

Metro Roundtable Meeting Summary

Thursday, November 10, 2022

2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Members in Attendance:

Andy Nye, Anne Beierle, Barbara Biggs, Bob Peters, Cortney Brand, Casey Davenport, Cynthia Lane, David Kamin, Dave Nickum, Dawn Jewell, Devon Buckels, Jerod Henrickson, Jim Hall, Julie Tinetti, Kim Gortz, Ken Lykens, Lauren Pulver, Lesley Sebol, Lisa Darling, Lisa Vanderheyden, Loretta Daniel, Rick Marsicek, Rick McCloud, Sarah Borgers, Sarah Klahn, Shaden Musleh, Susan Nedell, Tom Arnold

Guests:

Anthony Cline, Craig Wolf, Chris Sturm, James Welch, Allan Pfister, John Geerdes, Lucy Harrington, Renee Lewis, Jamie Krezelok, Pat Parker, Lisa Vanderheyden, Eric Jorgensen, Sam Calkens, Lauren Burgess, Britta Strother, Ryan Banta

CWCB:

Jeff Rodriguez, Diane Kielty

Metro Roundtable Business Meeting

1. Welcome/Introductions (1 min.)

2. Approval of October 13, 2022, Meeting Summary (1 min.) ([Link to Summary](#))

It was moved to approve the October 13, 2022, MRT Meeting Summary. Approved by acclamation.

3. Agenda: additions or changes (1 min.) None

4. Public Comment (5 min.) None

5. WSRF Committee (B. Peters) (20 min.)

1. WSRF Balance Summary – A summary of the presentations provided last month, and the amount of each grant amount request was provided. The total amount available in the fund is \$1M.

2. Final Decision WSRF Grant Applications Received Cycle 2 2022

- i. Cycle 2 WSRF Project Proposals - It was recommended by the Needs Committee that all applicants be approved.

A motion to approve all six Cycle 2 WSRF applicants was made by Ken Lykens and seconded by Tom Arnold. The motion carried unanimously.

- ii. Statewide Fund Letter of Support Only - [South Metro Water Supply Authority Letter of Support Request](#) - Regional Aquifer Storage Recovery Groundwater Model (Courtney Black)

Rick McCloud motioned to approve a Letter of Support, and was seconded by Lauren Pulver. The motion carried unanimously.

6. Colorado Water Plan (B. Biggs) (10 min.)

1. [Coalition for the Upper South Platte Letter of Support Request](#) - Lake George Diversion Structure Removal and River Restoration (John Geerdes) – A presentation showing location, ownership history, restoration design, timing, and goals. The NEPA has been approved. They are working on transferring ownership from CO Springs Utilities to the USFS. The CWP grant request is for \$350,000.

A motion was made by Rick McCloud to approve a Letter of Support and seconded by David Nickum. Motion carried unanimously.

2. [Arapahoe County Letter of Support Request](#) - Landscape Water Conservation Projects (Lisa VanderHeyden) – Arapahoe County has several water conservation initiatives in play. They are looking at their facilities to end irrigating non-functional turf at several campus locations

throughout the County. They are asking for \$210,000 in CWP grant funding. They have not determined the total water savings or cost yet. They will calculate these once the acreage for turf removal is determined. CWCB will have a report released in December on water savings from non-functional turf removal.

Lisa Darling motioned to approve a Letter of Support and seconded by Shaden Musleh. The motion carried unanimously.

7. Wildfire Ready Firesheds (30 min.) (Chris Sturm, CWCB)

Legislative directive SB21-240 gave CWCB a mission to assess critical infrastructure for wildfire impacts. They are developing a framework to assist communities in implementing pre-wildfire projects and looking at multi-value approaches. Presented values at risk visual and data sets. They're developing a scope of work for local development that can be used by communities as input to grant applications. December is the target for release of many of the wildfire ready watershed materials. For more information go to [Wildfire Ready Watersheds](#). Presentation available by request.

8. CWCB Update (J. Rodriguez) (5 min.)

The Regional Grant Coordinators for the CWP have been hired. Jackie Doust was hired for this region. CWCB has another \$2.5M set aside for a contractor to support the grant application process. The portal is open for all grants and loans including the HB22-1379 grants for federal funding. A local capacity and technical assistance person is in place. His contact information will be sent out. There is a CWCB Board meeting next week. December 1st is the deadline for several CWCB grants. Save the date of January 24th for a CWCB celebration of the work that went into the CWP. CWCB will be giving out basin hero awards at that time.

For CAWA Grant Information:

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

Greg Peterson, coagwater@gmail.com

For questions about HB22-1379 grants please contact Michael Regan at michael.regan@state.co.us.

For more information on upcoming events and CO river issues visit <https://engagecwcb.org/>.

A DNR package proposal letter was distributed from Dan Gibb's office with water information that included a proposed new water commissioner position. The Governor's proposal dedicates resources on the Colorado River. This increase in staff is to prepare for the Colorado River negotiations. If this goes forward Becky Mitchell will be the Commissioner and will step down as head of CWCB.

9. IBCC Update (L. Darling/R. Marsicek) (15 min.)

The MRT ideas for RT proposed projects were well received and suggested other RTs follow this lead. Lisa Darling made a presentation that included a history of qualities recommended for IBCC representatives and suggested they be applied to RT members as well.

10. Committee Updates (15 min.) (Due to the length of today's meeting, please contact the committee lead should you have questions.) [Roundtable Meeting Records — The South Platte Basin](#)

1. PEPO Committee (C. Davenport) (5 min.) ([PEPO Edu Comm 10.27.22 Summary](#)) PEPO has additional funding available. Ideas were presented for PEPO to pursue at the statewide PEPO meeting including scoping/facilitation for a universal roundtable handbook, scoping for the field of opportunities for an educational hub, cross-basin videos and/or story maps for roundtable websites, shared PEPO education & outreach materials and collateral, and scoping for CWP campaign messages. The MRT/SPBRT PEPO committee will hold its next meeting on November 31st.
2. Environmental/Recreation Committee (D. Nickum) (5 min.) ([10.26.2022 meeting Summary](#)) There was a presentation on the Greenback Cutthroat trout. The monthly meeting will be held on November 30th. Reclamation of gravel pits is a main topic on the agenda.
3. M&I Committee (B. Peters) (5 min.) (No Report) – There was an M&I committee meeting. The formation of subcommittees was reviewed. Subcommittee meetings are now taking place. The Landscape Benefits Projects subcommittee members have received a survey to help move that committee along. The Water Use Efficiency Analysis for the Region subcommittee

is scheduled for November 17th to begin scoping.

12. Round Table Member Comments (5 min.)

1. There are two CWP grants, Colorado South Platte River Basin Salinity Characterization Study and South Metro Water Supply Authority Regional Aquifer Storage Recovery Groundwater Model, that have not determined if they will be moving forward. If these are advanced, they will need RT Letters of Support. The RT delegated the decision to provide a Letter of Support to the Needs Committee to decide and, if the committee approves, send the letter. Bob will schedule a meeting with the WSRF Needs Committee. This can be reviewed and ratified at the January RT meeting. There will be no December MRT meeting.
2. The South Platte Forum registration is open and will be held in Lafayette this year.

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

Colorado Water Conservation Board Basin Roundtable Meetings

[Metro roundtable - 11/10/2022](#)

[Arkansas basin roundtable - TBD](#)

[Colorado basin roundtable - TBD](#)

[North Platte basin roundtable - TBD](#)

[Southwest basin roundtable - 10/27/2022](#)

[Rio Grande basin roundtable - TBD](#)

[South Platte basin roundtable -11/8/2022](#)

[Yampa/White basin roundtable - 11/9/2022](#)

[Gunnison basin roundtable - 11/21/2022](#)