

# **Joint South Platte Basin Roundtable & Metro Roundtable Meeting Summary**

Tuesday, February 11, 2020  
Southwest Weld County Building  
4209 Weld County Road 24 ½, Longmont, CO 80504  
4:00-8:00 p.m.

## **Members in Attendance:**

Anne Beierle, Barbara Biggs, Casey Davenport, Chris Douglass, Darren Beck, David Kamin, Dave Nickum, Devon Buckels, Lauren Pulver, Loretta Daniel, Jim Hall, Lesley Sebol, Lisa Darling, Rob Sakata, Shaden Musleh

## **Guests:**

Natalie Miller, Jessica Ovwerkerk, Alex Gebben, Steve Smith, Josh Baine, Dawn Jewell, Samantha Grant, Shannon Spurlock, Lauren Berent, Jordana Barrack, Royal Koepsell, Austin Yahn, Jayla Poppleton, Andrew Primo

## **CWCB:**

Diane Kielty, Craig Godbout

## **Metro Roundtable Business Meeting (Joint with SPBRT)**

- 1. Welcome/Introductions (G. Varra & B. Biggs)**
- 2. BIP Update and Envisioning Exercise (Matt/Russ/Greg)**

BIP updates target to complete 2021. Target for CWP update complete 2022. RFQ announced with component allowing for greater detail. Goal to achieve through this process is a list of projects to prioritize and identify funding to implement. Next steps will include improving project data, unpacking technical update and investing in process efficiency. Activities will include review assumptions, develop prioritization tool and strategies for meeting gaps, revisit E&R strategies, projects and adaptive management and monitoring and fiscal responsibility.

**Action:** MRT create Selection Committee for input to hire local expert for SP basin (SPBRT & MRT combined).

## **Target Dates**

- **March 27** – RTs to submit RFQ proposal rankings
- **July 10** – Draft basin work plan scopes complete

## **Visioning Exercise**

- a) What are 2-3 projects/strategies SPB might advance in the BIP update? Why and how?
- b) What are challenges and solutions for engaging roundtable members/stakeholders in the BIP update?
- c) What are the most important things we haven't been talking about that the BIP should tackle and why?
- d) Name one lesson/focus area you would like to see carried forward to feature in the Water Plan update?

e) On what topics should we engage other basin RTs and why?

**3. Salinity Study Update (Grady)**

Salinity is increasing in the upper basin. Municipal and industrial water dominates river flow. Salinity increases with downstream distance, lower basin exceeds 1,000 mg/l. When over 1,000 mg/l, most crops are impacted. Irrigated Ag diversions are affected. Next steps for study proposals include salinity impacts on crop yields, irrigated agriculture's salinity contribution, lower basin reservoir salinity and geologic salinity contributions. Other studies for consideration include livestock salinity contributions, municipal wastewater and industrial wastewater salinity contributions and road ice salinity contributions. They are pursuing grants to advance further studies with Colorado Corn as the lead applicant. Report available on, [www.neirbo.com](http://www.neirbo.com).

**4. ATM (A. Funk & B. Osborn)**

CWCB has funded the program since 2007. Permanent water right acquisition remains the dominant and preferred framework for transferring water rights to the municipal sector. They are reviewing the program from a science and policy framework. Asking for feedback on the ATM program and recommended changes for improvement. A link will be provided to distribute for a survey.

**5. Reg 84 (S. Spurlock)**

Denver Urban Gardens is part of effort to expand Reg. 84 that oversees reuse parameters of water. Until June 14<sup>th</sup> of this year, Coloradoans were not permitted to use reuse water on edible crops. In the new expanded uses, 3 primary end users are being addressed: 1) Commercial, 2) noncommercial, and 3) residential. There is a requirement for training and each end user has a different requirement for this training. The group is pursuing a grant from the Water Efficiency Fund to address these training requirements that are presenting a burden to smaller producers along with the stigma associated with using reuse water and food safety.

**6. SPROWG (Lisa/Joe)**

The draft report is complete. They are waiting on review comments. Final committee meeting will be held on February 13<sup>th</sup> at Denver Water. The final report will be presented to the RTs in March or April.

**7. Public Comment**

Ditch company upcoming events can be found at [DARCA.org](http://DARCA.org).

WEco Headwaters magazine is a resource. They will add you on their mailing list upon request.

**8. Upcoming Meetings Schedule**

- a. Next SPBRT Meeting: 3/10 4-7 p.m. – Southwest Weld County Building, Longmont, CO
- b. Next Metro RT Meeting: 3/12 4-7 p.m. – Denver Water, Denver, CO
- c. Next CWCB Board / IBCC Demand Management Meeting: 3/4 - 3/5,
- d. Next SPROWG Task Force Meeting: 2/13
- e. Upper South Platte Watershed Association Meeting: Q1 2020 – Location TBD