

Metro Roundtable Meeting Summary

Thursday, July 12th, 2018, 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Denver Water
1600 W 12th Ave
Denver, CO 80204

Members in Attendance:

Alex Davis, Barbara Biggs, Chris Douglass, Cortney Brand, Dan DeLaughter, Darren Beck, Dave Nickum, Devon Buckels, Gary Thompson, Jamie Hartig, Bob Peters, Dawn Jewell (Aurora Water), Julio Iturreria & Jan Yeckes, Laura Kroeger, Scott Brink, Susan Nedell

Guests:

Larry Morris, Phyllis Adams, Doug Robotham, Matt Lindburg, Rachel Dozier, Andre Dozier, Solomon Abel, Kayla Rahney

CWCB:

Russ Sand, Diane Kielty, Lacey Williams

Metro Roundtable Business Meeting

1. Welcome/Introductions

2. Approval of May 2018 MRT Meeting Summary (Action Item)

Julio Iturreria made a motion to approve, Jamie Hartig 2nd
All in Favor – Approved

3. Agenda: additions or changes (Action Item)

4. Public Comment

SPCRE Confluence at the Confluence, October 19th at the Englewood Community Room, 1000 Englewood Pkwy.

5. WSRF (Hunt)

1. Funds Status Per Category Update

1. There have been problems reconciling the numbers with the balance. There was a distribution in July. They will revise based on the distribution and have a category update for the August meeting.

2. WSRF Balance Summary (In meeting packet)

3. Grant Applications

1. Thunderbird Water & Sanitation District WISE Feasibility Study

1. Title 32 District in NW Douglas County. Their water is currently only on wells. Douglas County would like everyone on renewable water. Difficult for them to do it alone due to their location. They became a Water Receiving Authority under the Chatfield Supply network. Dominion now has the details for their supply and storage. They are planning a line direct from tank to tank. Thunderbird wants to conduct a feasibility study for this conveyance system. They're requesting a \$15,000 MRT WSRF grant. MRT members agreed that this project should move forward. Next step is to complete the full application found on the CWCB website. Come back to MRT in August where MRT will take a formal vote in time for the application to go forward to the CWCB Board before deadline.

2. SPROWG Phase 1

1. Infrastructure to address specific storage conveyance, exchange enhancement and treatment needs and opportunities within geographic areas encompassed by both MRT/SPBRT. They are building on ideas outlined in BIP Section 4.6.2. SPROWG findings to date indicate that a regional concept could contribute meaningfully to reduce the Basin's future water supply gap. WSRF funds are being sought to help refine the

present understanding of the concept; how it would function and be structured, how it might be financed, treatment options and costs, construction and operation. They are requesting a \$77,500 MRT WSRF grant. This will use up the funds MRT has in the Conceptual Projects Fund. Eric Hecox, as the Conceptual Projects Fund lead, is very supportive of this. There are a great many Title 32 Districts that this project will need to reach out to for this to move forward. They intend to reach out to as many users of water as possible during the process to both get demand profiles and educate the communities. A primary question is how we close the gap without drying up usable agriculture. This concept is an emerging alternative to buy and dry agriculture. MRT members agreed that this project should move forward. Next step is to complete the full application found on the CWCB website. Come back to MRT in August where MRT will take a formal vote in time for the application to go forward to the CWCB Board before deadline.

7. Colorado Water Plan Grants (Biggs/Hunt)

1. SPROWG Grant Application – They have decided not to go for a CWP grant.

8. Committee Updates

1. PEPO (Davenhill)
 1. Outdoor Retailer Show July 23rd through 26th – Still need volunteers to support the booth on July 25th. This is a new opportunity and coincides with the CWCB direction of targeting the recreation industry. What time frames do you need help at the booth? The show is between 9:00 am – 6:00 pm. Anytime, if you could commit for at least 2 hours, please see Lacey.
 2. Statewide Education Action Plan - Both SPBRT and MRT have provided letters of support. This process will include participation on the part of educators to develop cross-basin messaging and approaches to implement water education, including K-12 and adult education. They will provide updates throughout the year (report is due June 2019).
 3. Statewide PEPO Meeting – This is the day before Colorado Water Congress begins and they will be looking at updating the Education Action Plan (EAP) in coordination with the other basins. Please provide input for the EAP if you have any suggestions.
2. Environmental/Recreation Committee (Nickum)
 1. Status Update – The committee has been involved with everything Lacey spoke about above.

9. Integrated Urban Water Model (Andre Dozier, PhD, One Water Solutions Institute)

A system for understanding water supply needs for land decisions to help cities project their water needs for the future. System will assess water use and demand. They're looking for partners (both in-kind and service partners) for their CWP grant and would like a Letter of Support. Razix Solutions LLC is a spinoff from CSU. This builds upon a decade of work done at CSU. They're looking for municipal water providers and cities with land use authority as partners.

Common trend across the USA is water delivered (meter use in cities) is going down. They anticipate this trend changing. They are asking for a cash match from providers. The incentive is that they are saving utilities time and money on demand planning tasks. You can go online now and interact with the model. Project goal is a system that streamlines the process of linking water use with land development process in municipalities, integrating land and water data and creating a collaborative GIS platform. The output is summarized analysis modules with custom reports with calibrated parameters.

Much of the growth is taking place outside the cities. This would be an additional element to consider. How broad is your model area? Statewide. Would MRT consider providing a Letter of Support? How is funding for on-going support being addressed? It would be an annual prescription like a license fee. MRT agreed to provide a Letter of Support. Andre will draft the letter and send it to Barb.

10. CWCB Update (Holcomb)

The next drought field trip will be in Durango. The CWCB Board meeting is next week. There will be a streamlining of applications going forward. Some things have changed depending on the category. They're working on the details of SWSI technical data. They'll release some data and are working on a communication plan to roll this out. There is a great deal of interest in doing BIP updates. They will be reaching out in either a survey or putting together a technical advisory committee to get a sense of what the basins would like to see. Looking for more standardization of SWSI. There is a \$3 billion gap not dedicated to funding any specific thing, but instead bringing together all the values of the CWP. How can we leverage funds to make a difference? Many groups are talking about this.

11. IBCC Update (Darling/Bennett)

The candidate letter is complete. John Stulp will be sending something out soon. MRT needs help developing a mailing list. Megan has put together a full list that now needs to be culled through.

Another task was to look at the Conceptual Framework. The general understanding is that no project is in the hopper, so there is no reason to move forward on it. The MRT group put a great deal of effort into the Conceptual Framework. All the agreements evaporated when it came time to put it in the CWP. Based on that, MRT decided not to participate in Round 2. The plan document states we all agreed to it. How do people think this is going to be applied? Does the IBCC want to be the group to screen projects?

The Funding initiative centers around the buckets of funding. The idea is to bundle it to the public using a ballot initiative. If you get the money, who manages the money? Does it make sense for the Roundtables to be involved? Our RT believes we should be involved in those discussions.

12. Joint Front Range BRTs Summit - Arkansas, S. Platte & Metro

1. Post Summit Report Out – A lot of people were there and it was very productive. At the end there was an exercise on what we would like to see going forward. One suggestion was having more interaction among RT's and creative input with interactive activities. CWCB is working on a summary of the Summit. Viola has PowerPoints to share. A full summit would be welcome.

13. Meeting Schedule

1. South Platte Regional Water Development Meeting – Tuesday, July 10th, 2018, 1:45 pm - 3:45 pm, Southwest Weld County Bldg., 4209 Weld County Rd 24 ½, Longmont
2. South Platte Basin Roundtable Meeting – Tuesday, July 10th, 2018, 4:00 pm, Southwest Weld County Bldg., 4209 Weld County Rd 24 ½, Longmont
3. Metro Roundtable Meeting Annual Meeting – Thursday, July 12th, 2018, 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm, Denver Water, 12th Ave., Denver, CO 80204
4. CO Ag Water Alliance: Ag Water Tour – Thursday, July 12th, 8:30 am – 3:30 pm, Sterling, CO, (**SOLD OUT**), [TOUR INFORMATION LINK](#)
5. CWCB Meeting – July 18th -19th, 2018, Glenwood Springs, CO
6. Outdoor Retailer Show - July 23rd-26th, 2018, [Outdoorretailer.com](#)
7. South Platte Regional Water Development Meeting – Tuesday, July 25th, 2018, 10:00 am – 12:00 Noon, Southwest Weld County Bldg., 4209 Weld County Rd 24 ½, Longmont
8. Colorado Water Congress - August 22nd - 24th, 2018, Vail, CO
9. Rio Grande Roundtable M&I Tour of Metro RT (WISE) – Thursday, September 27th, 2018 (tentative)