

Metro Roundtable Meeting Summary

Thursday, April 13th, 2017

Meeting Location

Denver Police Protective Association (PPA)

2105 Decatur St, Denver, CO 80211

4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Members in Attendance:

Casey Davenport, Dave Nickum, David Allen, Emily Hunt, Janet Bell, Julio Iturreria, Laura Kroeger, Lesley Sebol, Lisa Darling, Marc Waage, Rick McCloud, Rick Marsicek, Rob Sakata, Scott Brink

Guests:

Phyllis Thomas, Dan Galts

CWCB:

Megan Holcomb, Diane Kielty

Metro Roundtable Business Meeting

1. Welcome/Introductions

2. Approval of March 2017 Meeting Summary (Action Item)

All in Favor - Approved

3. Agenda: additions or changes (Action Item)

Discuss Committee Updates before WSRF.

All in Favor – Approved

4. Public Comment

River Network will be having a workshop on stream management planning in Keystone next week. Information to be distributed by MRT Recorder.

The next IBCC meeting will be in Summit County on April 20th.

Flyer Distributed from Colorado Parks & Wildlife on HB1321 – financial sustainability legislation, paying for wildlife management and state park operations.

5. WSRF

1. WSRF Funding for Education Coordinator SPBRT and MRT (Action Item)

Application process for CWCB grant funding is changing. Received CWCB assistance to put request together to create contractor position to facilitate the E&O Coordinator position. The new WSRF application process will be more streamlined going forward. A SPBRT / MRT joint Scope of Work was presented. Suggesting 18-month contract starting July 1st, 2017 through December 2018. The goal is to work with the Education Committees of both RTs or delegates to go through the selection process to hire an individual and get them up and running.

The Scope of Work was presented to SPBRT. SPBRT felt more money was needed for expenses such as facilities. SPBRT recommended an additional \$5,000 be allocated from each RT for the position. SPBRT approved and additional \$5,000 with the suggestion that MRT match the \$5,000 for a total of \$25,000 from each RT, which is within MRT available funds.

Casey Davenport is the Executive Director of the Colorado Watershed Assembly (CWA). CWA currently serves as fiscal agent for PEPO dollars. CWA is proposing the grant be managed through CWA as well.

What process would you follow to select a Coordinator? A panel which would include members of both RTs at equal number of representation.

Is an office space to be provided? No. They anticipate this position will involve a large degree of travel. The Coordinator will likely have a home office. They would like to leverage WSRF grant money for this position. Typically, 25% match is involved, because this is an MRT request, the match will be waived. Also, they believe there will be generous sponsorship for events. Much match also comes from the RT itself.

Is the SPBRT contribution \$5,000 contingent on match from MRT? Yes, the increase would be contingent on MRT match. South Platte approved and asked for \$5,000 from program funds.

Dave Nickum motioned to approve a \$5,000 match, Janet Bell 2nd.

All in Favor – Approved

1 Abstention - Casey Davenport

2. WSRF Balance Summary (In meeting packet)
\$334,337 Basin Account Balance. No applications went before Board in March. The Outreach Coordinator position will go before the Board in July. It may go in front of the Board earlier.

6. Colorado River Risk Study Status Update (Holcomb)

Was approved unanimous at the Board. Carlie Brown and Megan Holcomb, along with others, will meet tomorrow to move it forward. There was an amendment which added a statement that study does not reflect the interests of Colorado, only the interests of the parties involved. The State of Colorado is providing oversight only.

7. Committee Updates

1. PEPO (Davenport)

1. Joint Front Range BRTs "Summit" Arkansas, S. Platte & Metro

- 1.** There is the possibility of including Stream Management Planning to this session. Several dates were proposed - June 13th, 14th or 15th, from 12:00 noon to 3:00 pm. This may be too short of a time for the session. They would like an update from CWCB on the Water Plan, where we are now and a presentation on various plans mentioned in the Water Plan, how they are defined and what they mean.

There will be a Watershed Plan Workshop on May 3rd in the Thompson Watershed to discuss the stream management planning process. Chris Sturm from CWCB will be there to discuss Stream Management Plans. MRT members were invited to consider attending stream management planning workshops.

2. Colorado Ag Water Alliance Workshop/Tour – April/May timeframe

The first tour will be held on May 10th and will be Greeley based. The second tour will be held June 27th and will be metropolitan Denver based. PEPO funds are being used to support these tours.

2. Environmental/Recreation Committee (Nickum)

8. SWSI Update (Holcomb)

Last week prospective members of the Technical Advisory Groups (TAGs) were contacted. They are fielding questions. Lists will be posted next week. Some in MRT have been invited to participate in specific TAGs. They are unsure if the SWSI timeline will change given the CWCB Director change. They have a detailed Project Management Plan. It is not online but may be available upon request. Megan Holcomb will check on access. This is a different iteration of SWSI leaning toward a focus on hydrological analysis. This will allow basins to refer to models of what will be developed in the new SWSI.

9. South Platte Storage Study Update (Holcomb)

The results of this study will be presented as a report to the legislature. They are not anticipating it will be used by the RT's for any purpose. It may be part of the education conversation going forward based on agreed upon messaging in the Joint SPBRT / MRT PEPO planning sessions. The storage study was geographically focused and will likely be included in our IPP.

The next workshop will be July 12th from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

MRT does not have a ground water representative at MRT. SPBRT does have one. It may be helpful to invite the SPBRT representative or other ground water expert to present the results to MRT.

10. New Meeting Location

1. **Beginning in May** – Colorado Parks & Wildlife (CPW), 6060 Broadway, Denver, free parking, free space

11. Meeting Schedule

1. South Platte Basin Roundtable Meeting - Tuesday, April 11th, 2017, 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm, Southwest Weld County Building, 4209 Weld Cty Rd 24 ½, East I-25 Frontage Rd., Firestone, CO 80502.
2. Metro Roundtable Meeting – Thursday, April 13th, 2017, 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm, Denver Police Protective Association (PPA), 2105 Decatur St, Denver, CO 80211
3. Metro Roundtable Meeting – Thursday, May 11th, 2017, 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm, New Location - Colorado Parks & Wildlife (CPW), 6060 Broadway, Denver, CO 80216.