request for \$8,300 approved.

- Reserve Fund (5 min)
- Grant Review Updates Biannually (5 min)  
Review process was revised to not limit throughput by biannual rotation. Identify projects by project category. A RT Lead has been assigned for each category being solicited and is reflected in the WSRA meeting packet materials. MRT will discuss this in greater length during the November meeting. They want to ensure monies spent are on grant applications that meet MRT priorities. Those interested in specific topics please contact the RT Lead for that topic.

Topic leads:

- Education and Outreach – Casey Davenport, [casey@nilenet.com](mailto:casey@nilenet.com)
- Conceptual Projects – In-Basin and Transbasin – Eric Hecox, [erichecox@southmetrowater.org](mailto:erichecox@southmetrowater.org)
- Municipal and Industrial – Conservation and Reuse – Joe Stibrich, [jstibric@auroragov.org](mailto:jstibric@auroragov.org)
- Environment and Recreation – David Nickum, [DNickum@tu.org](mailto:DNickum@tu.org)
- Municipal and Industrial – Implementation of IP&P's - Barbara Biggs, [biggsbj@cdmsmith.com](mailto:biggsbj@cdmsmith.com)

WSRA committee is also interested in having one website specific to house MRT documents.

A preliminary grant presentation was made by Dawn Cummings for a Workshop held by the Community College of Denver Auraria Campus Students and Faculty on Water in Colorado specific to the Colorado Water Plan. The workshop format as currently designed is 3-4 days. Details include a tour in Keystone to include water sampling and a visit to a water purification plant. Primary target is first generation college students at local community college. Program doesn't want them to worry about paying for workshop to ensure participation by their student body, which is primarily first-generation students from minority families. They are going to encourage students in workshop to give a presentation the following semester on what they learned during the workshop. The workshop will also be used for faculty professional development and lesson plans. Target time for workshop is August 2016.

Applicant asked if they plan to take this request to other Round Tables? Answered that they may expand to other community colleges, but they are located in Metro Denver so this is the RT that they are approaching. Also, Colorado Foundation for Water Education may not be permitted to support the workshop based on the Foundation's mission. The grant request estimate is based on a best case scenario. Applicant was asked to consider including a request to the South Platte RT. Based on general support for the proposal, applicant will go forward with a full application for consideration at the November

## MRT meeting.

### b. PEPO (Davenhill – 10 min)

Education Action Plan is similar to what was proposed in April. They have created a workbook and held a workshop. They are working closely with SPRT and leveraging and collaborating well. Two priorities are improving electronic communications and developing a digital presence. Feedback suggests an important need to engage with locally elected officials. A conceptual plan was discussed to develop multiple small storage opportunities along the front range. They plan to schedule an event within the next 8 months to conduct outreach to community officials.

PEPO is asking for \$6,500 for outreach and enhancements and are prepared to create a budget to submit to the State. If MRT is serious about engaging elected officials PEPO needs to determine a budget and identify other grant funding.

A memorandum was shared on plan to purchase the domain name and hosting of the website developed to support the BIP currently is owned by HDR. Do not have metric on costs. They will need this to analyze.

PEPO requested approval for request of \$6,5000. Motion made for approval, motion 2nd.

Vote:

Yes - 14

No - 0

### c. Nominating Committee (Biggs - 5 min)

A recent resignation leaves MRT without a Nominating Committee lead. Is there interest from the membership to fill the position? Also, Tom Bellinger resigned. He was the at-large non-vote representative for education. Dr. Randi Brazeau has volunteered to serve as replacement for Tom Bellinger. She presented her credentials which included Environmental Engineering, Researcher, and Professor at MSU Denver.

Request to replace Tom Belinger with Dr. Randi Brazeau as non-voting representative in education. A motion was made for approval, motion 2nd.

Vote:

Yes - 14

No - 0

MRT also needs a member to Chair the Nominating Committee. This Committee tracks open seats on the MRT and works with members to identify potential candidates to fill those open positions. A question was asked, does it have to be someone on the RT? There are no eligibility requirements. Janet Bell volunteered. Membership thanked her for stepping up to serve.

### d. Meeting Schedule (Biggs - 5 min)

We have been asked to consider changing our meeting time. It is in conflict with many other RT meeting for CWCB. Can this request be sent out to query MRT the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday as opposed to the second Wednesday. Marc Waage is checking to see if the meeting room is available. Once it is determined that the room is available, Diane to poll membership via e-mail. If approved, change would be effective January 2016.

## 5. CWP (20 min)

### a. Joint Comments RT (5)

### b. Summary of Comments Link (10 min.)

Document is in October meeting package.

### c. Water Resources Review Committee (5 min)

Barb presented MRT position on stretch goals and fielded questions. Comments to WRRRC from Western Slope representative who stated they have no incentive to

conserve water because they don't want to lose the water they own to the East Slope. Agricultural efficiency discussed in our Round Table does not appear to be in general practice on west slope.

After presentation Ann Castle introduced herself. She is a retired Undersecretary from for the Department of Interior. She is now working for the Getches Center, formerly the Natural Resource Law Center, at CU. She made herself available to the WRRRC to assist in identify legislative priorities to implement the CWP.

CWP & SWSI Update:

Becky Mitchell briefed the MRT on the status of the CWP.

The comment period closed September 17th. They have 30,000 total comments. A time commitment is required for response. The final will accurately reflect a considered response to comments. Chapter 10 adjustments will reflect the MRT comments. Near term high impact items are being addressed. Also looked at overarching objectives to push forward and added an additional section on storage. The conceptual framework has been included in the CWP as it was finally adopted by the IBCC and CWCB. Changes made regarding project permitting based on comments. Aiming for 2020 to monitor progress. They are focused on comments that reflect actions. CWCB staff is on track with the schedule. Staff at CWCB plan to deliver final plan no later than December 10th, 2015 and November 19th a for presentation to CWCB.

Comment that SWSI 2016 is approaching and MRT does not want to waste time/budget on efforts that will be addressed in SWSI 2016. Multiple pieces of SWSI continue to be addressed. When the CWP came out SWSI slowed down due to realignment of personnel resources. There will be some additional work performed on SWSI. Stay posted before MRT begins to address any of this.

They will be doing an analysis of the stretch goal as part of SWSI. It is not part of Chapter 10 of the Water Plan at the moment. Once the plan is done they will be addressing SWSI with more resources.

#### **6. IBCC - (10 min)**

- a. Updates (Stibrich, Waage, Nichols - 5 min)  
Nothing new to report.
- b. Other Comments (5 min)

#### **7. Basin Implementation Plan - (30 min)**

- a. HDR (Cook - 15)  
A one page summary is being developed to capture positive story on water development in South Platte.
- b. Update Rio Chato & Metro BIP Committee (15 min)  
There are still a lot of unknowns. Question asked if there is any update on completion of South Platte Decision Support System? No. There is nothing at this time on a conceptual project.

#### **8. Meeting Schedule**

- a. South Platte BT - November 10, 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm, Southwest Weld County Bldg., 4209 Weld County Road 24 1/2, Longmont, CO
- b. MRT - Note Date Change to **November 18**, 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm, Denver Water, 1600 West 12th Ave., Denver, CO
- c. CWCB Meeting - November 18th - 19th, History Colorado Center, 1200 Broadway, Denver, CO