

# Metro Roundtable Meeting Summary

Thursday, November 11, 2021

**Time: 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm**

**Virtual Meeting**

## **Members in Attendance:**

Alex Davis, Andy Nye, Anne Beierle, Barbara Biggs, Bob Peters, Casey Davenport, Courtney Brand, Darren Beck, David Nickum, Dawn Jewell, Devon Buckels, Jan Yeckes, Ken Lykens, Kim Gortz, Larry Mugler, Lesley Sebol, Lisa Darling, Loretta Daniel, Morgan Lynch, Rick Marsicek, Rob Sakata, Sarah Borgers, Shaden Musleh, Thomas Arnold

## **Guests:**

Jessica Brody, Tim Moore, Kerry Major, Ryan Gilliom, Bill Stieber, Jessica Brody, Fay Hartman, Mary Gearhart, Lauren Duncan, Mallory Hiss, Emily Carbone, Jeff Derry, Sean Chambers, Stephen Brant, David Riordon

## **CWCB:**

Russ Sands, Greg Johnson, Sam Stein, Diane Kielty

## **Metro Roundtable Business Meeting**

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

### **2. Approval of October 14, 2021 MRT Meeting Summary (1 min.) (*Attachment 1*)**

It was moved to approve the October 14, 2021 meeting summary with one spelling correction; motion carried unanimously.

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

There are two open positions. Please submit your 1-page letter of interest to be considered during May Annual meeting.

Liaisons from CWCB are non-voting members on the RTs they represent. Robert Sakada is CWCB liaison for SPB but not MRT. On MRT he is a voting member.

Jan Yeckes from Arapaho County introduced herself.

### **4. Public Comment (5 min.)**

Brighton Ditch Company representative Bill Steiber and Fay Hartman with American Rivers introduced themselves who were joining the meeting to become familiar with the RT.

### **5. WSRF (Sarah Borgers) (60 min.)**

#### **1. Funds Status Per Category Update (5 min.) (*Attachments 2 & 3*)**

##### **i. WSRF Balance Summary**

#### **2. First Round Draft Proposals (55 min.) (*Attachment 4*) (*Consent discussion at end of presentations*)**

- i. 2021 Balarat Outdoor Education Abandoned Mine Lands - Lauren Duncan presented project. David Nickum abstained on this vote.
- ii. Arapahoe County Water Supply Study - Loretta Daniel and Larry Mugler presented project. Loretta Daniel abstained on this vote.
- iii. Additional Reservoir #4 Drainage - Tom Moore presented project.
- iv. Clear Creek Targeted Outreach and Education for High Priority Projects - Kerry Major and Ryan Gilliom presented the project. Casey Davenport, Sarah Borgers abstained on this vote.
- v. Colorado Dust-on-Snow Project - Jeff Derry presented project.
- vi. Lifetime Angling Access Design Guide application was pulled from the WSRF cycle 2. They received the needed funds from a donor to complete the project.
- vii. Lower South Boulder Creek – Watershed Restoration Phase II Engineering - Stephen Brant presented project. David Nickum abstained on this vote.
- viii. South Platte River Bank Stabilization Project – Dawn Jewell presented project. Robert Sakata abstained on this vote.

All applicants were asked to provide a Letter of Support to Barbara Biggs to present to CWCB. All applicants were reminded that it is their responsibility to submit their applications directly to CWCB.

It was moved to approve all WSRF grants presented on consent agenda items 5. 2. i – viii by Lisa Darling with exclusion of 5. 2. vi and with abstentions noted, and seconded by Alex Davis; motion carried unanimously.

**6. Colorado Water Plan (5 Min.)**

1. Request for MRT Letter of Support for a Water Plan Grant - Expanding ASO Flight Coverage throughout Colorado 2022 (Taylor Winchell, Denver Water)

MRT approved a Letter of Support for the Expanding ASO Flight Coverage throughout Colorado in 2022 project.

2. Request for MRT Letter of Support for a Water Plan Grant – South Platte River Bank Stabilization Project Construction (Chris Jaros)

MRT approved a Letter of support for the South Platte River Bank Stabilization project.

**7. BIP Update (Matt Cook) (10 min.)**

They are at end of public comment period. The Joint Steering Committee meeting has been postponed as they prepare responses to comments.

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

November 15<sup>th</sup> is the last day to comment on the BIP update. Please provide your feedback on the Engage Colorado website. Please provide your feedback at <https://engagecwcw.org/project-database>. There is also an awareness survey underway. Please go to the link and provide your feedback at <https://engagecwcw.org/water-awareness-survey>. The link to the Water Loss Initiative can be found at <https://www.coloradowaterloss.org/>. The CWCB Board meeting is scheduled on November 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>. For more information go to <https://cwcw.colorado.gov/events/virtual-board-meeting-november-17-18-2021>.

**9. IBCC Update (Darling/Marsicek) (10 min.)**

1. Demand Management Discussion (Attachment 6) One motion passed to further discuss Demand Management.  
Mary Gearhart discussed the South Platte position of wanting to be a part of the solution. The SPB Demand Management statement has been distributed to MRT and can be found on the SPB website, <https://southplattebasin.com/demand-management/>.

There was suggestion to sign onto the SPBRT position or prepare a similar paper and submit to CWCB. The Lower basin states have a narrative started suggesting that the Upper basin states are not taking demand management seriously or taking necessary action. The more awareness MRT has on this issue will help assist informing the dialogue. Suggested the best way MRT could support is to act in role of review. How can MRT help the State provide a uniform front and advocate for Colorado? Make it clear how Colorado deals with shortages every year. Colorado does need to speak as one voice on this issue. It would be helpful to have the MRT voice in this conversation.

MRT consensus is to keep the momentum going on the Demand Management tool. If we can't prove we can put the tool to good use by 2026 we could lose the funding in the interim. Unless something changes in the interim negotiations the pool will only allowed to be filled until 2026. The tool is an insurance policy. PEPO should be given strong direction on marketing this issue and the Drought Contingency Plan (DCP).

Members will consider a letter from MRT urging CWCB to continue to complete the work to continue the Demand Management Plan and continue to fund it.

**10. Committee Updates (0 min.) (Due to the length of today's meeting, please contact the committee lead should you have questions.)**

1. PEPO Committee (C. Davenhill) (*No attachment*)
2. Environmental/Recreation Committee (D. Nickum) (*No attachment*)
3. M&I Committee (B. Peters) (*No attachment*)

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

### Next Generation Community Wildfire Protection Plan -

<https://envisionchaffeeconomy.org/wpcontent/uploads/2020/04/SummaryBooklet.for-Email-copy.pdf>

Colorado River Surfing Association (CRSA) had a question about recreational flows. Where could CRSA participate in the discussion on recreational river use and flow times on the South Platte. We could put CRSA on an upcoming MRT agenda. If a member of their organization is interested in participating on MRT they can submit a 1-page letter of interest to the MRT Recorder.

## 12. Meeting Schedule

1. South Platte Basin Roundtable Meeting – Tuesday, November 9th, 2021, 4:00 pm, *Virtual*
2. Metro Roundtable Meeting – Thursday, November 11th, 2021, 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm, *Virtual*
3. Joint SPBRT & MRT Meeting – Thursday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021, Live at the *Westin, Westminster, Details TBD*