

**South Platte Basin Roundtable Meeting Agenda Tuesday,  
August 8, 2017  
4209 County Rd 24 ½  
Longmont, CO 80504  
4:00PM-6:15PM**

**South Platte Basin Roundtable Business Meeting**

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

Sean Conway, Garret Varra, Joel Schneekloth, Larry Howard, Bruce Gerk, Deb Daniel, Jim Yahn, Allyn Wind, Erik Anglund, Larry Ross, Jason Roudebush, Casey Davenport (proxy for Julio Iturreria), Brent Nation, Joe Frank, Matt Betz, Jim Hall, Burt Knight, Ken Huson, James VanShaar

**2. Approval of Meeting Summary (action required)**

Sean Conway thanked Garret Varra for chairing the July SPBRT meeting.

A motion to approve the meeting minutes was made by Bruce Gerk and seconded by Jim Yahn. The motion passed without discussion or contest.

**3. Agenda – additions or changes (action required)**

Deb Daniel made a motion to accept the agenda without modification and Bruce Gerk seconded. The motion passed without discussion or contest.

**4. Committee Updates**

**a. Groundwater Subcommittee (Hall – 5 min)**

Joe Frank took the floor to report a meeting was upcoming (August) and would be the first meeting since early June. The Groundwater Subcommittee would be meeting on Aug 11 at the Central Colorado Water Conservancy District. John Stulp reported he anticipated getting an application for dewatering the LaSalle Gilcrest area. Jim Yahn reported a dewatering application for the town of Gilcrest had been approved at the recent CWCB meeting.

**b. WSRF Committee Update (Boring – 5 min)**

Craig Godbout took the floor to report that all the WSRF grants proposed at the last board meeting were approved by the CWCB, although this did not include the most recent WSRF approvals by the SPBR, those were to go before the CWCB in September. Godbout also reported that tier 2 severance tax money had been collected and distributed to the Roundtables and the State funds accordingly. Once authorized, the \$10M from the construction fund through the projects bill would be distributed as well. Lastly, all future WSRF applications would need to be submitted on the new WSRF form. Godbout also reported on the Water Plan Grants; application deadlines had passed for the most recent round. As of the August 1 deadline, 10 applications had been accepted seeking \$16.5M of assistance. Of those funds, \$8.8M was seeking immediate release of funds while \$7.7M had only included a notice of intent. John Stulp reported that \$8.8M was meant to supplement approximately \$59M of project funds. Lastly, Godbout reported WSRF funds could not be used as match for Colorado Water Plan funds. It was also reported that the next round of WSRF funding may well fully exhaust the current Statewide fund.

Jason Roudebush reported the SPBRT had approved a WSRF application from Ducks Unlimited and the conditions of that approval had been approved during the past week.

**5. American Whitewater Letter of Support for CWP Funds (5 min)**

Jason Roudebush took the floor to report American Whitewater was seeking a letter of support for Colorado Water Plan funds. Nathan Fey from AW presented his ask to the Roundtable, seeking a letter of support from the Roundtable for Colorado Water Plan funds to support recreational water development across the South Platte Basin. The work of American Whitewater would include the development and application of a metric for analyzing recreational opportunities across the South Platte and then a methodology for analyzing that data. The final stage would be to propose solutions to increase and improve recreational opportunities. Bruce Gerk

Per a discussion item from Jason Roudebush, Nathan Fey reported the data from his study would be added into the recent funded WSRF project by Steve Malers and would therefore be made publically available.

**6. Colorado River Risk Study (Yahn/Frank – 5 min)**

Jim Yahn reported the Colorado River Risk study was ongoing, but the East Slope was not involved. Craig Godbout reported four meetings had been held and two kickoff webinars for advisory and technical committees had been held as well. The next outreach meeting would be held Monday, Aug 21 from 1:30-300PM. Per a question from Sean Conway, Jim Yahn reported the Colorado River Basin would be bringing their presentation to the CWCB for presentation.

**7. Education and Outreach Update (Davenhill – 20 min)**

Casey Davenhill took the floor to report that the education and outreach coordinator position was approved and an NTP had been issued during the previous week. Presently, a job announcement and task have been developed and has been published in the CWA *In Pond* publication. At the time of the meeting, the contract was under the purview of the CWA, but was also designed to report to the supervisory and other guidance committees of the South Platte Basin and Metro Roundtables. Joe Frank suggested the candidates present to a small committee rather than the entire roundtable membership. Bruce Gerk expressed interest in being on the hiring committee; the Roundtable concurred. Davenhill reported that the Metro Roundtable supported the OpenWater Foundation at the recommendation of the SPBRT. Craig Godbout clarified that the Metro would be evenly splitting the \$40K awarded to the OpenWater Foundation at the July SPBRT meeting. Applications for the E&C were to be due Aug 25. The review period would be approximately one to two weeks and interviews would be completed in early September. Following discussion, it was decided the hired coordinator would be introduced to the Roundtable at either the September or October meetings.

**8. South Platte Basin Storage Study Update (Frank – 10 min)**

Jim Yahn reported the sites in the study were representative of specific areas.

**9. SWSI Update (Godbout – 10 min)**

Discussion took place on the idea of sharing TAG memoranda and POCs to the Roundtable membership. Comments were to be due Sept 1.

**10. CWCB Conference Update (Yahn – 10 min)**

Jim Yahn reported the recent CWCB meeting was held in Crested Butte and it was the first full

meeting for several folks in their new positions. In total, 70 projects totaling \$60M for emergency watershed protection were discussed at the meeting. Colorado Water Plan funding was discussed and six WSRF funding grants were approved. Criterion Guidelines for Agricultural Water Protection were also approved. Colorado Water Plan implantation and criterion guidelines for addressing high groundwater in the South Platte Basin were discussed. Larimer County was approved for an ATM grant. John Stulp recommended Roundtable members register to receive *The Confluence* and *The Implementation Update*.

**11. Colorado Water Congress Summer Conference (Varra – 10 min)**

Garret Varra took the floor to report the Colorado Water Congress Summer Conference did not have room to accommodate a member of the SPBRT speaking on the topic of stream management plans.

**12. Future meeting Date & Locations Discussion (20 min)**

a. Discuss Possible Agenda and Topics

Craig Godbout asked that the membership provide topics in advance of the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month.

b. Ft. Morgan Meeting Planning September/October

Brent Nation stated he would be happy to host a September meeting in Fort Morgan @ the Country Steakout. The meeting was to be held at the regular time.

c. Future Joint Roundtable Meetings [Annual Recurrence in June?]

Discussion ensued as to how to best plan recurrences of the Front Range Roundtables and whether or not they should take place in May or June. May was the frontrunner in the discussion for the recurrent meetings.

**13. Public Comment**

**14. Meeting Schedule**

a. Next SPBRT Meetings

- i. September 12, 2017 –Fort Morgan
- ii. October 10, 2017 – Longmont
- iii. November 14, 2017 – Longmont, CO

b. Metro Roundtable Meeting – August 10, 2017 – 6060 Broadway (CPW)

c. South Platte Forum – Embassy Suites (Loveland, CO), Oct 25 & 26

d. Colorado Water Congress – Aug 22-24 – Steamboat Springs, CO

e. CWCB Meeting – Sept 19-21 – Walden, CO

f. Next IBCC Meeting – Date, Location, and Venue TBD

***Dinner with WSRF Grantee Presentation (30 min)***