

Metro Roundtable Meeting Summary

Thursday, July 9, 2020

3:00 pm – 5:00 pm

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Members in Attendance:

Alexandra Davis, Anne Beierle, Barbara Biggs, Blair Corning, Bob Peters, Casey Davenport, Chris Douglass, Darren Beck, David Allen, David Kamin, Dave Nickum, Dawn Jewell, Devon Buckels, Emily Hunt, Jim Hall, Jessica Brody, Lauren Pulver, Lesley Sebol, Lisa Darling, Loretta Daniel, Morgan Lynch, Patricia Wells, Rick Marsicek, Rob Sakata, Sarah Borgers, Shaden Musleh, Steve O'Dorisio, Susan Nedell, Tom Arnold

Guests:

Brent Cody, Carlin Geltlieffe, Chip Paulson, Dave Bennett, Ed Millard, Eric Jorgensen, Ginna Santy, Grady O'Brien, Jessica Ouwerkerk, Katherine Weismiller, Kayla Ranney, Kristy Radabadgh, Kyle Schroeder, Mallory Hiss, Matt Cook, Matt Lindburg, Ramsey Kroph, Steve Malers, Willow Cozzens

CWCB:

Sam Stein, Diane Kielty

Metro Roundtable Business Meeting

1. Welcome/Introductions

2. Approval of June 2020 MRT Meeting Summary

It was moved by Lisa Darling and seconded by David Allen to approve the June 2020 meeting summary as presented; motion carried unanimously.

3. Agenda: additions or changes

Addition under BIP update topic on additional efforts to quantify flows.

4. Public Comment

5. WSRF (Hunt)

- 1. 2nd Presentation - Irrigated Agriculture's Role in South Platte Basin Salinity** (Grady O'Brien, Neirbo Hydrogeology) The original funding request and scope has changed. The Water Plan grant was removed. They have opened it up to greater participation from stakeholders and revised the application tasks to 1) Stakeholder development, 2) Technical team, and 3) Geologic and groundwater baseflow salinity. Revised budget is total of \$240,000 with RT ask of \$45,000 each from MRT and SPBRT. Split costs between Conservation & Reuse/Environmental & Rec/Conceptual Projects.

Motion made to approve allocating \$45,000 WSRF funds to the South Platte Basin Salinity Study, contingent on SPBRT approval at the same funding level by Alex Davis, seconded by Lisa Darling; motion approved unanimously.

- 2. 2nd Presentation - Lookout Mountain Water District, Rehabilitation Beaver Brook Dam** (Kyle Schroeder) Original request was to build a SCADA system on the main storage facility in upper Beaver Brook. The age of the gates was going to present a problem, being close to 100 years old. Adding SCADA could cause a gate failure. Scope now includes an underwater construction of the two gates being consolidated into 1 gate with concrete work. This will cost \$350,000 total. They are currently refining costs. The WSRF committee is recommending this project to be approved. The new request is for \$50,000 from MRT. They will also be making a statewide request. WSRF funds would be allocated from IPPs/Conservation & Reuse/Environmental & Rec.

Motion made to approve allocating \$50,000 WSRF funds to the Rehabilitation of the Beaver Brook Dam Project and supporting their request for a statewide grant made by Anne Beierle, seconded by Sarah Borgers; motion approved unanimously.

3. **2nd Presentation - 10.10.10 Application** (Carlin Gettiffe) Focused on specific component of a research and systems mapping. They have received funding support from CWCB. \$45,000 is the ask of MRT. This effort is intended to spark engagement from the public. The components of the process are validator engagement, systems mapping, and creation of research briefs. Suggested this request be split equally across all WSRF fund categories.

Motion made to approve allocating \$45,000 WSRF funds to the 10.10.10 Research and Systems Mapping Project made by Alex Davis, seconded by Morgan Lynch; motion approved unanimously.

4. **Funds Status Per Category Update**

The WSRF Balance Summary was shared.

6. **Water Plan Grant**

1. Greenway Foundation Clean River Design Challenge Letter of Support (Devon Buckels) This competition is run by the Policy and Water Resources arm of the Foundation. The competition is focused on cleaning up Colorado waterways. They are structuring the application as a 3-year request. The match is coming from the Foundation. Over 3 years the total cost would be \$100,000. They are opening the competition focus beyond trash to include e coli and contaminants.

MRT approved a Letter of Support for the Water Connections WP grant application.

7. **CWP/IBCC Demand Management & Policy Discussion (CWCB)**

Demand Management is not water conservation. It is one part of the Drought Contingency Plan. It creates 500KAF of free storage in Lake Powell through 2026. It requires Upper Basin agreement (CO, NM, UT and WY). The CWCB approved, in fiscal year 2019/2020, a workplan to perform a feasibility study on Demand Management. Process concluded in June of 2020. Next step is July CWCB Board meeting and September Board workshop which sets the course for the next phase of the feasibility study. There is a Demand Management Policy Statement on how to develop a potential program. The current IBCC effort is creating a work plan for the next year. A survey has been packaged and is available to the RT. It will be shared with MRT prior to the August MRT meeting for discussion during the meeting.

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

Presentation on how BIPs and WIGs are integrating with the Colorado Water Plan. Two large stakeholder efforts took place in 2017 and 2019. The BIP working groups were created. The technical update was released in 2019 for the purpose of the RTs to build upon the Basin Implementation Plan updates. The BIP goals feed directly into the water plan. The basins identify, support, and help build the projects. The Governor's Wildly Important Goals (WIGs) goal of water WIG is to create 20 x Tier 1 projects in each basin. Tier 1 projects are those projects ready to launch and should represent all goals in the water plan. Projects will be established through a tiering matrix and will be vetted by the basin implementation groups. MRT will work with the local experts through the MRT committees that have been established for the BIP update.

The second cross-basin workshop took place on June 23rd. The summary has been sent out. It involved the local expert teams from all basins around the state. Key topic was the project list updates. There are projects from the last list that may be changed to no longer pursuing. They will not be deleted from the list.

The draft BIP update workplan includes the tiering matrix and cost information on projects. A common theme is meeting the requirements that are substantial. Some BIPs have deputized

their subcommittees to make BIP decisions related to their areas of interest. There are cross-basin analyses on topics such as forest health. This will continue as a potential cross-basin analysis. They have developed a framework for a Forest Health Study and what activities are happening. Water Conservation could also become a cross-basin topic.

Update on SP BIP work plan. A detail review was made during the steering committee meeting on June 24th. Input was received from various BRT members focused on outreach to lead proponents of each project. This effort is to be completed in early August. Additional project data may be identified during the BIP update process. They are putting together details on a process to work with stakeholders to develop goals.

The topic of additional efforts to quantifying reuse supplies was discussed. It's a challenge to quantify reusable water and there are challenges to implement these types of projects. The M&I committee would like to investigate this deeper to address reuse in the BIP. There may be a way to highlight some of the issues that reuse faces.

9. CWCB Update (Sam Stein)

A reminder that the CWCB Board meeting will be held July 15th – 16th virtually. Demand Management will be discussed by the Board and Dan Gibbs will be discussing WIGs. All the Water Plan grants that were held up in May are moving forward.

<https://cwcb.colorado.gov/loans-grants/program-budget-impacts>

10. Committee Updates

1. PEPO (Davenhill)
 1. MRT/SPB Education Coordination Report
They are making progress on the video. Cristy Bodie has interviewed the Commissioner from the SP and Mayor Wellington Webb, as well as other persons reflecting the many interests in the SP. This coming Tuesday there will be a committee meeting before the SPBRT meeting. The SPB website is undergoing updates.
2. Environmental/Recreation Committee (Nickum) (5 min.)
Committee met and recognized they have a fair degree of work to do with the BIP process. They are evaluating studies and/or elements they would like to see included in the BIP update.

11. Board Member Comments

Thank you for including this item on the agenda.

12. Meeting Schedule

1. Metro Roundtable Meeting – Thursday, July 9th, 2020, 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm, GoToMeeting online
2. South Platte Basin Roundtable Meeting – Tuesday, July 14th, 2020, 4:00 pm, GoToMeeting Online
3. CWCB Board Meeting - July 15th & 16th, 2020, Colorado Basin
4. South Platte Basin Roundtable Meeting – Tuesday, August 11th, 2020, 4:00 pm, Southwest Weld County Bldg., 4209 Weld County Rd 24 ½, Longmont (location tentatively scheduled)
5. Metro Roundtable Meeting – Thursday, August 13, 2020, 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm, To be determined