

# **Metro Roundtable Meeting Summary**

Thursday, November 12, 2020

**Time: 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm**

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## **Members in Attendance:**

Andrea Rogers, Anita Seitz, Anne Beierle, Barbara Biggs, Blair Corning, Bob Peters, Casey Davenport, Courtney Brand, Darren Beck, David Allen, Dave Nickum, Dawn Jewell, Devon Buckels, Emily Hunt, Lauren Pulver, Jim Hall, Kim Gortz, Lesley Sebol, Lisa Darling, Patricia Wells, Rick Marsicek, Rick McLoud, Rob Sakata, Sarah Borgers, Shaden Musleh, Susan Nedell, Tom Arnold

## **Guests:**

Alex Colon, Andy Nye, Barb Chongtoua, Britta Strother, Byron Fanning, Cari Bischoff, Charlotte Roehm, Chip Paulson, Dave Bennett, Dave Takeda, Eric Jorgensen, Jeff Shoemaker, John Berggren, Lauren Berent, Lurna Kaatz, Mallory Hiss, Mary Presecan, Matt Cook, Meggi Varnai, Pia Gerstle, Steve Malers, Susan Elanyon, Taylor Winchell

## **CWCB:**

Russ Sands, Sam Stein, Katherine Weismiller, Diane Kielty

## **Metro Roundtable Business Meeting**

### **1. Welcome/Introductions (5 min.)**

### **2. Approval of October 2020 MRT Meeting Summary (2 min.)**

It was moved by Bob Peters and seconded by Lisa Darling to approve the October 2020 meeting summary with name correction in Item 8.2 to Jim Jyan.; motion carried unanimously.

### **3. Agenda: additions or changes (5 min.)**

The Greenway Foundation made request to switch the order of their presentations. The membership agreed.

### **4. Public Comment (3 min.)**

### **5. BIP Update (Matt Cook) (45 min.)**

There have been updates on several topics. The work will continue into January as they move into project tiering. Presentation available upon request.

### **6. IBCC Update (Lisa Darling) (10 Min.)**

An engaging meeting with an update on Demand Management (DM). MRT will be hearing a lot about DM through the summer of 2022. There are some interesting ideas for pilot projects. They discussed the survey that went out to the RTs. There is commonality on several issues statewide. Denver Water offered to provide staff to present on some of these topics of widespread interest. A presentation was offered about the reservoir release program. MRT may want to request this presentation be brought to the RT. CWCB was asked to put together a framework on DM. The importance of PEPO representatives being involved in these initiatives is understood. There was offer from Lisa Darling to serve as an IBCC liaison to MRT PEPO.

1. Joint IBCC & PEPO Meeting Recording,  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?reload=9&v=it6dFlggD7Y&feature=youtu.be>
2. IBCC October 21, 2020 Final PPT Slides

**7. CWCB Update (Sam Stein) (5 min.)**

Governor's proposed budget was released. 6 million to be allocated to wildfire grants and 4 million to CWCB water grants. Go to the CWCB website and share your stories. The next board meeting is Nov 18-19, 2020.

**8. WSRF (Hunt) (100 min.) Note each grant applicant will have 10 minutes for presentation, Q&A, and Roundtable deliberations. Please plan accordingly.**

- A link to the full application submittals for MRT WSRF funds can be accessed on the South Platte Basin Website Grant Page: <https://southplattebasin.com/grants/>
1. River Basin Information Website – Open Water Foundation (10 Min.)  
Asked for \$20,000 from SPBRT which was approved. Asking \$10,000 from MRT. The Needs Committee does not have a recommendation on this project. The data will live in the Amazon cloud. Depending on matching funds they can move where the data lives. This is a data resource as opposed to a story-based resource.
  2. Colorado Airborne Snow Observatory Expansion Plan – Northern Water / Denver Water (10 min.)  
Looking for \$45,000 total from RTs by asking \$5,000 from each basin. Arkansas RT and SPBRT approved. They're looking for more partners in this collaborative. The Needs Committee is recommending funding for this at the \$5,000 level. The results have been validated by ground base validation through Snowtels and have been extensively validating since the early 2000s in Colorado and California. If you are interested in joining the ASO collaborative contact [taylor.winchell@denverwater.org](mailto:taylor.winchell@denverwater.org).
  3. Roundtable Education & Outreach Coordination – Colorado Watershed Assembly (10 min.)  
Requesting \$18,500 from both SPBRT and MRT. The SPBRT has approved their request. Needs Committee recommending approving.
  4. Edible Crop Irrigation Public Education & Outreach – MSK Consulting, LLC (10 Min.)  
Requesting \$5,000 from MRT. SPBRT approved \$5,000. They would welcome coordination with PEPO. This is based on approval of Reg 84 and is within those parameters. If FDA comes back to say irrigation water for edible crops must be potable, it will need to be addressed in the regulations. They have not determined where the documents will be housed, possibly CDPHE. This is being recommended by the Needs Committee.
  5. Clean River Design Challenge – The Greenway Foundation (10 min.)  
Expanding focus to other issues beyond trash to innovative solutions to reduce waterway pollution such as nutrients, E. Coli, interdisciplinary teams. Requesting \$6,500 from MRT. This application came in late. The Needs Committee, due to late entry, does not have a recommendation.
  6. Nautilus II – The Greenway Foundation (10 min.)  
Requesting \$25,000 from MRT. Asked \$10,000 from SPBRT which was approved. The Needs Committee is recommending approving.
  7. Northern Properties Land Use Assessment & Community Visioning – City of Thornton (10 min.)  
Asking for \$25,000 from MRT, support with Statewide WSRF grant request, and Letter of Support for a CWP grant. Asked for \$25,000 from SPBRT which was approved. The Needs Committee recommending approving.
  8. Clear Creek Integrated Water Management Plan – West Denver Trout Unlimited (10 min.)  
Asking for \$10,000 from MRT. The Needs Committee recommending approving.

**9. Enabling Large-Scale Replacement of Non-Essential Turf – Western Resource Advocates (10 min.)**

Asking \$12,500 from MRT. SPBRT approved their request for \$12,500. The Needs Committee recommending approving.

Motion made to approve funding for projects recommended by the Needs Committee by Lisa Darling and second by Alex Davis; motion carried unanimously.

Motion made to approve River Basin Information Website and Clean River Design Challenge by Bob Peters and second by Dave Allen; motion carried unanimously.

Motion made that the above MRT approved WSRF applications also receive support for CWP funding and Statewide funding by Rick Marsicek and second by Lisa Darling; motion carried unanimously.

**10. Funds Status Per Category Update (5 min.)**

1. WSRF Balance Summary provided in packet.

**9. Colorado Water Plan (5 min.)**

1. Adams County South Platte River Vision and Implementation Plan – MHFD, Adams County, Greenway Foundation, Brighton, Commerce City and Thornton Request for Letter of Support (Barbara Chongtua, MHFD, and Byron Fanning, Adams County)

Motion to approve MRT Letter of Support made by Casey Davenport and second by Bob Peters; motion carried unanimously.

**10. Committee Updates**

1. PEPO Committee update provided in meeting packet.
2. Environmental/Recreation Committee update provided in meeting packet.
3. M&I Committee update provided in meeting packet.

**11. Round Table Member Comments (5 min)**

**12. Meeting Schedule**

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