

Metro Roundtable Meeting Summary

Thursday, February 10, 2022

Time: 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Zoom Meeting

Members in Attendance:

Alex Davis, Andy Nye, Barbara Biggs, Blair Corning, Bob Peters, Rob Sakata, Casey Davenport, Cortney Brand, David Rausch, Dawn Jewell, Devon Buckels, Emily Hunt, Ken Lykens, Lesley Sebol, Lisa Darling, Loretta Daniel, Morgan Lynch, Rick Marsicek, Rick McLoud, Robert Roland, Sarah Borgers, Shaden Musleh, Susan Nedell, Thomas Arnold

Guests:

Eric Jorgensen, Kimberly Dall, Matt Cook, Matt Lindburg, Julie Tinetti, Steve Lundt, Aditi Bhaskar, Jessica Brody, Britta Strother

CWCB:

Russ Sands, Greg Johnson, Nora Flynn, Kat Weismiller, Elizabeth Schoder, Diane Kielty

Metro Roundtable Business Meeting

1. Welcome/Introductions (1 min.)

2. Approval of January 13, 2022 Meeting Summary (1 min.) (*Attachment 1*)

It was moved to approve the January 13, 2022 meeting summary; motion carried unanimously.

3. Agenda: additions or changes (1 min.) During the CWCB update discuss need to publicly post committee meetings.

4. Public Comment (5 min.)

Invite to attend the Ditch and Reservoir Company Alliance Annual Conference and meeting of members: <https://www.darca.org/annualconference>.

5. WSRF Committee (S. Borgers) (15 min.) (*Attachment 2*)

1. Guidelines Update

2. WSRF 1-page summaries are due March 15 for Cycle 1 of 2022. Please share information on the grant open period. There is no longer a state fund to draw from. CWCB is updating its grant and loan portal. They are adding and testing the WSRF and PEPO grant online modules.

6. Statewide Phosphorus-Free Fertilizer Initiative (Steve Lundt, Metro Water Recovery) (20 min.)

Initiative to educate Coloradans on impacts of fertilizer use. Goal is to change behavior of lawn management. Showed list of entities joining coalition in support of this effort. They are asking for feedback and encouraging groups to join and share the P-Free information.

Action: Put this information on the SPB website, "What you can do."

7. BIP Update & Implementation (40 min.) (Matt Cook, Matt Lindburg, & Bob Peters)

The BIP is available on engagecolorado.gov. BIP and comments will be loaded onto the SPB website soon. They are preparing the Water Plan update for review June 30th and identifying common themes across basins.

1. There was a BIP discussion in the M&I committee meeting. They came up with a list of 10 project ideas and prioritized them by ranking. Other subcommittees may want to engage in this same exercise. MRT can take subcommittee lists and develop a combined list of priorities and begin encouraging these types of projects.

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

- Water Equity Task Force had their final meeting February 2nd. A recording of this meeting is on engagecolorado.org.
- RTs who would like to meet in person can but ensure they're hybrid and provide Elgin Turner 30-day notice to prepare live location materials.
- IBC meeting is scheduled for February 23rd at CO Parks and Wildlife office, 6060 Broadway

in Denver.

- PEPO meeting is scheduled on February 22nd.
- Nora Flynn was introduced as the newest CWCB member as Sr. Water Ag Specialist.
- The link to the projects for CWP reviews is here, <https://cwcb.colorado.gov/december-2021-water-plan-grant-applications>

Action: The RTs are defined as a local public body. If three or more members gather to discuss RT items it is classified as a meeting and they must be publicly posted to comply with Colorado Open Meetings law. A notice, topic, any actions to be taken (even recommendations), and access are the most important elements to be posted.

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

1. IBCC meeting will be held February 23, 2022. They will report out next month. Topics likely to be discussed are IBCC input on Demand Management and IBCC role going forward.

10. Colorado Water Plan (10 Min.)

1. Request for MRT Letter of Support for a Water Plan Grant - Effects of rainwater harvesting on streamflow and water use in the Front Range (Aditi Bhaskar, Colorado State University) (*Attachment 3*)

Motion to provide an MRT Letter of Support for a Water Plan Grant made by Emily Hunt and seconded by Lisa Darling; motion carried unanimously.

11. Committee Updates (15 min.) (Due to the length of today's meeting, please contact the committee lead should you have questions.)

1. PEPO Committee (C. Davenport) (5 min.) (*No Attachment*)
Attended Farm Show in January. 65 people stopped by the booth. Water 2022 was launched at Water Congress. PEPO has been asked to help put together a tour/outdoor event. MRT is considering an angling event or visit to Denver Botanic Gardens in Chatfield and the Chatfield Reallocation. An issue raised at the SPBRT meeting on Forest Health being adequately addressed in BIP. There was a suggestion of adding a position to the RT or an active subcommittee created for this issue. The SP video is near completion. PEPO committee has provided feedback on the draft. The SPBRT asked their IBCC member to bring forest health issue to the IBCC.
2. Environmental/Recreation Committee (D. Nickum) (5 min.) (*No Attachment*)
3. M&I Committee (B. Peters) (5 min.) (*No Attachment*) See Item 7, BIP Update.

12. Round Table Member Comments (5 min.)

- MRT has three voting member open positions, Recreation representative and two At-large, to be filled at the May MRT Annual Meeting.

13. Meeting Schedule

1. [South Platte Basin Roundtable Meeting](#) – Tuesday, February 8th, 2022, 4:00 pm, *Virtual*
2. [Metro Roundtable Meeting](#) – Thursday, February 10th, 2022, 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm, *Virtual*
3. [IBCC Meeting](#): 2/23/2022
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MRT 2022 Presentation Topics

Front Range Roundtable and Forest Health
Salinity Study Update (Darling)
Env & Rec CPW Initiative (Nickum)
Presentation from Water Limited Providers