

Metro Roundtable Meeting Summary

Thursday, November 9th, 2017

Denver Water
1600 W 12th Ave
Denver, CO 80204

Members in Attendance:

Alex Davis, Barbara Biggs, Bob Peters, Casey Davenport, Darren Beck, Dave Nickum, Emily Hunt, Jamie Hartig, Julio Iturreria, Laura Kroeger, Lesley Sebol, Lisa Darling, Polly Hays, Randi Brazeau, Rick Marsicek

Guests:

Phyllis Thomas, Devon Buckels, Allegra da Silva, Ryan Gilliom, Chelsea Panos, Lacey Williams, Damian Higham

CWCB:

Megan Holcomb, Diane Kielty

Metro Roundtable Business Meeting

1. Welcome/Introductions

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

Motion to approve by Julio Iturreria, 2nd Lisa Darling
All in Favor – Approved

3. Agenda: additions or changes (Action Item)

- Addition of Bear Creek Lake Reallocation presentation.
- Order of agenda change moving Expanded Uses under Regulation No. 84, Damian Higham to present first.

4. Public Comment

5. WSRF (Hunt)

1. WSRF Balance Summary \$497,558, all RT approved and allocation from state. This is the amount going into 2018. Education and Outreach has been fully allocated. Emily will send new category status matrix to Diane. Emily asked for suggestions on how to improve the MRT WSRF process. She has also reached out to the category leads. Rick Marsicek has agreed to lead the Conservation and Reuse Committee.

6. Colorado Water Plan Grants (Biggs/Hunt)

1. How does the MRT want to approach this process going forward? (CWP Guidance in Material Packet)
Emily provided a proposed draft approach to the CWP Letters of Support. This was discussed. Will the CWP grant process be reviewed formally? Not at this point, but this will be addressed at the Board meeting next week. Megan and Emily will coordinate once the Board has discussed how to proceed.

The SPBRT implementation plan could be used as a template for screening. For multi-use projects should we ask the applicant to separate the criteria out? When staff reviewed the CWP grants, they reviewed them by tasks within each application and how they fell under funding categories. The applications were separated out into where the applicant's dominant tasks fell. This is currently how it is being determined as to which fund the application will be housed under. Megan is working to help streamline the process.

It was suggested that a glossary would be helpful for this process, or simplify the terms.

7. Committee Updates

1. PEPO (Davenhill)

1. PEPO budget 2018/2019

Casey asked for approval on this budget to submit to CWCB. In the budget they are asking for some flexibility given the necessity to respond to the needs of two RTs. Membership discussed the details of the proposed budget.

Motion to Approve made by Julio Iturreria, 2nd by Lisa Darling

All in Favor – Approved

2. Education Action Plan

Lacy Williams and Casey have reviewed the Education Action Plan. It will stay in the current format. They've added layers to the plan that tie it directly to the Basin Implementation Plan and CWP. CWCB has asked for a survey. Lacy will be involved in this survey process. There is a placeholder for an additional \$100,000 from the CWP Grant Fund to support a future work plan. The Education Action Plan will be refined to address this funding request.

3. South Platte Data Platform Sub-Committee Update

They are reviewing this data to determine how to present the information on the website.

2. Environmental/Recreation Committee (Nickum)

No meetings, nothing to report. David is waiting to hear on the Environmental/Recreation SWSI TAG.

8. SWSI Update (Holcomb)

Three of the four TAG meetings have been held. A planning scenarios follow-up meeting will be held tomorrow. There have been positive outcomes from the meetings and input was incorporated appropriately. Short summaries will be created for the TAGs to be used for Outreach by the RTs. Links will be distributed to the membership.

9. South Platte Storage Study Update (Darling / Holcomb)

There is a PPT that can be distributed for those interested. Most of the meeting was focused on cost analysis. The value of underground storage seemed to be skewed. They are going to re-evaluate. The conclusion is that a large amount of water could be retained. Recommendations included development of a better estimate of future hydrology, look more carefully at exchanges, assess potential for using existing infrastructure, and identify cooperative storage with multiple uses. More studies will likely be recommended. They will be presenting to the legislature in January or February 2018.

10. Non-potable Reuse – Expanded Uses under Regulation No. 84 (Damian Higham, Denver Water / Allegra de Silva, Stantec)

Damian Higham with Denver Water gave a presentation covering the stakeholder process, regulatory process and legislation. Approximately half of the United States have regulations. The other half go case-by-case and / or have guidance. There are no federal regulations.

Damian discussed 3 categories of water that come into play with treatments to be employed. 2013 was the last regulation review cycle. He discussed general water quality indicators. There are many BMPs that need to be employed. Discussed what they are attempting to accomplish with uses in the regulatory process. There are not universal standards for non-potable use (gray water, black water, etc.). Proposed uses came out after the stakeholder process started. A more scientific, risk-based approach is being addressed to get to an acceptable level of risk.

Issues include technical reports being requested which will require more resources to generate. Salinity has been highlighted as a topic of interest. Denver Water is installing black water systems on their new campus. There are many demands year-round to help bring this system on-line. Water scarcity is a driver. Everyone is on board to reuse water. The primary concern is public health.

The stakeholder process is bringing in entities with different perspectives to get the issues on the table and arguments formulated before going in front of the commission. They are holding many stakeholder meetings. The next meeting will be on November 15th where they will be presenting a full draft proposal. The actual hearing will be August 6th, 2018. Stakeholder concerns are being addressed such as pathogens that can regrow in a distribution system given the nature of recycled water. What constituents are leaving the system and what are concentration levels? Marijuana has an entirely different level of concerns unique to that industry.

They reviewed a matrix with a risk score on all potential uses in Colorado. The Division liked the approach but didn't have the time to review it. They walked away from this approach for now. They're looking at a developing a stream lined approach to add uses as they go forward that would be more standardized. The current approach is more conservative.

In September they went in front of the water resources review committee. 3 bills went forward including marijuana, industrial hemp and toilet flushing. Two passed one did not.

Is there anything being asked of this RT? This regulatory effort may need Letters of Support and would be appreciated. Important that voices are heard. They requested a letter from the RT on MRT's position by the August 6th 2018 hearing. Lisa Darling offered to help guide the crafting of this letter.

11. **Bear Creek Lake Reallocation Presentation (Suzanne Sellers, CWCB)**

The Chatfield reallocation IPP has been approved. The State Park has agreed to shut down the west side to facilitate the construction of new recreation amenities in that area.

CWCB is looking for partners next year who are looking for storage and obtaining joint water rights within the Bear Creek Reservoir. Local commitment would be a Letter of Interest. Suzanne Sellers has a letter format available for those interested. Letters of Interest due by December 21st.

What uses for the water right does CWCB intend to file? CWCB has put out an RFQ for associated water rights that will be multi use.

A history of Bear Creek Reservoir storage was provided. There are 2 dams and 1 lake. The Army Corp did a study and determined that they could reallocate 20,000 AF while still preserving the flood control pool. In 2016 money was approved for CWCB to conduct a feasibility study. Total storage would be 57,000 AF. If there was a large storm the lake could handle more, up to the spillway. The uses would depend upon the partner make up. If entities are interested they will have CWCB loans available. CWCB needs entities to come forward now and express their interest. This will direct the engineers on water right consideration. CWCB is taking on the risk.

12. **MRT Positions Open (Biggs)**

1. Recreation Representative – Darren Beck (Bio included in meeting packet) **(Action Item)**
2. At-Large Representative – Devon Buckles **(Action Item)**
3. Legislative Appointee to Metro Roundtable – Jim Lochhead
 1. MRT appointed Jim to IBCC in 2012, re-appointed him in 2016
 2. Jim Lochhead would like to appoint alternates for MRT and IBCC

Julio Iturreria moved to approve new positions as outlined in the agenda, Rick Marsicek
2nd

All Statutory Appointees in Favor - Approved

* Only statutory appointees can vote on new members under the By-Laws.

Alex Davis is the new Arapaho County Municipal Representative.

A suggestion was made that the IBCC appointee should be an active MRT member. How important is this to MRT? There was general agreement that this should be a consideration.

13. **MRT December Meeting Cancelled**

14. Meeting Schedule

1. South Platte Basin Roundtable Meeting - Tuesday, November 14th, 2017, 4:00 pm – New Location - Weld County Admin. Building, 1150 O St., Greeley, CO.
2. Big Thompson Watershed Forum – November 1st, 2017, Group Publishing, Loveland, CO
3. Cherry Creek Watershed Annual Conference – November 1st, 2017, CU South Denver Campus, 10035 S. Peoria Street, Lone Tree, 80134
4. CWCB Meeting – November 15th – 16th, 2017, Department of Agriculture, 305 Interlocken Pkwy, Broomfield, CO 80021
5. Metro Roundtable Meeting – Thursday, January 11th, 2018, 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm, Denver Water, 12th Ave., Denver, CO 80204
6. Future Joint RT Meeting – June 2018, TBD