

Metro Roundtable Meeting Summary

Thursday, August 10th, 2017

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4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Members in Attendance:

Barbara Biggs, Casey Davenport, Dan DeLaughter, Darren Beck, Emily Hunt, Jamie Hartig, Janet Bell, Julio Iturreria, Lesley Sebol, Lisa Darling, Polly Hays, Rick Marsicek, Scott Schreiber, Bob Peters, Royal Koepsell, Bruce Gerk, Mary Presecan, Laura Belanger

Guests:

Phyllis Thomas, Michael Penny, Steve Malers, Joel Jones,

CWCB:

Megan Holcomb, Diane Kielty, Mara Mackillop

Metro Roundtable Business Meeting

1. Welcome/Introductions

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

All in favor – Approved

3. Agenda: additions or changes (Action Item)

4. Public Comment

Cherry Creek Stewardship Partners Conference will be held on November 1st.

The Big Thompson Watershed Forum will be held on November 1st.

Confluence at the Confluence for Trout Unlimited is scheduled tentatively for October 17th at REI.

There was discussion on MRT meeting space location going forward. The CPW location will not be available in September and October. Viola is checking the PPA location but this would involve a cost. The status of the Denver Water location will be investigated. Many of the MRT members announced they would not be available to attend the September meeting. It was suggested that MRT cancel the September meeting to allow time to find a new location to meet.

Motion was made to cancel the September meeting by Lisa Darling, 2nd by Emily Hunt.

All in favor - Approved

5. WSRF (Hunt)

1. Water Information/Real Estate Disclosure Tool (H2info) Grant Application Final Approval
The grant has been revised and submitted into the CWP grant process. They're reaching out to other stakeholders for support to move through the state process. An accounting element has been added to track performance of the site and Adams County has been added to the pilot program, it is now a 6-county area pilot. This is a \$10,000 request from MRT. It fits in the Conservation/Reuse and Education fund categories.

Q. How much is remaining in the Conservation/Reuse budget? Emily is working on getting the balance of budget in MRT WSRF categories. There is no money remaining in the Education budget.

Q. What are the applicants looking at long-term to keep this viable and updated? The intent is to get a pilot going for 2 years and assess performance. From there they will go to the real estate and water provider communities to get sponsorship. Updating of the information is a straight forward task. If the pilot is not successful it will become the property of CWCB to do with it as they will.

Motion to Approved grant application made by Emily Hunt, 2nd from Lisa Darling

All in Favor - Approved

2. Open Water Foundation Grant Application Final Approval

Applicant plans to surface data sets from large studies and make it available on web. They will take the information from lists and display using visualizations with stories. Funding would come from the Conceptual Projects MRT WSRF category. Funding will be split with SPBRT and MRT each supporting with \$20,000, for total of \$40,000.

Q. Will the project be properly coordinated with PEPO? Applicant emphasized that this is not a software technology piece with high cost involved. PEPO will have access to the outputs and will be able to craft messages with it. They will make themselves available for coordination.

Q. How will other data collection proposals fit in? The life cycle of data is a concern. Existing and new data sets are both under consideration. The life cycle may be different for the different data sets.

Q. Will water rights data be included in this data collection proposal? There is a challenge with this data existing in different locations. Land rights and water uses are not part of the focus of this study at this time.

Motion to approve grant application made by Julio Iturreria, to include amendment from Dave Nickum requesting that there be coordination with the new PEPO Education Coordinator, 2nd by Casey Davenport.

All in Favor – Approved

3. WSRF Balance Summary

Update does not include funds from new bill. The additional severance tax money is included. They are working on distributing fund into categories. It will be available next month.

6. **Colorado Water Plan Grants (Biggs)**

1. American Whitewater Metro Basin request for Letter of Support

Proposal has \$198,000 total project budget. They are asking for \$86,000 from the CWP grant. It involves a data gathering project in South Platte to gain understanding on recreation/flow needs. It is focused on evaluation, not implementation.

Q. How is SWSI looking at flows under environmental/recreation? It is being addressed.

Aurora Water has concerns about this data. What they've seen in other basins is that the data is not being used for its intended purpose. What is the best use of the water and the best benefit? From a water supply perspective, you cannot tie up water for speculation with water use.

Q. Are there references from other basins on their experience and their opinion of this type of data gathering project? Not sure. The study has been done elsewhere. We should try to get this information.

Do we want to delay this and ask this group to attend the next MRT meeting? CWCB wants to be flexible with this type Letter of Support. MRT will want to confer with SPBRT to see where they stand with this proposal.

Moved to have more discussion on American Whitewater during the October meeting to include a review of the Scope of Work.

2. TAP-IN request for Letter of Support

This is a collaborative of 5 groups. It was initiated from the CWP education and outreach chapter. It launched in August and have held 2 events. The format is to recruit users in water communities to do a "reverse pitch" event aimed at solving water issues in their

basin by pitching a problem for entrepreneurs to solve. They are asking for \$60,000 and currently have match of \$10,000.

Motion to approve Letter of Support made by Dan DeLaughter, 2nd by Rick Marsicek.
All in favor – Approved

3. CFWE request for Letter of Support
They are applying for \$174,000, applicant match of \$36,000. It would be a phased in grant over 3 years. Elements of grant include updating 2005 “Where your water comes from”, reprint Water Law Guide and reprint Heritage Guide. They also plan to develop two additional guides on groundwater and watershed protection and expand the water educator network.

Motioned to approve Letter of Support by Casey Davenport, 2nd by Julio Iturreria
All in favor – Approved
Recusal – Lisa Darling

4. SMWSA, Aurora Water / Denver Water request for Letter of Support
The WISE Authority is asking for grant to meet stated goals of IPPs for full WISE delivery capacity pipeline from Aurora’s facility 4 miles to WISE facility. Asking under Supply and Demand side pool. \$250,000 state, applicant match at 84,000. It is a continuation of the original IPP.

Motion to approve by Julio Iturreria, 2nd by Emily Hunt
All in favor – Approved
Abstentions Rick Marsicek and Lisa Darling

5. CFA request for Letter of Support
Asking for funds for an “Understanding Water Activity Book”. This is a 76-page book that would be updated and reprinted. It is used in 3rd and 4th grade classes as their textbook for water. It was designed by a 20-partner network of 11,000 educators in 1600 classrooms. It fits into their curriculum. They will also will use funds for a “Colorado Reader” which is a student newspaper. They want to produce 70,000 copies and convert it to an on-line interactive reader to be used in 3rd – 6th grade classrooms. These are all free materials to educators that have been produced by this group for 20 years. They have been in contact with PEPO.

Q. Given they are comporting to Colorado Education standards, why aren’t the school education districts supporting the funding? Some partners are school districts but the focus has been in the agricultural communities.

Motion to approve by Casey Davenport, 2nd by Rick Marsicek
All in Favor - Approved

6. Colorado Ag/Water Alliance request for Letter of Support
They are planning over the next 3 years to conduct tours and workshops on ag methods. There has been a lively interest. Political representatives have been involved and participating. The Education Committee has had close collaboration with this group.

Motion for Casey Davenport, 2nd by Lisa Darling
All in favor - Approved

7. **Committee Updates**

1. PEPO (Davenport)
 1. Outreach Education Update – Request for Services
Casey submitted a place holder request (Intent to Apply) for MRT & SPBRT to apply for CWP education funding. This will be needing to keep track of applications going forward.

A job announcement has been created for an Education Coordinator. The plan is to place resumes on a Google Drive for all to view. The review committee will be a smaller select group.

2. Environmental/Recreation Committee (Schreiber)
They are getting through the final process of the Stream Management Plan process. They are putting together a stakeholder list from both MRT and SPBRT. Barb Biggs and Dave Nickum have volunteered to be a part of the stakeholder group.

No major grant requests have been brought forward to the committee.

8. SWSI Update (Holcomb)

There is a page on CWCB website where they have posted draft methodologies. At the July CWCB meeting the drafts were reviewed by the Board and have now gone out to TAG groups. Those participating on TAG groups please get your comments submitted the week before the next meeting (approximately 6 weeks). Those on TAGs please ask for feedback from the larger group.

Q. Are TAG member names posted? Megan will share this list with us so it can be discussed during the October MRT meeting.

9. South Platte Storage Study Update (Holcomb)

Slides are available and were shared with the MRT members.

10. Joint Front Range RT Discussion (Biggs)

It was a very good discussion. Feedback suggests it should become an annual event. The SPBRT thought May as opposed to June would be a better month to hold this annual event.

Q. Is the length of time and structure for the event work well for the groups? Yes

11. Meeting Schedule

1. South Platte Basin Roundtable Meeting - Tuesday, August 8th, 2017, 4:00 pm - TBD, Southwest Weld County Service Center, 4209 County Rd 24 ½, Longmont, CO 80504
2. Colorado Water Congress' Summer Conference - August 22nd – 24th, 2017, Steamboat Springs, CO
3. Metro Roundtable Meeting – Thursday, September 14th, 2017, 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm, DOW 6060 Broadway Denver, 80216
4. CWCB Meeting – September 19th - 21st, 2017, River Rock Café, Walden, CO
5. Sustaining Colorado Watersheds Conference - October 10th-12th, 2017, Westin Riverfront Resort, Avon, CO
6. South Platte Forum – October 25th – 26th, 2017, Embassy Suites, Loveland, CO
7. Future Joint RT Meeting – June 2018, TBD