

Metro Roundtable Meeting Summary

Thursday, January 12, 2023

Start Time
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Hybrid – Live & Virtual

Members in Attendance:

Andy Nye, Barbara Biggs, Bob Peters, Blair Corning, Brian Tracy, Cortney Brand, Casey Davenhill, Cynthia Lane, David Kamin, Dawn Jewell, Devon Buckels, Jerod Henrickson, Jamie Krezelok, Julie Tinetti, Kim Gortz, Lauren Pulver, Lesley Sebol, Lisa Darling, Rick Marsicek, Morgan Lynch, Sarah Borgers, Shaden Musleh, Tom Arnold

Guests:

Matt Lindburgh, Garrett Vara, Kerry Major, Chris Douglas, Erik Jorgensen, Kelsea MacIroy, Margaret Markey, Ian Gardere, Kayla Ranney, Greg Johnson

CWCB:

Jeff Rodriguez, Kat Weismiller, Russ Sands, Jackie Daoust, Diane Kiely

Metro Roundtable Business Meeting

1. **Welcome/Introductions (1 min.)**
2. **Approval of [November 10, 2022, Meeting Summary](#) (1 min.)**
It was moved to approve the November 10, 2022, MRT Meeting Summary. Approved by acclamation.
3. **Agenda: additions or changes (1 min.)** None
4. **Public Comment (5 min.)** None
5. **Introduction to Regional Water Plan Grant Manager (Jackie Daoust – 5 min.)** Jackie Daoust introduced herself and provided her background. The WSRF RT grant cycle will remain on its two-times-a-year cycle, the Statewide grant will cycle on an every other month basis. Water Plan Grant information can be found here. <https://cwcb.colorado.gov/funding/colorado-water-plan-grants>. Application deadlines are Dec 1 and July 1.
6. **WSRF Committee (B. Peters) (10 min.)**
 1. WSRF Balance Summary – The MRT WSRF account allocation budget sheet was presented. Recent grants approved by MRT will go to the CWCB Board in March for approval.

WSRF Budget Overview
November 2022 WSRF Update

Guideline Category	Current Balance	2022 Cycle 2 Requests (Pending CWCB Approval)					
		CUSP (CASM Project)	Lakewood	Ag Ditch	S Metro Groundwater Modeling	S Metro Water Ambassadors	Ken Caryl West
Conceptual Projects - In-Basin and Transbasin	\$ 110,000	\$ 40,000			\$ 25,000		
Conservation & Reuse	\$ 110,000		\$ 30,000				
Environmental and Recreation	\$ 110,000						
Implementation of IPPs	\$ 110,000			\$ 37,500	\$ 25,000		\$25,000
Education and Outreach	\$ 110,000					\$ 12,000	
Roundtable Projects	\$ 137,500						
Reserve Funds	\$ 312,500						
Total	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 40,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 37,500	\$ 50,000	\$ 12,000	\$25,000
Stimulus Funds	\$ -						

7. Letters of Support for Ratification (B. Biggs) (10 min.)

1. **Colorado Water Plan**
 - i. [MRT Letter of Support SPROWG BB Itr](#)
2. **Statewide Fund**
 - i. [CUSP Airborne Snow Observatories Survey](#)
 - ii. [Lakewood Residential Outdoor Water Conservation](#)

A motion was made to ratify all Letters of Support by Bob Peters and seconded by Devon Buckels. The motion carried unanimously.

8. Public Education, Participation, & Outreach 2023 – Part 1 (20 min.) (C. Davenhill)

Casey presented background on PEPO and its missions and goals for 2023. The message has been the focus of the committee for several years and consensus around the message. Four main PEPO tasks have been identified: coordination, facilitation, communication, and outreach. The PEPO Committee requests members to join in education and outreach activities. MRT members would like to receive articles. Members will forward the articles to their memberships and HOAs. It was suggested to have a booth at the Western Stock Show. The M&I Projects subcommittees may need help with getting the word out about surveys. Devon Buckels offered to meet and discuss an article and presentation with her organization. Collaboration between basins is a growing conversation with greater opportunities. The Statewide PEPO group is working on scheduling out their meetings for the year.

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

Water Plan Celebration: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/colorado-water-plan-launch-celebration-tickets-464087557377>

Wildfire Ready Watersheds: <https://www.wildfirereadywatersheds.com/>. The program has launched.

DOLA- Local Community Funding Guide: <https://cdola.colorado.gov/funding-technical-assistance/local-community-funding-guide>

Water Funding Navigator: https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/e/2PACX-1vQVmVJW2huhKOOzvPbFT9IK5_5f5Tj7N7fFJux-6aFwjEnH5B4_52H_AvzGQm-CKZ7xKvpovsNeSVTI/pubhtml

There have been a lot of questions on the 10% match guidance in the WSRF guidelines from basins for Statewide funds. The 10% can be used as part of the applicants 25% match. CWCB is working on clarifying this criterion. The Turf Program rollout was discussed. There is \$2M in the turf program that will have two funding rounds.

JANUARY CWCB UPDATES

Water Plan Celebration

- January 24, 2023
- Downtown Denver
- 4:30-9:00 pm

Reminders

- Regional WPG Managers
- Governor’s Budget Proposal
- HB22-1379 Accepting Applications

Basin Hero Awards

- VOTE NOW
- Recognized at the Water Plan Celebration



Funding Updates

- WSRF Statewide Grants
- Basin Requirement ≥ 10% Project Cost
- FAQ and Other Tools Coming
- Other Funding Resources
- Wildfire Ready Watersheds



10. CWCB/MRT Policies on Funding Aging Infrastructure Projects (L. Darling & Jeff Rodriguez – 25 min.)

A new version of the Statewide water plan has a new bucket for aging infrastructure and drought resilience. The Statewide Fund is one fund, not two categories within the program. CWCB funds for aging infrastructure do not generally fall under CWP grants. These types of projects might fall under a CWP grant, but it must show multiple benefits. Money received as matching funds that are not CWCB funds can be used as matching funds including federal monies.

FUNDING AGING INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

Water Supply Reserve Fund

- Basin or Statewide
 - Rehab or repair existing physical infrastructure
 - Strengthen, secure or repair water storage
 - Green infrastructure construction projects
 - Focus on physical infrastructure
- Primary contact Ben Wade (ben.wade@state.co.us)

Loan Program

- Low-interest
- Minimum request of \$100,000
- Terms range from 10-40 years
 - 30 year standard
- Rates
 - Agriculture- 1.80%
 - Municipal- 2.55%-3.4%
 - Commercial- 6%
 - Hydroelectric- 2%
- Primary contact Matt Stearns (matthew.stearns@state.co.us)

Water Plan Grants

- Typically DO NOT Fund Aging Infrastructure Projects
- MUST show clear multi-benefit, multi-purpose

CWCB Funding Focus

- Colorado Water Plan goals
- Basin priorities
 - Water Supply
 - Flood control
 - Hydroelectricity
- “Anything up to treatment wall”
 - CDPHE
 - Water & Power

11. IBCC Update (L. Darling/R. Marsicek) (5 min.)

The IBCC Work Plan Committee plans to reconvene to review a draft of IBCC goals on future IBCC work and moving RT projects forward.

12. 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](#)

Link to Announce a Meeting Form - [Add a meeting — The South Platte Basin](#)

1. PEPO Committee (C. Davenport) (0 min.) (No Summary)
2. Environmental/Recreation Committee (D. Nickum) (5 min.) ([11.30.22 Joint Subcommittee Meeting Summary](#))
3. M&I Committee (B. Peters) (5 min.) (No Summary) The RT selected projects started with three. The focus will be on a Sustainable Future Landscapes Project and conducting surveys to put together recommendations. One of the questions will be identifying areas where it is appropriate to leave turf in place. The focus so far has been nonessential turf. The Landscape Summit took place. The report from this summit can be found online at [EngageCWCB.org](#).

13. Round Table Member Comments (5 min.) No comments.

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

Colorado Water Conservation Board Basin Roundtable Meetings

[Metro roundtable - 1/12/2023](#)

[Arkansas basin roundtable - TBD](#)

[Colorado basin roundtable - 1/30/2023](#)

[North Platte basin roundtable - 12/20/22](#)

[Southwest basin roundtable - 1/19/2023](#)

[Rio Grande basin roundtable - 1/10/2023](#)

[South Platte basin roundtable -1/10/2023](#)

[Yampa/White basin roundtable - 1/11/2022](#)

[Gunnison basin roundtable - 1/16/2023](#)