

SPBRT Roundtable Meeting Summary

Tuesday, October 11, 2022

Time: 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Hybrid Meeting (In Person and Virtual Option)

Roundtable Voting Members in Attendance: Daylan Figgs, Deb Daniel, Dick Elsner, Garrett Varra, Jim Yahn, Jim Hall, Joe Frank, Kirk Vincent, Larry Rogstad, Lisa Leben, Loretta Daniel, Lynda James, Scot Griebing, Sean Chambers, Lori Saine

Roundtable Non-voting Members in Attendance: Sean Cronin

Guests: Corey DeAngelis, Carly Blum, Dan Betts, Phyllis Thomas, Kyle Whitaker, Andrew Ailes, Will Ettema,

CWCB: Sam Stein, Jeff Rodriguez, Diane Kielty

1. Welcome/Introductions (Sean Chambers - 5 min.)

2. Approval of Agenda: (Sean Chambers - 5 min.)

It was moved by Garrett Varra to approve the agenda with addition of November meeting location discussion and second by Kirk Vincent. Approved by acclamation.

3. Approval of [September 13, 2022, SPBRT Meeting Summary](#) (Sean Chambers - 2 min.)

It was moved by Kirk Vincent to approve the September 13, 2022, SPBRT Meeting Summary and second by Larry Rogstad. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Public Comment (3 min.)

No public comment.

5. SPBRT Membership (Garrett Varra – 15 min.)

1. Attendance Review

There was a review of missing representation from appointed seat jurisdictions.

2. Recommendations Open Positions

A request was made of members to reach out to other jurisdictions where they have connections to ask for representatives on the SPBRT.

3. Two Environmental Representative Applicants

i. Hally Strevey, Executive Director, Coalition for the Poudre River Watershed ([Package Link](#))

ii. Josh Kuhn, Water Advocate, Colorado Conservation ([Package Link](#))

Applicants were provided time to field questions. Josh Kuhn was in attendance and provide his background and fielded questions.

A vote was taken. Hally Strevey received 11 votes; Josh Kuhn received 4 votes. Halley Strevey will take the At-large Environmental seat.

6. WSRF (Garrett Varra - 10 min.)

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

1. WSRF Balance Summary was discussed. Five applications were received, and one applicant withdrew. There will be a committee meeting scheduled and announced on the SPB website. There will need to be a reconciliation with the budget and applicants fund amounts requested. Reserves will be taken into consideration. There was discussion about the infusions to take place at the end of the fiscal year. Effective immediately each basin has \$1M in their WSRF account. The \$750,000 cap will remain in effect. The \$1M infusion is a one-time influx.

7. Colorado River Update (Kyle Whitaker, Sean Chambers, Jim Hall) (15 min.)

Presented Colorado River natural flow through water years and demand challenges. Lake Mead conservation

and basin depletion trends from 2019 – 2022 and the UCRC 5-point Plan were reviewed. Displayed transmountain diversion quantities and discussed the benefits of imports. Presentation available by request.

8. Basin Implementation Plan Discussion (Jim Hall & Sean Chambers - 40 min.)

Presentation on the process for roundtable selected projects to address specific BIP identified needs and discussed three recommended projects from the M&I committee. There was a request made of members and interested parties to volunteer to participate in project scoping committees. Participants do not need to be RT members. Committees will likely meet a couple of times a month to develop scopes. Presentation available by request.

9. Committee Updates (10 min.) [Roundtable Meeting Records – The South Platte Basin](#)

1. PEPO Committee (Casey Davenhill - 10 min.) – There was no meeting since the last general RT meeting and no report.
2. Environmental/Recreation Committee (Meeting Cancelled-No Report)

10. IBCC Update (Jim Yahn & Sean Cronin - 5 Min.)

A work plan meeting took place, but Jim Yahn was not able to enter the IBCC meeting. On October 25th there will be an IBCC meeting in Winter Park. The agenda has not been determined.

11. CWCB Update (Jeff Rodriguez - 10 min.)

An October update PPT slide was provided. CWCB is performing final interviews for regional water plan grant staff this week. PEPO dollars have been increased to \$1M. About \$11M in Statewide grant funds are now available. The first Statewide grant deadline is December 1st. Colorado Ag Water Alliance (CAWA) offers capacity grants for ag producers for drought and water conservation. Contact Greg Peterson at coagwater@gmail.com. CAWA will help support the writing of the grant applications. There will be a CWP celebration event on January 24, 2023. The RSVP will be coming. Please save the date. They will be giving out Basin hero Awards at this event. On Nov. 9th the Colorado Landscape Summit will take place at Metropolitan State University of Denver from 9:00 am – 4:30 pm.

CAWA Grant Information:

<https://www.coagwater.org/drought-resiliency-projects>

<https://engagecwcb.org/agricultural-drought-resiliency>

WSRF webpage: <https://cwcb.colorado.gov/funding/water-supply-reserve-fund-grants>

The Statewide grant requires a match and the new focus for these funds are drought and aging infrastructure. Statewide eligibility applicants must have 25% match and 10% of the match must come from a RT account. SPBRT would not be able to provide match to the aging infrastructure element of the revised Statewide grant focus. SPBRT may want to reconsider its position on not funding aging infrastructure projects.

Action: Prepare to discuss this topic at the November SPBRT meeting and review the bylaws.

12. Round Table Member Comments (5 min)

The RT will look for an alternate space for the live portion of the November 8th. The Poudre Learning Center may be an option. The Town of Sterling was suggested.

13. Upcoming Public Meetings Schedule – See CWCB’s [Online Calendar](#) and [EngageCWCB.org](#)

[Metro roundtable – 10/13/2022](#)
[Arkansas basin roundtable - TBD](#)
[Colorado basin roundtable - 9/26/2022](#)
[North Platte basin roundtable - 9/27/2022](#)
[Southwest basin roundtable - 10/27/2022](#)
[Rio Grande basin roundtable - 10/11/2022](#)
[South Platte basin roundtable -10/11/2022](#)
[Yampa/White basin roundtable - TBD](#)
[Gunnison basin roundtable - 9/19/2022](#)