

# Metro Roundtable Meeting Summary

Thursday, January 13, 2022

**Time: 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm**

**Zoom Meeting**

## **Members in Attendance:**

Alex Davis, Andrea Rogers, Andy Nye, Anne Beierle, Barbara Biggs, Bob Peters, Casey Davenhill, David Kamin, David Nickum, Dave Wissel, Dawn Jewell, Devon Buckels, Emily Hunt, Jan Yeckes, Kim Gortz, Lesley Sebol, Lisa Darling, Loretta Daniel, Rick Marsicek, Rick McLoud, Rob Sakata, Sarah Borgers, Shaden Musleh, Thomas Arnold

## **Guests:**

Mark Mitisek, Lauren Berent-Burgess, Eric Jorgensen, Jeff Bandy, Brad Peterson, Matt Lindburg, Samuel Calahan, Jessica Brody, Andrea Cole, Dave Tula, Kirk Vincent, Frani Halperin, Carolyn Roan, Jeff Rodriguez, Steve Leonhardt, Kayla Ranney

## **CWCB:**

Dan Gibbs (DNR), Russ Sands, Kelly Romero-Heaney, Greg Johnson, Sam Stein, Kat Weismiller, Matt Sterns, Elizabeth Schoder, Diane KIELTY

## **Metro Roundtable Business Meeting**

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

### **2. Approval of November 11, 2021 MRT Meeting Summary and December 9, 2021 Joint SPB/MRT Meeting Summary (1 min.)**

It was moved to approve the November 11 and December 9, 2021 meeting summaries; motion carried unanimously.

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

Moved DNR presentation to first position on agenda.

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

No comments.

### **5. Department of Natural Resources Update (Dan Gibbs, Executive Director) (30 min.)**

Dan Gibbs was introduced as the new IBCC Chairperson. He provided background and DNR responsibilities. The area of interest is nexus between forest health and watershed health. Discussed onetime federal funds being applied to address forest health and watersheds and SB258 Wildfire Risk Mitigation Bill to create wildfire action plan. DNR is also working on investment in job creation. Getting correction crews through the Swift Crew program and involving Conservation Corps and Youth Corps. Looking at key locations throughout the state for landscapes to address critical infrastructure for protection. Chris Sturm is working on a wildfire risk study across the state. DNR is bringing on additional grant managers and administrative contract managers as well as other support staff. Intend to implement a uniform and unified standard code for wildfire interface areas throughout the state.

### **6. Colorado Water Plan (10 Min.)**

1. Request for MRT Letter of Support for a Water Plan Grant - Dominion Rainwater Harvesting Program. Mark Mitisek with Dominion Water presented on the pilot program. It would be the State's first regional rainwater harvesting program. Grant fund request total of \$115,000 with 50/50 match between Dominion WSD and CWCB. Project components would be a feasibility study and operations plan. This is for non-potable uses only.

Motion made by Lisa Darling and seconded by Shaden Musleh to provide a Letter of Support for the program; motion carried unanimously.

### **7. Conservation Fund Historic Splendid Valley General Letter of Support (Lisa Darling) (10 Min.)**

This was brought before MRT for CWP funding. Not a best fit for CWP grant. Asked if MRT could provide a general letter of support for use to seek additional funding. If there is a specific project, they could bring it forward, but general advocacy approval is a separate ask. There should be a means to track accountability. Without a tracking process MRT may be at risk of letters being used in ways we are not aware. MRT would need criteria and structure for advocacy support. MRT could make a statement that the project is in alignment with the Basin goals. The WSRF Committee will lead the evaluation and development of a possible endorsement policy and procedure.

**Action:** Review bylaws for endorsement language and bring forward finding during the Annual MRT meeting in May.

**8. USACE Projects (David R. Jula, Water Resources Engineer, City & County of Denver, Department of Transportation & Infrastructure – Wastewater) (15 min.)**

Provided an overview of projects that the Corps have undertaken over the past decade in the SP Basin. They would like support on their Southern South Platte Ecosystem projects. They asked MRT to sign onto an MOU and presented organizations who have signed to date. CWCB is a signatory which is our governing agency. Does this mean MRT is already represented? Not necessarily. CWCB representatives will seek an answer. MRT is not a legal entity. The MOU is not binding. This request is to show the depth of support to solicit for funding.

Motion made by Rick Marsicek and seconded by Lisa Darling that MRT support the program and sign the MOU contingent on CWCB staff determination that there is no conflict; motion carried unanimously.

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

Consultant has met with subcommittees and is incorporating comments to prepare in time to present to Water Congress. They created a response log and sent it to the subcommittees. The committees have been asked to look at responses to comments to ensure they are aligned with committees' intentions. They will create a pdf of this log to be posted on the SPB website.

Motion made by Casey Davenhill and seconded by Bob Peters to approve the SP BIP subject to incorporation of the responses to public comments approved by each subcommittee and the JSC; motion carried unanimously.

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

Please comment and reply to the BIP survey here, [BIP Update Survey \(surveymonkey.com\)](https://www.surveymonkey.com). There are changes to the WSRF Fund process and PEPO. CSU is offering Drought Leadership training. The pdf on this training will be sent out soon.

**11. IBCC Update (Darling/Marsicek) (0 min.)**

1. No report.

**12. Committee Updates (20 min.) (Due to the length of today's meeting, please contact the committee lead should you have questions.)**

1. PEPO Committee (C. Davenhill) (5 min.) (*No Attachment*)
2. Environmental/Recreation Committee (D. Nickum) (5 min.) (*No Attachment*)
3. M&I Committee (B. Peters) (5 min.) (*No Attachment*)
4. WSRF Committee (S. Borgers) (5 min.) (*No Attachment*)
  1. WSRF 1-page summaries due March 15 for Cycle 1 of 2022

<b>MRT 2022 Presentation Topics</b>
Front Range Roundtable and Forest Health
Salinity Study Update (Darling)
Env & Rec CPW Initiative (Nickum)
Presentation from Water Limited Providers

**Action:** Send WSRF January Budget and PEPO Report to membership.

**13. Round Table Member Comments (5 min.)**

David Allen was thanked for his many years of service. He is moving to a new position and has stepped down from the membership. Kimberly Dall has been selected to fill this RT position.

**Action:** Invite Phosphorus-Free Fertilizer campaign representative to present at MRT meeting.

A strategic planning document for the M&I committee has been created to consider the use of M&I money. It was asked that the M&I group have a larger discussion on strategizing with all WSRF committees for the WSRF fund. Asked other subcommittees to develop a list of their priorities to inform a larger discussion. Bob Peters will share with other committees his email outlining the M&I strategy. The suggested MRT regular meeting to review proposed committee priorities is April.

#### 14. Meeting Schedule

1. [South Platte Basin Roundtable Meeting](#) – Tuesday, January 11th, 2022, 4:00 pm, **Virtual**
2. [Metro Roundtable Meeting](#) – Thursday, January 13th, 2022, 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm, **Virtual**
3. [CWCB Board: 1/24/2022-1/25/2022](#)
4. [South Platte Basin Roundtable Meeting](#) – Tuesday, February 8th, 2022, 4:00 pm, **Virtual**
5. [Metro Roundtable Meeting](#) – Thursday, February 10th, 2022, 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm, **Virtual**
6. [IBCC Meeting: 2/23/2022](#)