

# **Metro Roundtable Meeting Summary**

Thursday, June 11, 2020

**3:00 pm – 5:00 pm Virtual**

## **Members in Attendance:**

Alexandra Davis, Andrea Rogers, Anita Seitz, Anne Beierle, Barbara Biggs, Bob Peters, Casey Davenport, Chris Douglass, Darren Beck, David Allen, Dave Nickum, Dawn Jewell, Devon Buckels, Emily Hunt, Eric Hecox, Janet Bell, Jim Hall, Kimberly Gortz, Lauren Pulver, Lesley Sebol, Lisa Darling, Loretta Daniel, Patricia Wells, Rob Sakata, Sarah Borgers, Steve O'Dorisio, Tom Arnold

## **Guests:**

Alyson Gould, Chip Paulson, Grady O'Brien, Joshua Baile, Kate Ryan, Katherine Weismiller, Katie Keefe, Kayla Ranney, Mary Presecan, Matt Cook, Matt Lindburg, Natalie Miller, Pat Fitzgerald, Phyllis Thomas, Royal Koepsell, Sandor Rebek, Steve Malers

## **CWCB:**

Russ Sands, Sam Stein, Diane Kielty

## **Metro Roundtable Business Meeting**

### **1. Welcome/Introductions**

### **2. Approval of April and May 2020 MRT Meeting Summaries**

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the April 9 and May 14, 2020 meetings; motion carried unanimously.

### **3. Agenda: additions or changes**

### **4. Public Comment**

Colorado Geological Survey has released the Colorado Groundwater Atlas.

### **5. WSRF (Hunt)**

#### **1. Adoption of Updated WSRF Criteria and Guidelines Final**

It was moved by Lisa Darling and seconded by Bob Peters to approve the updated WSRF Criteria; motion carried unanimously.

**Action** – Recorder send to SPBRT website for upload.

#### **2. 2nd Presentation - Irrigated Agriculture's Role in South Platte Basin Salinity**

There has been discussion of a larger stakeholder process. SPBRT moved the proposal to their July RT agenda to ensure funding will be available and allow RT's to discuss the concept of a larger process and a broader study.

**Action:** MRT move discussion to July meeting.

#### **3. Funds Status Per Category Update**

1. WSRF Balance Summary provided in packet. MRT received \$120,000K deposited into basin account. This will be all MRT will receive this year. No funds will go into the account this coming fiscal year.

### **6. Chambers Reservoir Rehabilitation Project Update (Sandor Rebek)**

The reservoir was constructed in 2011. A section experienced slope failure during 2017 drawdown. The rehabilitation project was needed to bring it back as a viable storage option. Phase I expected to be complete by mid-June with storage online November/December 2020. Presentation is available upon request.

### **7. Colorado Water Trust HB 20-1037 and HB 20-1157 (Kate Ryan)**

HB 20-1157 expands Colorado Instream Flow Loan Program. HB 20-1037 provides authority to augment instream flow with acquired water rights that have been previously decreed for augmentation use. Both bills passed. Presentation available upon request.

**8. BIP Update (Matt Cook, Matt Lindburg)**

The Joint Steering Committee has been established and has approximately 25 members. There may be a need for additional meetings as the BIP is updated. Access has been granted to SharePoint for the Steering Committee as a repository for documents. Subcommittees E&R, M&I and Ag have been created with Chairs and Co-Chairs. A request was made to members to please review the 2015 version of BIP to prepare for the update. The BIP update workplan scope and timeline were discussed. SPROWG group has advanced the in-basin project concept. A cross-basin project discussion did not advance forward. This should be included in the BIP process. It would be good to bring this reminder to the IBCC.

**9. CWCB Update (Sam Stein)**

Severance tax operational funds will not be going through to negotiation. The State is unable to fund any meetings or gatherings that go against social distancing policy. The stay at home order has been extended through September. The Water Availability Task Force is working with the Drought Task Force in June. An IBCC virtual meeting will take place on June 17<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am -12:00 noon. A July virtual meeting is scheduled to discuss demand management with a follow-up workshop to be held in August.

**10. IBCC Update (Darling/Bennett)**

An IBCC meeting is scheduled for June 17<sup>th</sup>. It is an open agenda with focus on results from the survey on subject matters of interest, the role of IBCC and equity and demand management. Members asked if the MRT has taken a position or is there a process for the MRT to present their interests with the IBCC, particularly if policy is being discussed regarding equity and demand management. A request was made to put this on the MRT agenda for discussion. If you have items for Lisa Darling to bring to the IBCC meeting, please contact her. There is a page on the CWCB website on demand management. Go to their main page and scroll down to “demand management learn more”, <https://cwcb.colorado.gov/focus-areas/supply/demand-management>.

**Action:** Add to MRT agenda Equity and Demand Management Policy Discussion

**11. Committee Updates**

1. PEPO (Davenport)

1. MRT/SPB Education Coordination Report

The video is moving forward. A short list of people to interview has been confirmed. It will be a 7 to 9-minute video speaking to what makes the SP unique. The committee was looking for one misconception that should be addressed. They landed on how the SP basin uses water where figures show percentages of use with irrigated ag at 80%. This is a fact that will be addressed. The SPB website is undergoing an update. The structure is being addressed along with visual changes.

2. Environmental/Recreation Committee (Nickum)

The committee is aiming to convene next week to review work products from the last BIP and bring forward actionable items to the BIP update process.

**12. Meeting Schedule**

1. South Platte Basin Roundtable Meeting – Tuesday, June 9, 2020, 4:00 pm, [GoToMeeting Online](#)
2. Metro Roundtable Meeting – Thursday, June 11, 2020, 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm, [GoToMeeting Online](#)
3. Metro Roundtable Meeting – Thursday, July 9th, 2020, 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm, [Location to be determined](#)
4. South Platte Basin Roundtable Meeting – Tuesday, July 14th, 2020, 4:00 pm, Southwest Weld County Bldg., 4209 Weld County Rd 24 ½, Longmont ([location tentatively scheduled](#))
5. CWCB Board Meeting - July 15th & 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020, Colorado Basin