

Metro Roundtable Meeting Summary

Thursday, July 8, 2021

Time: 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Members in Attendance:

Andy Nye, Anne Beierle, Barbara Biggs, Bob Peters, Casey Davenport, David Kamin, David Rausch, Dawn Jewell, Devon Buckels, Emily Hunt, Ken Lykens, Jim Hall, Kim Gortz, Lauren Pulver, Lesley Sebol, Lisa Darling, Morgan Lynch, Rick McCloud, Rob Sakata, Sarah Borgers, Shaden Musleh, Thomas Arnold

Guests:

Phyllis Thomas, Brad Paterson, Matt Cook, Kyle Whitaker, Seth Murrell, Mays Alrabie, Mary Presecan, Mary Gearhart, Ed Millard, Elena Smith, Matt Lindburg, Juan Madrid

CWCB:

Russ Sands, Sam Stein, Diane Kielty

Metro Roundtable Business Meeting

1. Welcome/Introductions (2 min.)

2. Approval of June 10, 2021 MRT Meeting Summary (2 min.)

It was moved by Lisa Darling and seconded by Bob Peters to approve the June 10, 2021 meeting summary; motion carried unanimously.

3. Agenda: additions or changes (1 min.)

Under Topic 11 - Round Table Member Comments discuss September MRT meeting and scheduling conflicts.

Under Topic 11 - Round Table Member Comments discuss meeting again in person.

4. Public Comment (5 min.)

5. WSRF (Borgers) (5 min.)

1. Funds Status Per Category Update (5 min.)

- i. WSRF Balance Summary – There has been no change in the balance. Cycle I approvals will come out of the fund in September. There will also be additional funds received in September that will add a third cycle of request for proposals. These additional new funds will not roll-over and will need to be allocated expediently. MRT will have the next three existing cycles to spend those additional funds. The MRT will need to approve these applications by September of 2022 making March 2022 the last opportunity to present project proposals. Application deadlines will be posted on the CWCB website.

6. South Platte/Colorado River Water Supplies (Kyle Whitaker, Northern Water) (45 min.)

An overview of the basin, flow information, compact history, and allocations were presented. A breakout of Upper and Lower basin demands, how supplies are split, and the Drought Contingency Plan and compact compliance were discussed. Presentation is available by request.

7. BIP Update (Matt Cook) (30 min.)

They are continuing to work on the draft BIP update Volume II. They will have a meeting next week to cross-align the two volumes. The third week in July is the target to have Volume I across all basins ready for a red-flag review. August is the first review period for the draft and comments. The full public review is scheduled to begin in October.

8. CWCB Update (Sam Stein) (5 min.)

The July 21-22 CWCB Board meeting will be hybrid. There is a December 1st Water Plan Grant deadline. If you plan to submit and want a Letter of Support, get on the October MRT meeting agenda to make this request. Russ George is stepping down as IBCC Director and retiring. A drought emergency proclamation is in place in 22 counties. For more information go to the CWCB drought

web page.

9. IBCC Update (Lisa Darling) (0 min.)

The next IBCC meeting is October 21st.

10. Committee Updates (15 min.)

1. PEPO Committee (C. Davenport) (*No Update Memo*)
The committee had a meeting last week. They are looking at the BIP update and challenges to stakeholder engagement. They will submit a written report for the minutes.
2. Environmental/Recreation Committee (D. Nickum) (*No Update Memo*)
3. M&I Committee (B. Peters) (*No update for July 8th meeting*) They will have an August meeting.

11. Round Table Member Comments (10 min)

Discussed September 9th MRT meeting and scheduling conflicts. The September meeting is also the WEco President's Reception. The membership agreed to cancel the September 9th MRT meeting. A joint steering committee may be put in place to allow MRT members to participate if interested in providing comments on the draft BIP.

Members discussed meeting again in person beginning in October. Bob Peters will ask about availability of the Denver Water facility. Members also expressed a preference for the 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm meeting time.

12. Meeting Schedule

1. Metro Roundtable Meeting – Thursday, July 8th, 2021, 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm, *Virtual*
2. South Platte Basin Roundtable Meeting – Tuesday, July 13th, 2021, 4:00 pm, *Virtual*
3. South Platte Basin Roundtable Meeting – Tuesday, August 10th, 2021, 4:00 pm, *Virtual*
4. Metro Roundtable Meeting – Thursday, August 12th, 2021, 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm, *Virtual*

MRT 2021 Presentation Topics

Demand Management MRT Panel Discussion (August 21)
Cherry Creek Water Quality Authority Presentation
Front Range Roundtable and Forest Health
Salinity Study Update (Summer)
Env & Rec CPW Initiative (Nickum)
Presentation from Water Limited Providers