

# Metro Roundtable Meeting Summary

Thursday, February 9, 2023

**Start Time**

**2:00 pm – 4:00 pm**

**Hybrid – Live & Virtual**

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## **Members in Attendance:**

Andy Nye, Alex Davis, Barbara Biggs, Bob Peters, Brian Tracy, Cortney Brand, Cynthia Lane, David Kamin, David Nickum, Dawn Jewell, Emily Hunt, Jerod Henrickson, Jamie Krezelok, Kim Gortz, Lisa Darling, Rick Marsicek, Morgan Lynch, Sarah Borgers, Sarah Klahn, Shaden Musleh, Susan Nedell, Tom Arnold

## **Guests:**

Brent Soderlin, Brad Paterson, Al Vanden Brink, Lauren Berent, Ryan Gilliom, Tom Gray, Tom Echtermeyer, Phyllis Thomas, Blair Greimann, Lauren Burgess, Thad Wasklewicz, Eric Jorgensen, Kayla Ranney, Solomon Abel, Joan Hughey, Bryan Staly,

## **CWCB:**

Jeff Rodriguez, Robert Sakata, Jessica Brody, Emily Zmak, Michelle Garrison, Kat Weismiller

## **Metro Roundtable Business Meeting**

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

1. Congratulations to Bob Peters as our MRT Basin RT Hero.
2. Congratulations WEco as the MRT Community Hero.

### **2. Approval of [January 12, 2023, Meeting Summary](#) and [WSRF Balance Sheet](#) (1 min.)**

It was moved to approve the January 12, 2023, MRT Meeting Summary and WSRF Balance Sheet. Approved by acclamation.

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

### **4. Public Comment (5 min.) None**

### **5. WSRF Committee (B. Peters) (10 min.)**

1. WSRF Balance Summary – There is no update to the numbers from the last meeting. There are new criteria guidelines for the committee to review and bring to the membership. Once the committee approves the new criteria will be distributed for review by the membership and email vote.

### **6. [Yampa/White/Green Basin Position Statement](#) Discussion (Ken Brenner, Tom Gray & Jeff Meyers – 20 min.)**

Background on the Yampa/White/Green RT structure was provided. An overview of their position paper, Short-Term/Drought Relief, and Post-2026 Operations was provided and followed by discussion. The presentation is available by request.

Y/W/G basin asked if MRT is planning to prepare a position statement. The intent of the Y/W/G position paper was not to reach out to other RTs for support. They prepared it before Colorado Water Congress. During Water Congress they were approached to bring their position to the other RTs. It was expressed that the RTs need to support Commissioner Mitchell as this issue moves forward. The RTs may have a role in this, and related policy being suggested. The concern is this type of interaction may go from collaboration to conflicting positions. Issues on the Colorado River are statewide issues. A unified position is important. This paper and background documents can be found at [Home - Yampa White Green Basin Roundtable | water policy](#)

### **7. CWCB Update (J. Rodriguez) (15 min.)**

1. Wildfire Ready Watersheds – This program has been launched and is accepting applications on a rolling basis.
2. Turf Replacement – Deadline to apply Match 31<sup>st</sup>. There are two cycles to apply.

3. CWCB is planning a Drought Summit. The date is TBD. It will be a 1 ½ day event.
4. The Governor Announced the Urban Landscape Task Force last month. More information on this is coming soon. The purpose is to drive practical solutions.
5. There will be an All-Chairs meeting in March with RT Chairs and Recorders to discuss RT protocols.
6. PEPO Coordinators put together a list of funding mechanisms. All RTs have been asked to post this information.

Turf Program details: <https://engagecwcb.org/>

PEPO Statewide Initiatives: <https://cwcb.colorado.gov/pepo-grants>

Wildfire Ready Watersheds: <https://www.wildfirereadywatersheds.com/>

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

A meeting is scheduled for next week at SPUR ([Visit CSU Spur | CSU Spur at the National Western Center](#)). They will be discussing the projects coming from the RTs and PEPO. They will touch on the position papers. RT cross-pollination will be brought forward. Looking for PEPO liaisons to put together a dynamic agenda.

**9. 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](#)

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1. PEPO Committee (C. Davenhill) (0 min.) (*No Summary*)
2. Environmental/Recreation Committee (*D. Nickum*) (5 min.) (*No Summary*) There was no meeting. The Healthy Headwaters Working Group will be presenting at the next meeting.
3. M&I Committee (*B. Peters*) (5 min.) (*No Summary*) There was no meeting this month. They are continuing to move forward on the RT advanced project scope of work. They have received feedback from CWCB on the scope.

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

The March CWCB meeting will be a joint meeting with Ag and Kate Greenberg’s Advisory Board. In November a joint meeting with the Water Quality Control Commission where they will discuss points of intersection.

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

## Colorado Water Conservation Board Basin Roundtable Meetings

[Metro roundtable - 2/16/2023](#)

[Arkansas basin roundtable - 2/8/2023](#)

[Colorado basin roundtable - 3/27/2023](#)

[North Platte basin roundtable - TBD](#)

[Southwest basin roundtable - 4/27/2023](#)

[Rio Grande basin roundtable - 2/14/2023](#)

[South Platte basin roundtable -2/13/2023](#)

[Yampa/White basin roundtable - 3/8/2023](#)

[Gunnison basin roundtable - 2/20/2023](#)