

Draft - Metro Roundtable Meeting Summary

Thursday, August 9th, 2018, 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Denver Water
1600 W 12th Ave
Denver, CO 80204

Members in Attendance:

Alex Davis, Barbara Biggs, Casey Davenport, Darren Beck, David Allen, Devon Buckels, Emily Hunt, Jamie Hartig, Bob Peters, Julio Iturreria, Larry Mugler, Lisa Darling, Rick Marsicek, Rick McCloud, Scott Brink

Guests:

Kara Scheel, Matt Cook, Beorn Courtney, Patrick Vernon, Jessica Ouwerkerk, Solomon Abel, Ryan Giltome, Phyllis Thomas

CWCB:

Megan Holcomb, Diane Kielty, Lacey Williams

Metro Roundtable Business Meeting

1. Welcome/Introductions

2. Approval of July 2018 Meeting Summary (Action Item)

Jamie Hartig made motion to approve, Bob Peters 2nd,
All in favor - Approved

3. Agenda: additions or changes (Action Item)

We will be discussing the PEPO budget.

Julio Iturreria made motion to approve addition, David Nickum 2nd,
All in Favor - Approved

4. Public Comment

5. WSRF (Hunt)

1. South Platte Basin Regional Water Development Concept (Final Action)

1. Emily Hunt made motion to approve, Lisa Darling 2nd,
All in favor - Approved

2. Thunderbird Water & Sanitation District Feasibility Analysis (Final Action)

1. They have submitted their grant application. There were some issues to address regarding the procurement process. They are working to address these questions. Topic will be tabled to next month

3. Funds Status Per Category Update

1. A hardcopy of account status was provided. The Horse Creek Restoration project withdrew their grant request that was approved two years ago, which brought 50,000 back into the fund. Remaining funds per category were discussed.

6. Colorado Water Plan Grants (Biggs/Hunt)

1. South Metro Water Supply Authority (SMWSA) - Conservation Subcommittee Application

1. Kara Scheel presented Qualified Water Efficient Certification Program PowerPoint. Shifting from nonrenewable supplies to more sustainable supplies. Identified Qualified Water Efficient Landscaper (QWEL) for pilot program implementation. Task 1 will be to modify QWEL Training content. Task 2 will be to pilot the training program. Task 3 will be to evaluate program success and develop a plan going forward. CWP grant request amount is \$45,580, SMWSA contribution \$50,100 with a total project cost \$95,680.

1. Urban Drainage and Stormwater both may have an interest in getting involved in this program. What are the incentives for the landscapers to

participate in this program? It would be a benefit to promote to their customers that they are QWEL certified. A goal in the future is to become a landscaper certification requirement. Is a license required for landscapers? Castle Rock does have a license program and they have reviewed that program.

1. MRT showed support of this application and will provide a Letter of Support.
2. City of Brighton Cell 3 Reservoir Spillways Application and City of Brighton Augmentation Pumping Station Application
 1. Patrick Vernon, Staff Engineer with the City of Brighton presented the projects. They are submitting two applications for the same reservoir. They're asking for funding for the design of an inlet and augmentation station and reservoir protection installations for Cell 3, a reservoir in Brighton's Ken Mitchell Lakes reservoir complex. Also, the reservoir requires slope protection and spillways for protection from gradual erosion and severe flooding respectively. With completion of these improvements, Cell 3 will become a fully functional storage reservoir. These projects serve the interests of the Metro Roundtable by providing additional storage within the Metro basin. The City is requesting \$75,000 for the inlet and augmentation station and \$20,000 for the reservoir protections, for a total request amount of \$95,000 from the Colorado Water Plan Grant fund. The City intends to fund the other 80%, \$300,000 for the augmentation station and \$80,000 for the reservoir slope protections and spillways. This money will come from its Water Enterprise Fund.
 1. Does this add storage capacity? No, it just makes more storage usable within their system. Currently the storage space is being leased. How long will the work take to be completed? Construction is estimated at 1 ½ years. Will you need a 404 permit? Yes. Could this be considered an IPP in this basin? Yes
 2. MRT showed support of this application and will provide a Letter of Support.

7. Committee Updates

1. PEPO (Davenhill)
 1. This MRT has a \$6,500 budget which is combined with the SPBRT \$6,500 for a total of \$13,000 for education and outreach. They need to submit a budget by September 3rd. Handouts were passed around the room of materials created for outreach. Money is also used for website updates and support for the Coordinator participation in outreach. Casey is asking for approval to submit a budget to be used by the two roundtables for the PEPO activities and materials in 2018/2019.
 1. How much are we asking for from the MRT? We need to apply for CWCB funds to access funds. We will ask for the same amount for both RTs this round. This is a small amount of money compared to the need. We asked for \$50,000 for the Coordinator staff position. Many of the other RT's use supplemental monies to enhance their outreach efforts.
 1. A motion to approve a budget request was made by David Allen, Julio Iturreria 2nd. All in Favor – Approved.
 2. The Data Committee of the SPBRT has provided draft storyboards to place on the SPBRT. The advisory committee has looked at placing a web-based dashboard/map on the website. We have a website policy that says we can make minor tweaks to website, but anything major must be approved by the RTs. The plan is to find out how much it would cost to get the storyboards onto the website. If it's too expensive we will need to seek funding. Casey asked for approval to move forward on placing the storyboards online and has provided a link for MRT member review.
 3. Results from the Outdoor Retailer Show Summer Market 2018, July 23-26, Denver Convention Center. The show is the largest Outdoor Retailer show in North America. The registration booth told Lacey 33,000 people were registered. She later read that 85,000 people had attended. We had a small booth in the nonprofit section of the show. Garrett Varra donated a \$100 REI gift card, and we

had a bowl for people to provide business cards to engage with us and WECO, and participate in the drawing for the gift card. They received 22 business cards and had 11 people help at the booth during the week, with a good representation from the SP, Metro and Arkansas RTs. The booth was open 9-6 M-W, and 9-3 Thursday. The booth presentation needs work. We realized that the Roundtable idea is a little complicated for most members of the public who have no foundation in water issues in Colorado. We want to figure out a way to partner with an entity to get on the main exhibit floor where we will get more exposure and interaction.

4. A meeting will take place in Vail dovetailing the Water Congress on August 21st, 2018. This will be a PEPO meeting which will be discussing big picture education projects at the State talking about the statewide education plan being managed by WECO. They are wrapping up an education asset map to identify all the water education around the state.

2. Environmental/Recreation Committee (Nickum)

1. The Committee participated in the Outdoor Retailer show mentioned above.

8. **CWCB Update (Holcomb)**

1. Training for the Colorado Water Loss Initiative will be starting next spring and there will be open enrollment. This is at no cost for drinking water industry staff. There will be 4 work sessions over 2 years. Deadline to enroll is September 28th, www.coloradowaterloss.org.
2. The Southwestern Colorado Drought Impacts Tour took place on July 23rd and 24th in Durango. There were 70 people in attendance representing a range of stakeholders and state entities. Participants discussed the impacts of drought on wildlife, tourism and recreation, food production, public health, and economy, as well as impacts on related natural hazards like fires and floods. A summary of the tour will be available later this month.
3. The CWCB is working to update both the Colorado Flood Mitigation Plan and the Colorado Drought Mitigation and Response Plan, which were both last updated in 2013. The plans will be incorporated into Colorado's State Hazard Mitigation Plan as stand-alone appendices and will ultimately be adopted by the Governor through that affiliation. Please send comments to Stephanie DiBetitto at stephanie.dibetitto@state.co.us by August 15th on the flood plan; and to Taryn Finnessey at Taryn.Finnessey@state.co.us by August 24th on the drought plan.
4. If you are attending the Summer Colorado Water Congress in Vail, join CWCB at the "Water for Breakfast" seminar on Thursday morning for a 40-minute conversation on SWSI and Basin Implementation Plans.
5. The next Board meeting is September 18th-20th in Steamboat Springs. This is one of two times a year when Water Supply Reserve Fund grants with a statewide request are reviewed.
6. Last update is that the Water Plan Grants cycle closed on August 1st. All applications will be posted on the CWCB website by Sept 1st and will be reviewed by the Board in November.

9. **IBCC Update (Darling/Bennett)**

1. Candidate Letter Update - 210 candidate letters were sent out.
 1. Are there any additional RT tasks to be done with this letter? If there are certain letters the RT would like to send out along with the letter from John Stulp and/or a specific message from the RT, CWCB would support it. How about sending them the promotional bandanas as an insert with the letter? The RT liked this idea. We would need to be consistent for each county if we take this action. Should we explore this possibility? How about focus solely on the county commissioners? Yes, Lisa Darling will do some research and get back to the members.
2. Funding Task Force Update - A Finance Committee *Rough Draft* Letter was provided in the meeting packet. It addresses a ballot initiative. This paper is being designed to

present IBCC talking points. If you have comments or questions, please contact Lisa. It's meant to be a white paper.

1. Is the letter addressing statewide funds or just the Colorado Compact?
This is under discussion. They're trying to language the letter to appeal to voters. There is a much larger conversation with many facets.
Whether they develop another Board to manage the fund or manage it under CWCB, they should make a concerted effort to be more inclusive and equitable to all water concerns.

10. September 13, 2018 MRT Meeting Status

1. Many members will not be available for next months meeting. We have cancelled the meeting in the past. We could do an on-line vote for the Thunderbird application. The group agreed to cancel the September 13, 2018 meeting.

11. Meeting Schedule

1. South Platte Basin Roundtable Meeting – Tuesday, August 7th, 2018, 2018, 4:00 pm, Southwest Weld County Bldg., 4209 Weld County Rd 24 ½, Longmont
2. Metro Roundtable Meeting Meeting – Thursday, August 9th, 2018, 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm, Denver Water, 12th Ave., Denver, CO 80204
3. Colorado Water Congress - August 22nd - 24th, 2018, Vail, CO
4. CWCB Board Meeting - Sept 18th-20th, 2018, Steamboat Springs, CO
5. Rio Grande Roundtable M&I Tour of Metro RT (WISE) – Thursday, September 27th, 2018 (tentative)
6. Central Colorado Water Conservancy District Bus Tour - October 5th, 2018, 8:00 am – 4:00 pm, www.ccwcb.org.
7. SPCRE Confluence at the Confluence - October 19th, 2018 at the Englewood Community Room, 1000 Englewood Pkwy, Englewood, CO