

Metro Roundtable Meeting Summary
Thursday, January 10th, 2019, 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm
Denver Water
1600 W 12th Ave
Denver, CO 80204

Members in Attendance:

Alex Davis, Barbara Biggs, Casey Davenport, Cortney Brand, Dan DeLaughter, Darren Beck, Dave Nickum, Devon Buckels, Emily Hunt, Jamie Hartig, Bob Peters, Julio Iturreria, Larry Mugler, Lesley Sebol, Lisa Darling, Polly Hays, Rick Marsicek, Rick McLoud

Guests:

Dave Jula, Bjorn Courtney, Will Koger, Jesse Tattum, Tom Furgason, Dawn Jewell, Phyllis Thomas, Jan Yeckes

CWCB:

Megan Holcomb, Diane Kielty, Lacey Williams

Metro Roundtable Business Meeting

1. Welcome/Introductions

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

Emily Hunt moved, David Nickum seconded approval; motion carried unanimously.

3. Agenda: additions or changes (Action Item)

Barbara Biggs would like to add membership updates to the end of the agenda.

4. Public Comment

5. WSRF (Hunt)

1. WSRF Grant Applications

1. Colorado TU WSRF grant application for South Boulder Creek – 2nd review
Additional in-kind and match have been secured adding additional partners.
They're requesting conditional approval up to \$13,500. A task in the current application may be removed contingent upon proposed work to be completed by Boulder.

Lisa Darling moved to approve, Julio Iturreria seconded approval; motion carried unanimously.

2. Funds Status Per Category Update – \$40,000 from CWCB at first of year,
Bring Metro fund to \$611,864 overall account balance.

3. WSRF Balance Summary – Water Supply Reserve Fund Balance is at \$611,864.
\$40,000 was transferred into basin accounts on January 1st and \$640,000 was transferred into the statewide account.

6. Colorado Water Plan Grants (Biggs/Hunt)

1. Greenway Foundation Water Plan Land Use grant application requested a Letter of Support. They are requesting \$200,000 from CWP. They've secured \$100,000 from Urban Drainage and \$100,000 from Denver. The intent is to create one water plan for the City and County of Denver. Funding for this project will be used to hire a team of consultants to support the City. The Plan will address the South Platte River and its tributaries within the City and County of Denver as well as the overall water system and establish policies and priorities around how the City manages its watersheds in a holistic matter in support of community values while providing a method to incorporate them into future decisions via land use and zoning codes.

Do you have a separate plan for conservation? Conservation is included.

Casey Davenport moved to approve a Letter of Support from MRT, Alex Davis seconded approval; motion carried unanimously.

7. Committee Updates

1. PEPO (Davenport)

The current WSRF grant for Education Coordination has been extended through June, 2019. The application for 2019 has been submitted with the detailed budget and Education Action Plan approved by the Metro and South Platte Roundtable members at the November meetings. The funding request for 2019 will be considered at the January CWCB meeting.

SPB water facts brochure is being revised based on Roundtable members' input. We will use that, the Colorado Water Plan one page handout, the 4-page BIP handout and the Republican River fact sheet for booth display. We've met with Alex Funk, CWCB, who has asked us to promote Agricultural Transfer Mechanisms (ATMs).

The Metro and South Platte Roundtables will be represented at:

1. January 29th through 31st - Colorado Farm Show, Island Grove Regional Park, Greeley
2. January 30th - Statewide PEPO Meeting, 9:00 -11:30am, with Colorado Water Congress meeting
3. February 1st - Poudre River Forum, Drake Center, 802 W Drake Rd, Ft Collins

We have been contacted but will NOT have a presence at:

4. February 13th – 14th DARCA conference.

2. Environmental/Recreation Committee (Nickum)

1. CO Trout Unlimited will be honoring Bill Riley (EPA) on March 7th. They are putting together a forum in conjunction with this event the morning of March 8th to take place at the Colorado History Center for a ½ day. The topic will be the history of water and how it has shaped our present.
2. There is a new environmental rep for the SPBRT, Kelsea Holloway, Bird Conservancy of the Rockies. They will be having a meeting to discuss opportunities.

8. CWCB Update (Holcomb)

1. Presentation on CWCB 2019 Projects Bill (\$20M total)

- CWCB Board Meeting, January 28th – 29th, Westminster, The Westin
- Colorado Water Congress, January 30th - February 1st, Westminster, The Westin
- IBCC Meeting, February 28th, location TBD
- A 2019 Project Bills Funding Table was provided with Water Plan grant categories highlighted. There is an extra category called "Water Plan Updating Efforts". This category was created to help fund development of basin plan updates (\$1M).
- Water Plan grants application deadline is February 1st, 2019. Final Board approval will be in May 2019.
- The 2019 CWP Implementation Working Group had its kick-off call on December 18th, 2018. The first call of 2019 will take place on January 30th. A list of volunteers and all materials can be found at - <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cowaterplan/cwpimplementation>.

9. Colorado Water Plan (Kevin Reidy)

1. Conservation & Land Use Updates

Water Conservation and Efficiency plan efforts include water efficiency plans, precipitation harvesting regional factors and statewide water loss training. Kevin has reviewed 29 plans. They're in the 2nd round of plans with 10 new plans. There are 64 plans approved.

The Statewide water loss training program funded through CWCB is using the American Water Works Association M36 methodology. They train water providers on

this methodology. The program is over 2 years in duration with workshops, webinars and consultants. It is a voluntary program with one-on-one technical training. Workshops will be held on April 9th, 10th (or 11th), 23rd, 24th, 25th, and May 7th (or 8th). 82 utilities have registered for the program and 44 utilities signed up for their 1st workshop. You can find more information at - <https://www.coloradowaterloss.org/>

A regulatory framework for direct potable reuse is being developed. This is being funded through a CWP grant and WSRF funds. Water and land use integration (SB15-008) webinars and training are underway. There are 5 webinars on the website.

10. IBCC Update (Darling/Bennett)

Dan Gibbs is the new DNR Director. He will need to be confirmed by the Senate. John Stulp is not going to continue in his position. They are unsure if Stulp's role will continue.

11. South Platte Basin Regional Water Development Task Force - Update (Darling)

During the holidays there was scope revision to create efficiency for the State. They reduced the scope to 4 major items. The other items are now housed within the 4 major items to make it easier to manage. There are 63 people signed up with the task force. A smaller steering committee will do the heavy lifting. There is interest from the environmental and recreation community to get involved.

12. Membership Update

1. There are statutory seats on the MRT for each County and the municipalities within each County in the defined area covered by the MRT. For El Paso County, Cortney Brand was appointed by the County as the County representative, but the MRT has not had an El Paso County Municipal Rep since Mark Pifher retired. The Pikes Peak Regional Water Authority, an association of El Paso County municipalities, has appointed Kim Goetz as the El Paso County Municipal Representative. Since this is a statutory seat that Kim has been appointed to fill, no vote was required.
2. Dan DeLaughter, with South Platte Water Renewal Partners, is the MRT Industrial Rep. He has taken a new position and has asked to step down. Pieter Van Ry, Manager of South Platte Water Renewal Partners, has asked to take Dan's position. Barb is looking for feedback from the group. Are there any concerns? Vote will need to consist of the statutory group subset of the MRT membership.

Alex Davis moved to add Pieter Van Ry to the MRT membership, Bob Peters seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

3. Laura Kroeger with Urban Stormwater was brought on board when MRT created a position to represent Urban Drainage. Her schedule has increased. Morgan Lynch, Urban Drainage staffer, has been recommended. The process to make this change has been set forth in our bylaws. This is not a statutory seat. We've added this new position to be more inclusive and recognize the key role regional stormwater management plays in water resources in the metro area. Anyone can approach the RT to get involved. Other RTs have advertised. We have recruited when membership has dwindled. In the spirit of transparency and openness, should we have CWCB advertise open positions? We've created and recruited for the Urban Drainage seat and posted past positions on the website where people have submitted resumes. It was proposed that we discuss our recruitment process when we hold our annual meeting in May. We'll go through the membership list and ask those who are not participating to resign. We can then advertise open seats. We will use this approach in May and invite Morgan Lynch to the February meeting.
4. Are there any presentations the membership would like to see?
 1. Drought Contingency Plan - Congress passed water efficiency plan for water providers to get more information on this Act
 2. SP Recovery program in March – JoJo
 3. Salinity Loop Application for Funding to look at increased salinity in SP as it reaches the state line

4. Rainwater Harvesting Plan at Sterling Ranch
5. Follow up on WSRF grants that have been awarded and get updates
 1. Real Estate Disclosure Tool
 2. Megan will share list of project updates
6. Source Water Protection topic (Utility Council)
7. Front Range Mitigation – Wildfire After the Flames Conference
8. Arkansas Watershed Health Initiative.

13. Meeting Schedule

1. South Platte Basin Roundtable Meeting – Tuesday, January 8th, 2019, 4:00 pm, Southwest Weld County Bldg., 4209 Weld County Rd 24 ½, Longmont
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