

Metro Roundtable Meeting Summary

Thursday, June 13th, 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, David Allen, Devon Buckels, Emily Hunt, Jamie Hartig, Jan Yeckes, Kim Gortz, Lesley Sebol, Lisa Darling, Rick Marsicek, Rob Sakata, Sarah Borgers

Guests:

Trey Hoeter, Phyllis Thomas, Sandos Rebek, Dawn Jewell, Jon McAnally, Royal Koepsell, Mark Sponsler, Dan Haddock, Mallory Hiss

CWCB:

Diane Kielty, Craig Godbout

Metro Roundtable Business Meeting

1. Welcome/Introductions

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

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

3. Public Comment

Royal Koepsell provided an update on the Water District Information Tool. The site is up, H2info-co.com. They are asking for feedback. They're looking for a Denver Water point of contact. He'll be going to other areas to discuss adding them to the system.

4. WSRF (Hunt)

1. Historical Analysis of South Platte River Salinity to Identify Severity, Trends, and Potential Sources – Grady O'Brien, Neirbo.com

This is a special consideration project due to timing in the CWCB grant award cycle. A portion of this study could help inform the SPROWG study. Colorado Corn is the grantee. The SPROWG advisory committee gave this study approval. They were initially awarded a grant to do the study. The scope of work was changed with expanded water-quality parameters. They're asking MRT to split the additional costs with SPBRT. Total budget \$30,540.00. MRT ask amount is \$15,270.00.

It was moved by Bob Peters and seconded by Devon Buckles to approve the grant request and place it under the MRT Conceptual Projects WSRF category; motion carried unanimously.

2. Second Presentation: Arapahoe County Water and Wastewater Authority - Water Storage Project request for \$85,000 with grant funding being split between IPP's and Conservation and Reuse WSRF categories.

It was moved by Rick Marsicek and seconded by Emily Hunt to approve the grant request to be split between the WSRF IPP's and Conservation and Reuse Projects categories; motion carried unanimously.

3. WSRF Allotments and Criteria Guidelines

Category balances were presented to show funds reset at \$85,000 per category with a reserve. The committee will be evaluating the categories to determine if MRT should update. They would like input as they evaluate the categories and process for approval. Possibly expand categories to add Small System Rehabilitation, Water Quality and Agriculture. They will develop a rubric for evaluation.

6. Committee Updates

1. PEPO (Mallory Hiss)

1. Water Education Action Plan (SWEAP)

Working with strategic planning consultant Conservation Impact and partners from across the WEN network and broader water community to build a Statewide Water Education Action Plan as envisioned in Ch. 9.5 of the Colorado Water Plan. WEco spent six months compiling resources, establishing a process, and identifying stakeholders to inform the plan's development. More than 65 people were interviewed from all corners of the state. A wide variety of resources, reports, and programs have been examined. A SWEAP Coalition comprised of two dozen water educators, including the majority of PEPO liaisons, was formed to set the vision, purpose and direction for the plan.

The Coalition met in person for a full day on April 18. A draft plan is being developed by WEco in consultation with Conservation. The draft plan will be circulated to the Coalition for further input next week. The revised version will then be sent to the Water Educator Network for input in July. WEco has pushed back the timeline for the project, initially slated to be completed at the end of this month and is now targeting completion of a plan by October.

2. Updates from the Education Action Plan & Strategic Communications Plan.

Critical issues currently in the basin that need to be addressed over the EAP planning period are the Statewide Education Action Plan (SWEAP), South Platte Regional Water Development Concept (SPRWDC) and Technical Update (WSWI). The audience the EAP will be targeting are academic, agriculture, environment & recreation and roundtables. The 2019 WSRF grant scope of work includes coordination and facilitation of SWEAP and SPRWDC, communication through website, press releases, fact sheets and flyers, outreach through orientation for new roundtable members and volunteers, maintain a list of organizations and media outlets and research video feasibility & budget.

2. Environmental/Recreation Committee (Beck)

Next month the committee will be getting together with SPBRT committee to prepare for the C9 Summit meeting. Darren asked that people email him if they want to participate in this meeting.

8. IBCC Update (Darling/Bennett)

The next meeting will be in October.

9. South Platte Regional Opportunities Water Group (SPROWG) Study (Darling)

Next meeting will be August 13th to align with the SPBRT meeting. They are conducting a survey to reach a broader audience.

10. C9 Summit

Winter Park, CO, September 25th-26th, 2019. **The MRT September regular meeting is cancelled.**

11. Meeting Schedule

1. South Platte Basin Roundtable Meeting – Tuesday, June 11th, 2019, 4:00 pm, Southwest Weld County Bldg., 4209 Weld County Rd 24 ½, Longmont
2. Metro Roundtable Meeting – Thursday, June 13th, 2019, 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm, Denver Water, 12th Ave., Denver, CO 80204
3. 4 West Slope Basin Roundtables (4WSBRT) Joint Meeting – Thursday, June 20, 2019, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm, Ute Water, 2190 H 1/4 Road, Grand Junction
4. South Platte Basin Roundtable Meeting – Tuesday, July 9th, 2019, 4:00 pm, Southwest Weld County Bldg., 4209 Weld County Rd 24 ½, Longmont
5. Metro Roundtable Meeting – Thursday, July 11th, 2019, 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm, Denver Water, 12th Ave., Denver, CO 80204
6. C9 Summit – September 25 – 26, 2019, Headwaters Center, 730 Baker Drive, Winter Park, CO 80482
7. CWP Working Group – [2019 Implementation Working Group Link](#)