

SPBRT Roundtable Meeting Summary

Tuesday, June 13, 2023
Time: 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm

HYBRID: LIVE & VIRTUAL

Roundtable Voting Members in Attendance: Adam Gates, Cory Deangelis, Daylen Figs, Donnie Dustin, Jim Hall, John Kolanz, Kirk Vincent, Lisa Leben, Lynda James, Scott Griebbling, Sean Chambers

Roundtable Non-voting Members in Attendance: Casey Davenport

Guests: Steve McCulloch, Mallory Hiss, Luci Kelemen, Dena Egenhoff, Ben Schaffer, Caryn Johnson, Phyllis Thomas, Josh Kuhn, Drew Matsushima, D. Gallen, Don Baggus

CWCB: Russ Sands, Robert Sakata, Jackie Daoust, Jeff Rodriguez, Diane Kielty

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

The meeting was called to order at 4:09 pm.

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

It was moved to approve the agenda with change request for PEPO Basin Coordinator grant discussion moved to earlier in the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Approval of [SPBRT Meeting Summary May 9, 2023](#) (Sean Chambers - 2 min.)

It was moved by Scott Griebbling to approve the May 9, 2023, SPBRT Meeting Summary and seconded by Kirk Vincent. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Public Comment (3 min.) – Mallory Hiss announced on behalf of the Lower South Platte Children’s Festival that they have secured a grant to hold the festival for the next three years. They thank the RT for their support and expressed a need for a coordinator and presenters for the festival. Please contact Mallory Hiss at LSPwaterfest@gmail.com if you are interested in helping. There was a welcome to Luci Kelemen from Representative Caraveo’s office. Please do feel free to reach out if you are looking to chat with the Congresswoman's office about anything. Her email is Luci.Kelemen@mail.house.gov.

5. Agenda change item 6.1.i per agenda change request

1. PEPO Grant Letter of Support Request Colorado Watershed Assembly (Casey Davenport) (10 min.)([DNR PEPO CWA App 05.31.23](#)) – Presented the categories under the grant and the tools used for outreach and education. LinkedIn will be a social media tool targeted for increased use in 2023. Discussed annual plan and timeline. Asked for SPBRT Letter of Support approval for the 2023/2024 CWP PEPO Basin Coordinator grant application as SPBRT PEPO coordinator.

It was moved to approve the CWA SPBRT PEPO Basin Coordinator grant application by Kirk Vincent and seconded by Jim Hall. The motion carried unanimously.

6. WSRF (Garrett Varra - 5 min.)

1. WSRF Update and SPBRT Funds Status CWCB Basin Account Funds
A readout on WSRF funds authorized was provided. Indicated a full allocation of funds will be available in October.
2. Colorado Water Plan Grant Letter of Support Request for a Statewide Commercial, Industrial, and Institutional (CII) Water Efficiency Program – Dena Egenhoff. A presentation was given, and the program was discussed.

It was moved to approve a Letter of Support for a Statewide Commercial, Industrial, and Institutional (CII) Water Efficiency Program by Scott Griebling and seconded by John Kolanz. The motion carried with one abstention by Sean Chambers.

7. Committee Updates (20 min.) [Roundtable Meeting Records — The South Platte Basin](#)

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

1. PEPO Committee (Casey Davenhill - 5 min.) ([05.25.23 Summary](#)) An update was provided. A recommendation was made to piggy-back with organizational members in the RT who are participating in community events. A request was made to the PEPO Committee members to develop a list of events where partnering could take place.
2. Environmental/Recreation Committee (Larry Rogstad – 5 min.) (*No Meeting*)
3. M&I Committee (Jim Hall – 5 min.) (*No Meeting*) Bob Peter’s retirement was announced. There was a request for people to step up and Chair the Joint M&I Committee. They would like to have greater SPBRT involvement. This will be a discussion at the July SPBRT meeting.
4. Colorado River/Demand Management (Sean Chambers & Kyle Whitaker – 10 min.) RT membership was directed to the recorded session from the Drought Summit that covered the Colorado River, Drought Summit: <https://engagewcwb.org/drought-summit>. You can also find Updates from CWCB on CO River issues here: Colorado River issues: <https://engagewcwb.org/colorado-river>. MRT is developing a Colorado River Committee. The SPBRT direction is to support the Colorado Water Commissioner on the Colorado River issues.

8. Airborne Snow Observatories Survey Update (Scott Griebling)(15 min.)

The presentation is available by request. They are working toward maximizing this data to put it to best use.

1. [ASO BigThompsonLittleThompson 2023May21 report v0](#)
2. [ASO BoulderCreek 2023May09 report v0](#)
3. [ASO ClearCreek 2023May09 report v0](#)
4. [ASO Poudre 2023May22 report v0](#)
5. [ASO StVrainLefthand 2023May21 report v0](#)

9. IBCC Update (Jim Yahn & Sean Cronin - 5 Min.) ([Link to IBCC Webpage](#))

Updated provided by Jeff Rodriguez. At the June 8th IBCC meeting Kelly Romero-Heany provided a CO River update that opened an interesting dialogue on the roll IBCC has in legislative topics. CWCB and IBCC PEPO presented results from the C-9 Summit Roundtable Survey. Key highlights include that people were most interested in hearing from experts, panels, workshops and networking (in that order). The Survey also showed that a few topics like Colorado River, Drought Resilience, Climate Change, Funding and Water Conservation were of higher interest. Based on those results, other input CWCB has collected, and the number of topics that can fit into a day-long event, CWCB staff shared a very rough draft of the forthcoming November 14, 2023 C-9 Summit. DNR distributed a press release on the legislative session and what the Water Commissioner talked about, [Polis Administration in Partnership with the Legislature Makes Historic Investments to Advance State Energy Goals and Enhance Water, Wildlife, Outdoor Recreation Resources | Department of Natural Resources \(DNR\) \(colorado.gov\)](#).

10. CWCB Update (20 min.)

1. CWCB Staff Report (Jeff Rodriguez – 10 min.)
Final Drought Summit event information can be found here, [Drought Summit | Colorado Department of Natural Resources \(engagewcwb.org\)](#).

CWCB Board Member Feedback Survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/88HFZ3B>

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

Colorado River issues: <https://engagewcwb.org/colorado-river>

1051 Links:

Portal: <https://cwcb.force.com/s/login/?ec=301&startURL=%2Fs%2Fmy-reports>

New Registration: <https://cwcb.force.com/s/registration-request>

JUNE CWCB UPDATES

Drought Summit

- Recap on EngageCWCB
 - Program
 - Recordings

Upcoming Funding Deadlines

- July 1
 - Water Plan Grants
- August 1
 - WSRF

CWCB Board Survey

- Roundtable Feedback Survey



Reminders

- 1051 Reporting
 - Deadline June 30
- Wildfire Ready Watersheds
 - Awarded by 12/31/24
- Technical Assistance
 - Awarded by 12/31/24
- C9 Summit
 - Nov. 14

2. CWCB Director Report (Robert Sakata - 10 min.) ([Sakata CWCB Report to SPBRT 6-13-2023 ver 2](#)) This is the last month for Director Mitchell to lead the CWCB. Director Gibbs was asked at a recent CWCB meeting what RTs can do to support CWCB efforts. It was suggested RTs reach out to state officials and invite them to our meetings.

11. Round Table Member Comments (5 min)

John Kolanz mentioned the May 25th decision by Water of the United States (WOTUS) which is integral to BIPs. WOTUS reduced Clean Water Act jurisdiction. What had been regulated by the Federal Government will now need to be addressed by states and local municipalities. At the State level, Colorado will look to develop a permitting program to address those waters that lost protection due to this decision. Members were encouraged to follow this.

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

Colorado Water Conservation Board Basin Roundtable Meetings

[Metro roundtable - 6/8/2023](#)

[Arkansas basin roundtable - 6/14/2023](#)

[Colorado basin roundtable - 7/31/23](#)

[North Platte basin roundtable - TBD](#)

[Southwest basin roundtable - 7/27/2023](#)

[Rio Grande basin roundtable - 6/13/2023](#)

[South Platte basin roundtable -6/13/2023](#)

[Yampa/White basin roundtable - 7/12/2023](#)

[Gunnison basin roundtable - 7/17/2023](#)