

Task 1: Roundtable Coordination & Facilitation

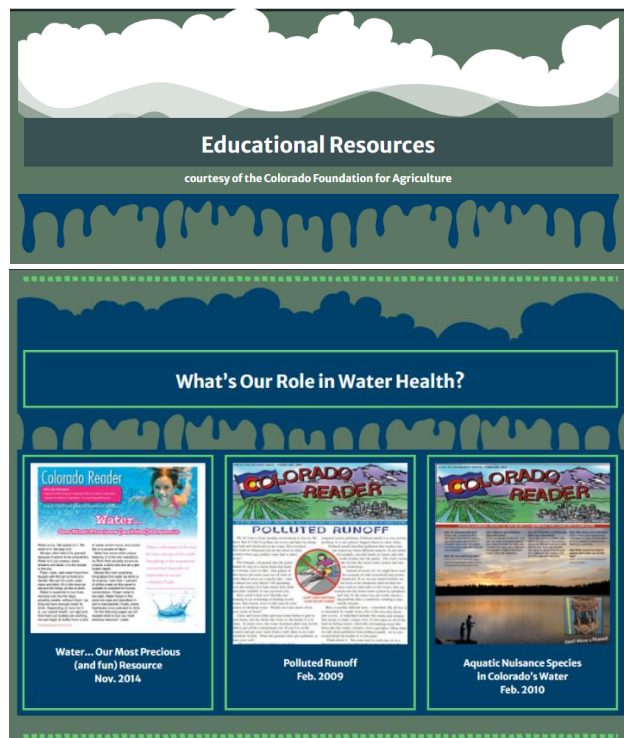
- Continue to confirm appropriate messaging by regular Roundtable leadership check-ins. Provided in-person and written updates for each Metro and South Platte Roundtable meeting and give education committee updates.
- At least quarterly, the education committee has met in person and by phone. Notes are taken at the meetings to track discussion and action items.
- A calendar of events and volunteer recruitment needs has been developed. This document is a work in progress and calendar updates are made as new opportunities become available. State restrictions on public meetings has necessitated the need to pivot to virtual meetings and more focus on video messaging and social media. Close coordination with the Education Committee, the PEPO workgroup, SPROWG, the Local Expert team for the Basin Implementation Plan Update, IBCC and the Metro and South Platte Roundtable membership assures a consistent and relevant communication network to evaluate progress toward Education Action Plan goals.
- Coordination with Statewide Water Education Action Plan (SWEAP) by sharing of documents and participation in two in-person meetings and other virtual, phone and email exchanges provides opportunities to enhance understanding of other basin issues and to identify areas of common interest for consistent statewide messaging.
- Coordination with the Lower South Platte Water Conservancy District (LSPWCD) to commence the South Platte Regional Water Development Concept Pre-Feasibility Study Task Force (Task Force). We have shared resources such as website access, stakeholder lists and contact information; participated in meetings and planning; funds from this grant have been used to develop the initial press release upon completion of Phase I of the South Platte Regional Opportunities Water Group.

Task 2: Website & Communication

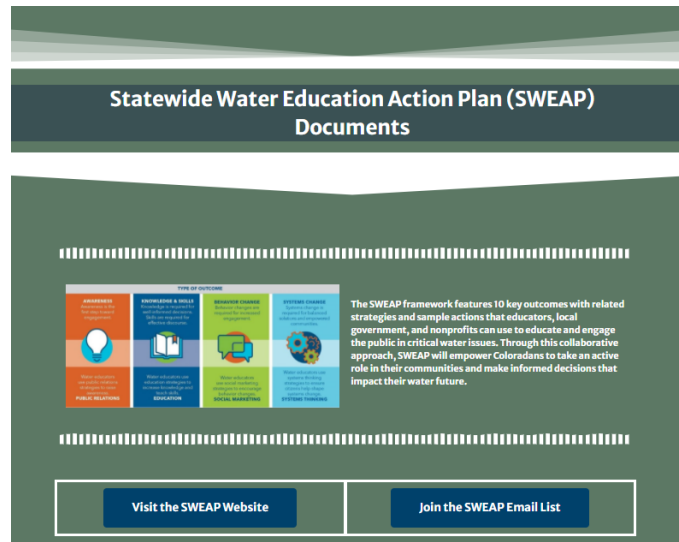
Redundancy and unfriendly blocks of texts were eliminated from the website. A fresh, modern color palette is inviting. The main two audiences of the website were deemed to be roundtable members and public citizens. Pages were reorganized for clarity and maximum use from the audience.



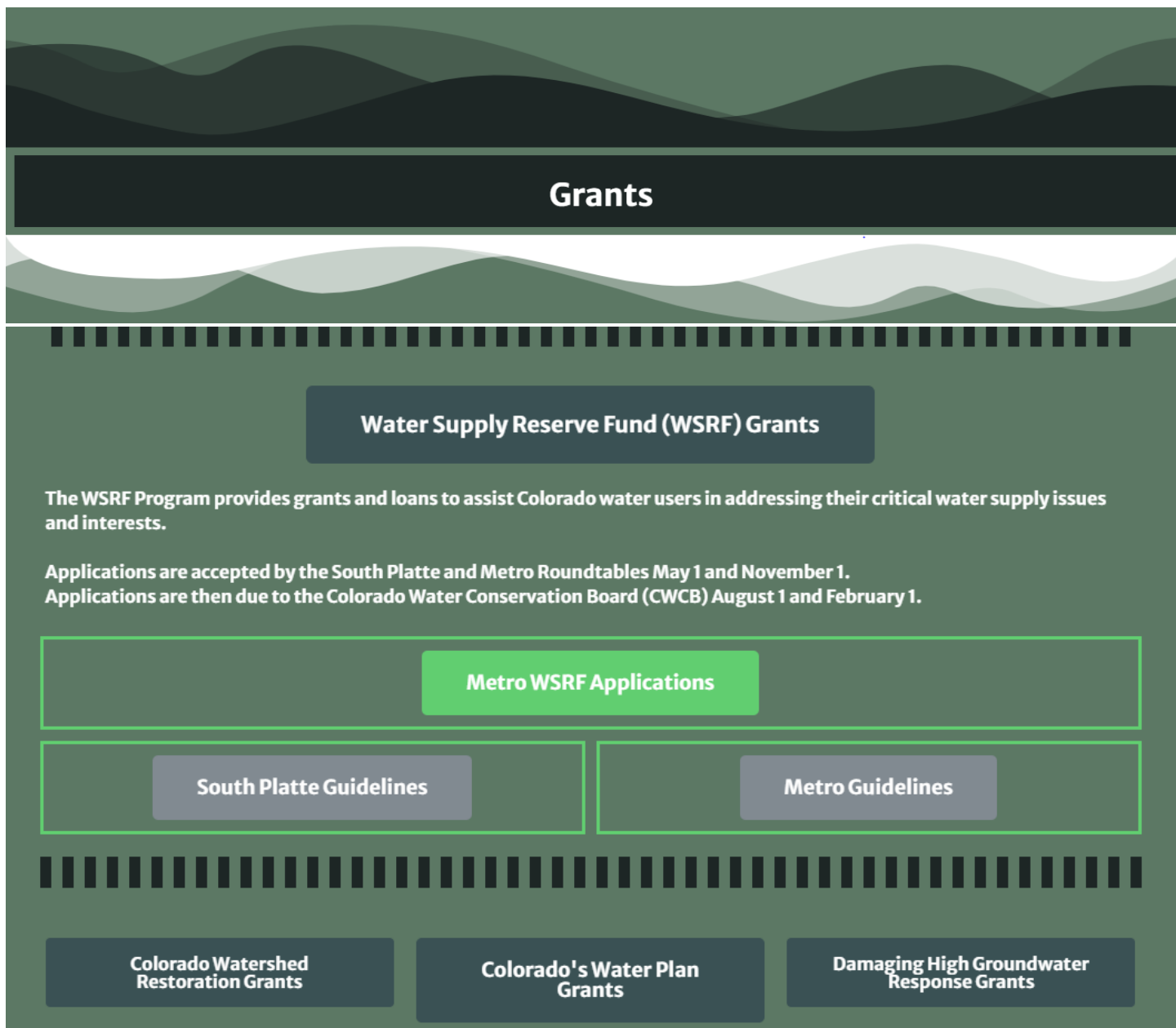
- The [Learn More](#) page was updated to have more in-depth information for interested citizens, including a page for [Educational Resources](#). The Educational Resources page highlights curricula from our partner CO Foundation for Agriculture. Curricula were split into themes for teachers to choose how to educate our future decision-makers. The page is attractive and friendly for kids to click around themselves, too.



- The [Documents](#) page houses impactful, pertinent content for basin roundtable members and other water professionals. Individual pages were created for the Basin Implementation Plan (BIP), SPROWG, and RT Guiding Documents for both Metro and South Platte members. Also statewide documents for CO's Water Plan and SWEAP are housed on their own pages. The Education Committee of the Roundtables expressed the importance of having technical documents brought forward, and we delivered!



- The [Home](#) page was simplified, which brought forward photos of the South Platte River “working hard and being pretty”, RT meetings, and Stories. Matt Cook also made a request to have the BIP front and center, so its page is linked on the Home page.
- The [Grants](#) page was created to be a straightforward resource for visitors to apply for money to improve their waterways. Applications to the Metro RT WSRF grant cycle were housed within this page as an easy place for roundtable members to read and prioritize proposals.



- The southplattebasin.com website is utilized to advertise and administer Requests for Proposals for a variety of Roundtable related projects.
- Once a month, a snapshot of website analytics is taken to determine how many visits the website received, the duration of visits, and peak days of traffic.

Task 3: Outreach

- September 2019 -- The Sedgwick County Children's Water Festival provided an excellent opportunity for us to share the story of water rights with rural youth. We did an interactive lesson in which each student in order of arrival was given water rights, but the last few students got no water because we had to send the rest of the water downstream. We talked about fairness and redistribution of water rights in times of drought. We discussed with every group that receiving the same amount of water also is not an efficient solution. We drove home the difference in water supply and demand on the West Slope and the East Slope. Kelsea Holloway, Bird Conservancy of the Rockies and Roundtable Environment representative, explained trans-mountain diversions (One of the legs of the EAP stool is to protect our Colorado River Basin supplies). The students surprised us by teaching me more about irrigation and agricultural water use.



- We have been meeting with Colorado Rural Water Association (CRWA) to look for ways to join the Keep It Clean (KIC) Partnership's H2O Jo & Flo [mascots for water quality messaging used in various communities around the state with the Live Like You Love It (LLYLI) campaign (another statewide yet under-utilized water conservation messaging toolkit). We hope to combine deliverables and messaging and to put our South Platte and Metro face on the messaging and leverage their tools to spread the word.



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- 2020 kept us indoors more than we would have liked but we did continue to engage with the Colorado Rural Water Association, Source Water Protection, Colorado Association of Conservation Districts, CO Water and Land Use Planning Alliance, One Water Denver, Water and Land Use Planning Alliance and the SWEAP team. In May of 2020 we revised our Work Plan to incorporate a 7-minute video production to highlight 'South Platte Synergies'. Christi Bode, Moxiecran Media, was engaged to develop the storyline and compile video footage giving an overview of the complicated and hardworking South Platte River. Production is wrapping up and we plan to promote the video in early 2021. We have also been asked to support a next effort in partnership with Moxiecran Media, the Colorado Film Commission to create a video on the topic of agricultural 'buy and dry' with support from the Rio Grande Water Conservation District.

Task 4: Project Management & Work Plans

- Education Action Plan has been updated and submitted to CWCB/PEPO. All other grant tasks are proceeding as planned. Education Committee is rejuvenated with a sense of purpose and direction. A WSRF Grant Application was submitted to continue the work of the PEPO Committee with leadership from Colorado Watershed Assembly and added financial support from the Cherry Creek Stewardship Partners and the Cherry Creek Basin Water Quality Authority in 2021.