

Metro Roundtable Annual Meeting Summary

ANNUAL MEETING

Thursday, May 9th, 2019, 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Denver Water

1600 W 12th Ave

Denver, CO 80204

Members in Attendance:

Barbara Biggs, Bob Peters, Darren Beck, Dave Nickum, Dawn Jewell, Devon Buckels, Jamie Hartig, Janet Bell, Julio Iturreria, Kim Gortz, Lesley Sebol, Lisa Darling, Morgan Lynch, Rick Marsicek, Susan Nedell

Guests:

Britta Strother, Elaine Hassinger, Josh Baile, Sandos Rebek, Maryan Lynch, Jessica Owerkerk, John Rehring, Kevin Bergschneider

CWCB:

Diane Kielty, Megan Holcomb

Metro Roundtable Business Meeting

1. Welcome/Introductions

2. Approval of April 2019 MRT Meeting Summary (Action Item)

It was moved by Lisa Darling and seconded by Julio Iturreria to approve the agenda as presented; motion carried unanimously.

3. Agenda: additions or changes (Action Item)

Arapahoe County was not informed that they needed a full grant submittal. They will Submit on June 1st. MRT will determine on a Letter of Support during June 13th MRT meeting.

4. Public Comment

5. MRT Annual Meeting Discussion (Biggs)

1. Review Membership/Attendance

Jefferson County municipal representative position is open, Adams County municipal and county representative positions are open. The same for Elbert and Teller counties. Barb has reached out to potential appointees in Jefferson County. The County Commissioners will be approached about their open statutory position. Lisa Darling will reach out to Arapahoe County to discuss the statute and need for representation. We have not heard from Elbert or Teller Counties. Barb will send a letter to both counties reminding them that they have statutory positions to fill on MRT. Bob Peters will reach out to the CWQCD to ask if they would be interested in assigning a representative. MRT will draft a positions open solicitation letter to be placed on the South Platte basin website.

2. Election of Chair/Vice-Chair and committee chairs

Motion to retain current Chair, Vice-Chair and committee chairs made by Dave Nickum and seconded by Jamie Hartag; motion carried unanimously.

6. WSRF (Hunt)

1. South Platte SWIFT Presentation (Greg Fisher / DW)

A one-page fact sheet was distributed. Discussed accomplishments and where they are headed. The next steps are to meet once a quarter. Topics of focus will be water rights and projects that were identified by SWIFT that are now peel-off projects that they will pursue outside of SWIFT. The projects are highlighted in the fact sheet. Any thoughts on expanding boundaries? Yes, but no specifics on where. Megan Holcomb received a report she will share with MRT.

2. Funds Status Per Category Update

Received two distributions from State of \$40,000 each. Each category has \$85,000. We haven't spent from any of the categories yet in 2019. Please encourage grant requests.

MRT may want to consider going to a twice a year grant application cycle. Our grant categories mirror the CWP. Do we want to expand our categories to capture projects that fall outside those categories? The committee will look into this and bring suggestions back to MRT.

7. Colorado Water Plan Grants (Biggs/Hunt)

1. Tri-County Health Department – Outreach & Survey OSWT (Elaine Hassinger, MAS)
They have applied for an Engagement and Innovation grant. Outreach to go to 25,000 homeowners in Adams, Arapahoe and Douglas Counties. Protecting and conserving groundwater will be the message. Rationale for project was provided. Outreach will include a brochure that will direct readers to TCHD website where more information can be found. Follow-up workshops will be offered at a place and time to be determined. Homeowners will also be given a tool to assess the status of their wells. Evaluation will be based on number of homes brochure is sent to, number of website hits and attendance at workshops. Is there potential for metro or special districts to be formed from this initiative? They don't have enough information at this time to determine if this is viable. Please consider tying this marketing initiative to the CWP for cross promotion. Membership agreed to submitting a Letter of Support.

8. Committee Updates

1. PEPO (Davenhill)
 1. Water Education Action Plan (SWEAP) (Darling, Davenhill)
Two weeks ago a task force of people in different areas of education met for a day in Keystone and went through the structure of an action plan. The plan will be adopted by the end of summer 2019.
 2. Basin Implementation Working Group (Darling, Marsicek, Davenhill)
A one-page fact sheet was provided. A timeline and webinars are on the CWCB website. The planning horizon was discussed. The schedule is aimed toward coordinating with the CWP. There will be an all chairs call on Monday. Major input is taking IPP data and assigning different data criteria to use to prioritize and update IPPs. Placing existing IPPs into matrix to prioritize creates a way to help RTs categorize and prioritize their projects. Information from this working group will be presented during the C9 Statewide Summit of Colorado's Basin RTs on September 25-26 at the Winter Park Headwaters Center.
2. Environmental/Recreation Committee (Nickum)
South Platte Protection Plan implemented 15 years ago. Under the plan there were targets and minimum commitments. The temperature targets were hit most of the time. Minimum flows were hit.

9. IBCC Update (Darling/Bennett)

IBCC has been invited to join the July 15th CWCB meeting in the Arkansas basin.

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

They are meeting in different work groups and task groups. PEPO is involved and currently deliberating on a new name for the project.

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

Postponed due to a statewide summit this year.

12. Meeting Schedule

1. South Platte Basin Roundtable Meeting – Tuesday, May 14th, 2019, 4:00 pm, Southwest Weld County Bldg., 4209 Weld County Rd 24 ½, Longmont
2. Metro Roundtable Meeting – Thursday, May 9th, 2019, 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm, Denver Water, 12th Ave., Denver, CO 80204
3. South Platte Basin Roundtable Meeting – Tuesday, June 11th, 2019, 4:00 pm, Southwest Weld County Bldg., 4209 Weld County Rd 24 ½, Longmont
4. Metro Roundtable Meeting – Thursday, June 13th, 2019, 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm, Denver Water, 12th Ave., Denver, CO 80204
5. CWCB Board Meeting – May 15 – 16, 2019, Gunnison Basin
6. CWP Working Group – [2019 Implementation Working Group Link](#)