

Metro Roundtable Meeting Summary

Thursday, August 8th, 2019, 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm
Denver Water
1600 W 12th Ave
Denver, CO 80204

Members in Attendance:

Alex Davis, Anne Beierle, Barbara Biggs, Casey Davenport, Chris Douglas, Darren Beck, Dave Nickum, Dawn Jewell, Devon Buckels, Emily Hunt, Gary Thompson, Larry Mugler, Jamie Hartig, Lisa Darling, Morgan Lynch, Rick Marsicek, Rick McLoud, Susan Nedell

Guests:

Phyllis Thomas, John Bell, Jordan Williams, Mallory Hiss, Jon McAnally, Royal Koepsell, Jeff Bandy, Brian Jackson

CWCB:

Diane Kielty, Megan Holcomb

Metro Roundtable Business Meeting

1. Welcome/Introductions

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

It was moved by Lisa Darling and seconded by Emily Hunt to approve the minutes of the July 11, 2019 meeting; motion carried unanimously.

3. Agenda: additions or changes (Action Item)

Cherry Creek Project Walker Pit Reservoir, Cherry Creek Project Water Authority CWP request for Letter of Support delayed to October MRT meeting.

Added Sports Betting Measure Proposition DD discussion.

Water Legacy CWP request for Letter of Support moved up in agenda.

4. Public Comment

None

5. WSRF (Hunt)

1. WSRF Allotments and Criteria Guidelines

1. 10.10.10 Water + Climate 2019-2022 – Water Foundry

Presented to the CWCB Board in March. They're applying for both a CWP grant and WSRF funds. This is first presentation to WSRF. They created a process to identify wicked problems that entrepreneurs can work on and create market-based solutions. The focus will be water and climate issues. Goal is to put on an entrepreneur program in October of 2020. They are asking MRT to support launch of initial actions with a \$90,000 ask for validator/stakeholder mapping. The entire project is budgeted at \$651,250. They will request \$250,000 from CWP and \$311,250 from corporate sponsors. There will also be \$504,000 in-kind from volunteers. There will be 10 companies identified, 8 from Colorado. They will direct entrepreneurs to address identified critical problems. MRT would help define and map wicked problems.

Suggested that 10-10-10 approach SPBRT to ask for a split of the \$90,000 between SPBRT and MRT, or additional split with other round tables. MRT wait for the CWCB Board to determine certainty of CWP grant money. 10.10.10 continue to pursue and MRT will consider contingent upon buy-in from other entities.

2. Funds Status Per Category Update
 1. WSRF Balance Summary

6. Colorado Water Plan Grants (Biggs/Hunt)

1. 10.10.10 Water + Climate 2019-2022 – Water Foundry Letter of Support
 1. There is time for them to come back before the CWCB Board review.
2. Water Legacy - Poudre Heritage Alliance Letter of Support
 1. They have started documenting and creating a water resources archive. They would use CWP money to complete 18 video interviews and 8 educational videos with water legacy leaders. Videos will be shared with SPB website and others.

A Letter of Support was approved.

3. Graywater Pilot Project - Greyter/PHYN/Denver Water/Lennar Homes/Thrive Builders Letter of Support
 1. Technology combines 3 solutions addressing supply and capacity. This will be a 40-home pilot in the Stapleton area.

A Letter of Support was approved.

7. Committee Updates

1. PEPO (Davenhill)
 1. Water Education Action Plan (SWEAP)
They will have an update at the October MRT meeting.
 2. Basin Implementation Working Group
No major updates. All the meetings are recorded and available on the CWCB website.
 3. MRT/SPB Education Coordination Report
They will have an updated Action Plan at the October MRT meeting. There has been a lag in PEPO funding. They need the Education Action Plan before a PO will be released.
2. Environmental/Recreation Committee (Nickum)
 1. Committee met before this meeting and discussed where they would like to direct themselves as a group and be more proactive in dispersing funds. They made a strong request to come up with protection projects in the South Platte basin. Chatfield watershed was recommended as a target.

8. For the Love of Colorado Presentation (Wohlgenant)

Walton and Gates family foundations have come together with Keystone to address the general challenge of implementing the CWP and maintaining quality of life in Colorado. Identified a \$20B funding need to implement the plan with a \$3B shortfall. A funding coalition formed to explore potential revenue sources. They've identified 6 categories where there are funding needs and where funding should be distributed. They will focus first on educating the public on the Water Plan. They will be launching a media campaign after November and are raising money. They have submitted an application for a CWP Education Grant asking for \$400,000. The campaign will cost \$3M. They asked for a Letter of Support for their CWP grant request.

A Letter of Support for their CWP application was approved.

9. Sports Betting Measure Proposition DD

Environmental Defense Fund asking for MRT endorsement for Proposition DD. Proceeds from betting would go to the Colorado Water Plan Implementation Fund. Creates a 10% tax on sports voting. This could raise up to \$29M annually according to state projections. MRT endorsement would be used in their advertising.

Betting is a divisive issue and MRT is nonpartisan. This is a bipartisan legislative effort. It would be legalized in casinos that are already licensed gambling establishments. Megan will check on legality of MRT providing an endorsement.

10. CWCB Update (Holcomb)

Go to CWCB website to see the new technical update. An executive summary is embedded in the document.

11. IBCC Update (Darling/Bennett)

During the July 18th meeting a panel discussed equity. All group meetings have been scheduled.

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

The third task force meeting will be Tuesday, August 12th from 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm in Boulder. A technical memorandum will be provided on different potential processes to be considered moving forward.

The Annual Water Quality Forum was attended by MRT member. The Forum has concern that water quality is not being funded. It was asked that MRT consider getting more involved with the Forum. Barb will take this as a Chair duty.

13. Meeting Schedule

1. **Environmental and Recreation Meeting** – Thursday, August 8th, 2019, 2:30 pm to 4:00 pm, Denver Water, 12th Ave., Denver, CO 80204
2. Metro Roundtable Meeting – Thursday, August 8th, 2019, 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm, Denver Water, 12th Ave., Denver, CO 80204 (**September MRT Meeting Cancelled**)
3. South Platte Basin Roundtable Meeting – Tuesday, August 13th, 2019, 4:00 pm, Southwest Weld County Bldg., 4209 Weld County Rd 24 ½, Longmont
4. [C9 Summit](#) – September 25 – 26, 2019, Headwaters Center, 730 Baker Drive, Winter Park, CO 80482
5. CWP Working Group – [2019 Implementation Working Group Link](#)