

# **Metro Roundtable Meeting Summary**

Thursday, October 8, 2020

**Time: 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm – Virtual GoToMeeting**

## **Members in Attendance:**

Alexandra Davis, Anne Beierle, Barbara Biggs, Blair Corning, Bob Peters, Casey Davenport, Chris Douglas, Courtney Brand, Darren Beck, Dave Nickum, Devon Buckels, Emily Hunt, Jessica Brody, Jim Hall, Kim Gortz, Lauren Pulver, Lesley Sebol, Lisa Darling, Loretta Daniel, Rick Marsicek, Rob Sakata, Sarah Borgers, Shaden Musleh, Steve O'Dorisio, Susan Nedell, Tom Arnold

## **Guests:**

Andrea Rogers, Britta Strother, Carolyn Roan, Chip Paulson, Eric Jorgensen, Kayla Ranney, Laura Belange, Mary Presecan, Matt Cook, Matt Lindburg, Scott Griebly, Summer Waters

## **CWCB:**

Russ Sands, Sam Stein, Megan Holcomb, Katherine Weismiller, Diane Kielty

## **Metro Roundtable Business Meeting**

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

### **2. Approval of September 2020 MRT Meeting Summary**

It was moved by Bob Peters and seconded by Lisa Darling to approve the September 2020 meeting summary as presented; motion carried unanimously.

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

### **4. Public Comment**

### **5. CWCB Update (Sam Stein)**

#### **1. New WSRF Guidelines from CWCB**

Deadline changes are now aligned with the Colorado Water Plan with a 3-month window. Accounts will be refurbished once a year into basin accounts in September. \$100k has been put in the basin accounts. This will likely be the only money WSRF will receive over the next 3 years. The State has a 3-year spending plan in place for the WSRF grants. Approximately \$600,000k will be divided among basins. There will be approximately \$66,000 per basin in statewide match. Basins may also want to develop their own 3-year spending plans. CWCB's WSRF Webpage with the new Criteria & Guidelines and Application form can be found here:

<https://cwcb.colorado.gov/loans-grants/water-supply-reserve-fund-grants>

The CWCB is launching a new website for engagement purposes. Now it's informational. Down the road they would like to increase engagement. Currently they're requesting people to submit to share their watershed story.

<https://engagecwcb.org/>, <https://engagecwcb.org/south-platte-metro-bip>

The IBCC meeting will be held on October 21<sup>st</sup>. The morning from 8:00 am – 12:30 pm the IBCC meeting with invite to PEPO. The afternoon from 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm the PEPO meeting will be held with IBCC invited to discuss roles and connectivity.

A new Executive Order was released. RT meetings will still be limited to groups of 10 and CWCB will not be providing food.

## **6. WSRF (Hunt)**

### **1. MRT WSRF Guideline Revisions**

Applicants must get a letter of support from the RT (in their project basin) in order to apply for statewide funds. We received the first round of applications using the new format. Given CWCB updates, MRT will need to adjust our deadline. This means applicants now have an extra month to get their application submitted. Given the financial constraints some applications have been pulled back and MRT is requesting asks be adjusted to \$25,000 or less. The committee will receive final applications in December and invite applicants to present at the January MRT meeting.

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

1. WSRF Balance Summary. A new \$100,000 distribution was received. The account will be reconciled, and an update will be provided in November.

## **7. BIP Update (Matt Cook)**

The survey results matrix was provided. A total of 23 responses were received. Members can still go in to take the survey. Provided overview of previous BIP themes, elements and G&MOs and discussed lineage connectivity of reorganized structure and methodology with primary goal to maximize implementation of projects.

## **8. Committee Updates**

### **1. PEPO (Davenhill)**

#### **1. MRT/SPB Education Coordination Report**

They are wrapping up the video and are looking for a municipal voice. The City of Thornton may be that voice. They are building on the LiveLikeYouLoveIt messaging campaign. There will be statewide PEPO meeting October 21<sup>st</sup> in unison with the IBCC meeting. The Education Grant submittal is in its final draft.

### **2. Environmental/Recreation Committee (Nickum)**

They are looking at a couple of possibilities for studies.

- a. Getting better link to irrigated Ag in SP region by conducting a study to look at existing data sources for native fish habitat and overlay it with Ag infrastructure to identify potential joint efforts. They met with Jim Young and Joe Frank to see the Ag practices in our region. They had a subcommittee meeting discussing measurable goals and outcomes and are moving forward.
- b. Considering a study with an E&R element. Park County has a pond assessment that may be forced to stop storing water because the proper permitting is not in place. Ponds are providing supplement to fire fighting efforts. The study would look at interface of Env / Ag throughout the basin with firefighting efforts.

### **3. M&I Committee (Marsicek)**

Their current focus is to provide input to the BIP update. This went into survey feedback. The committee will look at water use efficiency and water reuse. They will have a presentation on some of the modeling to further inform possible projects in the basin. The next committee meeting will be this coming Tuesday.

## **9. Board Member Comments**

Expressed need for a roadmap of the incremental plan.

What is the status of the approved funding for water projects through taxation on gambling?

What fund pool is this being directed to? By statute, those funds go toward Water Plan Grants. We will not see those funds this year. Also, the money must go to other buckets first such as Gambling addiction.

#### **10. Meeting Schedule**

1. Metro Roundtable Meeting – Thursday, October 8th, 2020, 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm, [GoToMeeting Online](#)
2. South Platte Basin Roundtable Meeting – Tuesday, October 13th, 2020, 4:00 pm, [GoToMeeting Online](#)
3. South Platte Basin Roundtable Meeting – Tuesday, November 10th, 2020, 4:00 pm, [GoToMeeting Online](#)
4. Metro Roundtable Meeting – Thursday, November 12th, 2020, 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm, [GoToMeeting Online](#)