

Metro Roundtable Meeting Summary

Thursday, August 12, 2021

Time: 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Members in Attendance:

Alex Davis, Andy Nye, Anne Beierle, Barbara Biggs, Blaire Corning, Bob Peters, Casey Davenport, Darren Beck, David Allen, Dawn Jewell, Devon Buckels, Ken Lykens, Jim Hall, Lisa Darling, Lauren Pulver, Loretta Daniel, Morgan Lynch, Rick Marsicek, Rob Sakata, Shaden Musleh, Susan Nedell, Thomas Arnold

Guests:

Garrett Varra, Phyllis Thomas, Brad Paterson, Matt Cook, Kyle Whitaker, Matt Lindburg, Juan Madrid, Mark Shea, Sally Boccella, Erik Jorgensen, Jessica Brody, Kayla Ranny, Andrea Cole, Sarah Dominick, Sean Chambers

CWCB:

Sam Stein, Diane Kielty, Elizabeth Schroder

Metro Roundtable Business Meeting

1. **Welcome/Introductions (2 min.)**
2. **Approval of July 8, 2021 MRT Meeting Summary (2 min.)**
The July 8, 2021 meeting summary was approved.

3. **Agenda: additions or changes (1 min.)**
4. **Public Comment (5 min.)**

Mark Shea with Colorado Springs Utilities and the Arkansas Basin Chair presented policy statements on forest management issues and the Colorado Forest Service Alliance. They focus on identifying policy issues and challenges to active forest management. They have developed policy statements on areas of need and opportunity. The documents were shared in the meeting packet. Asking MRT to consider endorsing the policy statement. MRT will discuss at the October meeting.

5. **September MRT Meeting Cancelled (2 min.)**

1. Voluntary Attendance SPBRT September 14th for BIP Review, 4:00 pm - 7:00pm.

6. **WSRF (Sarah Borgers) (5 min.)**

1. Funds Status Per Category Update (5 min.)
 - i. WSRF Balance Summary was reviewed. 1-page WSRF Cycle 2 submissions are due September 15th.

Action: Adopt MRT revised WSRF Guidelines

It was moved by Lisa Darling and seconded by Ken Lykens to approve the revised WSRF Guidelines as presented; motion carried unanimously.

7. **Demand Management MRT Panel Discussion (Jessica Brody, Robert Sakata, Sean Chambers) (30 min.)**

We want a dialogue that supports all of Colorado and advocating for what is best for the entire state. The value of the Colorado river water is vast and it's imperative we have a high level of water knowledge, both consumptive and non-consumptive, and how the diversions are operated. Water supply is of fundamental interest to municipalities in north and northeast Colorado. Understanding the details of the analysis has been the focus. The workplan involves a series of meetings to come into alignment on key facts and then best articulate our position on Demand Management as a program. Drought contingency needs to be considered every year from a water provider standpoint. Providers also have a responsibility to the state understanding the limited resources.

The hydrology is getting worse and close to not functioning according to design. The Demand Management program was created to help us forestall this issue. The program may or may not work. There may be opportunities to apply these concepts in other scenarios. The workgroup wants to address how we might do better beyond just the administration of the resources. How can we use

water resources most efficiently and effectively? We are using this work group process as an opportunity to identify what needs to be addressed down the road.

All feedback is being captured and compiled and has been since the start of the workgroup process. Process is important to ensure everyone is being heard. Many separate steps will need to happen before it can be implemented. The Upper Colorado River Commission must act first. The Demand Management tool will be available regardless of whether we use it now. We can only control our process and we need to be flexible. The goal is to get to a logical end point of the process and establish timeframes to answer the questions we can answer, and what next steps may look like at the appropriate time. On August 18th the CWCB will be having a Demand Management workshop. Once there is a link, it will be added to the CWCB calendar.

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

Reviewed the distinction between Volume I and Volume II. Volume II is the more in-depth document and is customized to each basin. Section overviews were provided. The presentation is available by request.

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

Newest member of CWCB Community and education specialist Elizabeth Schroder. The Equity Task Force Workshop will be held on September 30th. August 27th there is an SMP 101 event co-hosted by CWCB and River Network starting at 9:00 am. Register online at the River Network website.

10. IBCC Update (Lisa Darling) (5 min.)

No new update. The meeting is now scheduled for October 21st. Dave Bennett, one of our MRT IBCC representatives has retired. Lisa Darling's IBCC term is due in October. Please submit a one-page letter of interest should you want to hold this position. All interested parties will be given a short opportunity to present reason for interest. The vote will take place at the October meeting. We will work to make this an anonymous vote.

11. Committee Updates (20 min.)

1. PEPO Committee (C. Davenport) (*No Report*)
The committee has been working on providing information on the BIP. The goals and strategies have been provided. WSRF-Funded Projects - Working draft map was presented.
2. Environmental/Recreation Committee (D. Nickum) (*No Report*)
They are gathering focus area information and getting it onto Google drive.
3. M&I Committee (B. Peters) (*No Report*)
Postponing August meeting to September 10th to allow time to review the draft BIP and prepare comments.

12. Round Table Member Comments (10 min)

Denver Water executive team is evaluating live option and recommends holding to go live. We will remain virtual. Last Friday was Chimney Hollow Reservoir groundbreaking ceremony. This was a 25-year process. Congratulations Northern.

13. Meeting Schedule

1. South Platte Basin Roundtable Meeting – Tuesday, August 10th, 2021, 4:00 pm, **Virtual**
2. Metro Roundtable Meeting – Thursday, August 12th, 2021, 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm, **Virtual**
3. South Platte Basin Roundtable Meeting – Tuesday, September 14th, 2021, 4:00 pm, **Virtual**
4. Metro Roundtable Meeting – **September Meeting Cancelled**
5. Metro Roundtable Meeting – Thursday, October 14th, 2021, 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm, **TBD**

MRT 2021 Presentation Topics

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