

Metro Roundtable Meeting Summary

Thursday, October 14, 2021

Time: 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Members in Attendance:

Alex Davis, Anne Beierle, Barbara Biggs, Blaire Corning, Bob Peters, Casey Davenport, Chris Douglas, Courtney Brand, Darren Beck, David Allen, David Kamin, David Nickum, Dawn Jewell, Devon Buckels, Emily Hunt, Ken Lykens, Jim Hall, Kim Gortz, Lesley Sebol, Lisa Darling, Lauren Pulver, Loretta Daniel, Rick Marsicek, Rick McCloud, Rob Sakata, Sarah Borgers, Shaden Musleh, Susan Nedell, Thomas Arnold

Guests:

Phyllis Thomas, Mary Presecan, Matt Lindburg, Juan Madrid, Erik Jorgensen, Jessica Brody, Ashley Giles, Seth Murrell, Kayla Ranny,

CWCB:

Russ Sands, Sam Stein, Kat Weismiller, Diane Kielty

Metro Roundtable Business Meeting

1. Welcome/Introductions (1 min.)

2. Approval of August 12, 2021 MRT Meeting Summary (1 min.)

It was moved to approve the summary of the August 12, 2021 meeting; motion carried unanimously.

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

4. Public Comment (5 min.)

5. WSRF (Sarah Borgers) (20 min.)

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

- i. WSRF Balance Summary was provided.

2. First Round Draft Proposals (15 min.)

Cycle 1 projects were approved. The Needs Committee is reviewing Cycle 2 applications.

The full submission deadline was extended to November 1st. We will have applicants present their project proposals at the November MRT meeting.

6. Colorado Water Plan

- 1. Request for MRT Letter of Support for a Water Plan Grant - Trout Unlimited Boulder Creek Project Design Phase - Purpose and benefits of the project were presented. The presentation providing project background and participating stakeholders is available by request.

MRT membership approved providing a Letter of Support.

7. Growth & Water Supply (Dan Blankenship, City of Fountain & Barb Biggs, Roxborough WSD) (30 min.)

Move presentation to a later meeting.

8. BIP Update (Matt Cook) (15 min.)

They have been formatting for consistency. The public draft went out yesterday. Comments deadline is November 15th. You can access all Vol I and Vol II documents on the CWCB website. The survey on the website engages the comments per section, <https://engagecwcb.org/>. The BIPs will look different due to formatting changes. The CO Water Plan update is ongoing.

9. Demand Management Discussion (15 min.)

The SPBRT will be ready to meet with MRT in November. The question being addressed is what element of demand mgmt. program should be included in our comments. Think about what element MRT would like in a comment letter to CWCB from SPBRT and Arkansas RT to develop a position paper in collaboration with the other two RT's. The intent is not to create tension between basins. A volunteer request was made to membership to help craft the letter.

Volunteers: Rick Marsicek, Bob Peters, Alex Davis, Tom Arnold, Kim Gortz (as liaison with Ark Basin), Shadden Musleh, Bob Sakata, David Nickum, Barb Biggs

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

The BIP comment page was pulled up and navigated for the members to familiarize themselves with and show the elements of the portal. A similar page will be developed for grants and loans. This next page rollout is targeted for 11/1/2021.

MRT 2021 Presentation Topics

Cherry Creek Water Quality Authority
Front Range Roundtable and Forest Health
Salinity Study Update (Summer)
Env & Rec CPW Initiative (Nickum)
Presentation from Water Limited Providers

11. IBCC Update (Barbara Biggs) (30 min.)

1. IBCC Appointments - Two seats are open. These are 4-year terms. Three members have submitted letters of interest, Alex Davis, Lisa Darling, and Rick Marsicek. Each candidate made a brief presentation on their background and interest. A link was provided in the Zoom chat for an anonymous vote.

Action: Vote for MRT IBCC Representatives

Rick Marsicek and Lisa Darling were selected as the IBCC representatives.

12. Colorado Forest Water Alliance Forest Policy Discussion (5 min.) (*Attachments 6,7,8*)

Action: Vote to Support

A motion was made by Rick Marsicek to support ADOPTION OF COLORADO FOREST AND WATER ALLIANCE PRINCIPLES and seconded by Lisa Darling; motion carried unanimously.

5. Committee Updates (0 min.)

PEPO Committee (*C. Davenport*)

Provided an update on the Sustaining Colorado Watersheds Conference and its focus on the CO Water Plan. WEco kicked off the "Water 2022" awareness and engagement campaign.

Environmental/Recreation Committee (*D. Nickum*)

Committee checked in with the team on the Basin Implementation Plan. They are still working on confirming boundaries for the MRT. They are looking at focus areas for Env/Rec values with a specific strategy with agriculture folding in environmental components.

M&I Committee (*B. Peters*)

Committee has not met. They are working on rebooting now that BIP is near complete.

13. Round Table Member Comments (10 min.)

Darren Beck stepped down from his MRT Recreation position. He was thanked for his service. Please bring forward ideas to fill this position.

What is the IBCC workplan for next year? The need to have stronger role with PEPO linkage is one priority. RTs are encouraged to bring topics forward to have IBCC consider for their focus. The meeting is aimed at getting IBCC feedback and ideas. Could Lisa and Rick put out a survey or vote for members to provide input on topics of interest. They could resend the survey and create a ranking option.

November Meeting:

- Demand Management
- Water Supply Reserve Fund grant requests/presentations are expected in November for this funding cycle
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December Meeting:

Live joint meeting with SPBRT and a BIP Implementation discussion. How are we going to track BIP implementation.

15. Meeting Schedule

1. South Platte Basin Roundtable Meeting – Tuesday, October 12th, 2021, 4:00 pm, **Virtual**
2. Metro Roundtable Meeting – Thursday, October 14th, 2021, 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm, **Virtual**
3. South Platte Basin Roundtable Meeting – Tuesday, November 9th, 2021, 4:00 pm, **Virtual**
4. Metro Roundtable Meeting – Thursday, November 11th, 2021, 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm, **Virtual**