

Metro Roundtable Meeting Summary

Thursday, September 8th, 2016
1600 West 12th Ave., Denver, CO 80204
4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Metro Roundtable Business Meeting

Members in Attendance:

Barbara Biggs, Casey Davenport, Dave Nickum, Janet Bell, Joe Stibrich, John Kaufman, Julio Iturreria, Lesley Sebol, Marc Waage, Mark Koleber, Polly Hays, Randi Brazeau, Rick Marsicek, Scott Brink

Guests:

Phyllis Thomas, Caitlin Coferman, Jeannette Odan

CWCB:

Craig Godbout, Diane Kielty

1. Welcome/Introductions

2. Approval of June and August meeting summaries (Action Item)

All in Favor - Approved

3. Agenda: additions or changes

Additional discussion on program with Colorado Water Institute and CDR Associates, "Strengthening Collaborative Capacity for Better Water Decisions" training, November 9 – 11, 2016, \$895 for 3-day training. For more information, www.cdrassociates.org/training-courses. Flyers on table.

4. Public Comment

5. Committee Updates

- WSRF Committee (Murrell)

- 1. Progress on HB16-1256 (Biggs)

- After many iterations scope is final. The \$211,000 study has gone out for RFP. It's available on CWCB website and South Platte website.

- 2. WSRF Needs Committee Criteria Guidelines and Revisions – Approval September 20th (Godbout) – (Guidelines in meeting packet)

Final draft is being submitted to the board in September for approval. If approved it will go into effect January 1, 2017. If RT's want their guidelines to be more restrictive than the State, this will be acceptable if within reason. Tim Murrell has reviewed State criteria guidelines to determine how much updating the MRT will need to do for the MRT guidelines. If an applicant can demonstrate that 25% match has a significant impact to the basin or across the State and can demonstrate significant hardship, the match could be waived. A waiver request will require a letter from the RT Chair to argue for the waiver. Applicants must cite the Basin Implementation Plan & Colorado Water Plan in their application to be considered. There have been minimal changes to the document since the last MRT meeting. If it's a RT initiated request or greater than \$100,000 a competitive selection process for contractors must be initiated. The evaluation criteria on pages 4 – 5 has been pulled directly from the Colorado Water Plan.

- 3. Account Balance

- 1. See WSRA fund balance sheet in meeting packet

- MRT will receive \$105,000 from Statewide Account in July 2017.

- PEPO (Davenport)

- Budget has been submitted and a brief memorandum has been submitted for a BIP Coordinator SOW. A target timeline to address this position was created at the June workshop meeting. Money is not available. Position is on hold for future consideration. There has been a request to update the South Platte RT website to facilitate the HB16-1256 RFP process.

PEPO has received a request to have Ann Castle from Getches-Wilkinson Center to present land use/water supply planning in relation to the Colorado Water Plan. She has been invited to present to MRT in November with the consent of this group. MRT would also like to hear their plans on water banking. Castle's conclusion is that much has been studied, why has it not been implemented. Land Use Alliance may be another organization where we can learn more around the land use/water supply nexus. PEPO continues to collaborate on outreach with the Ag Water Alliance.

- **Environmental/Recreation Committee (Schreiber & Nickum)**
 1. Inputs on SWSI 2016
Reconvening of Environmental/Recreation group with both former and past members. Much of the meeting involved updates. There is a lot of interest to figure out how to be engaged in SWSI to be informed and to inform. The issue is how to engage RT's in the SWSI process within the context of uniformity of involvement within this technical platform.

6. SWSI Update (Godbout)

Everything with SWSI is on hold. There is no staff. No technical work has started. There will be a technical advisory group for Environmental/Recreation groups as well as for different areas of the study. Will agricultural gap and climate change gaps be addressed? Would like to see more scenario work. All from earlier SWSI will take place again along with new approaches that have been recommended.

7. IBCC Update (Stibrich)

IBCC met on August 17th. Focused on water plan implementation steps that have been taken. There is still disagreement around conservation goal. Much discussion on funding of CWP. How additional funds may be raised (e.g. – container fees). Any taxing concepts will need to go to voters which generally doesn't work well in Colorado.

8. Climate Change Update (Waage)

On hold at the moment. A letter was sent to the State for SWSI to consider. Doing their best to get letter included, but don't count on it. Would be helpful to start working on questions for the Water Supply Reserve Account grant projects to have applicants address climate change in their proposals.

9. Metro Mayor's Caucus Water Compact (Koleber)

Discussed with caucus that MRT would like to see basin fact sheet and 11 elements incorporated into their compact. Peter Kinney with the caucus suggested we don't do any drafting and instead make recommendations based on these documents. They will consider including our suggestions in the compact. It may be good for them to know that the Metro area is leading the charge and they might want to own it actively and build on it. They lead the State in water conservation, land use and water planning, reuse, the "One Water" concept of water supply and are leading on gray water on site. On September 27th, they will begin the process of reviewing the compact to consider updates.

10. Colorado River Development and Curtailment Risk Study (Stibrich)

No new updates on the study. Committee had a workshop last week in Boulder to look more closely at the model.

11. Meeting Schedule

- South Platte Basin Roundtable Meeting - Tuesday, September 13th, 2016, 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm, Northeastern 18, Plainsman Grill, 17408 Hwy 14, Sterling, CO.
- CWCB Meeting – Tuesday – Thursday, September 20th -22nd, The Lodge and Spa at Cordillera, 2205 Cordillera Way. Edwards, CO 81362
- South Platte Basin Roundtable Meeting - Tuesday, October 11th, 2016, 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm, Northeastern 18, Plainsman Grill, 17408 Hwy 14, Sterling, CO.
- South Platte Forum – October 26-27, 2016, Embassy Suites, Loveland, <http://www.southplatteforum.org/>
- Joint South Platte/Metro Basin Roundtable Meeting (following the South Platte Forum) – October 27th, Embassy Suites, Loveland