

Metro Roundtable Meeting Agenda

Thursday, September 14, 2023

Start Time
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Hybrid – Live & Virtual
Live Location: Denver Water

Members in Attendance:

Andrea Cole, Blair Corning, Breanna Gonzalez, Brian Tracy, Casey Davenhill, Cynthia Lane, David Kamin, David Nickum, Dawn Jewell, Devon Buckels, Emily Hunt, Greg Johnson, Jamie Krezelok, Julie Tinetti, Julie Gallucci (for Kim Gortz), Lauren Pulver, Lisa Darling, Loretta Daniel, Rick Marsicek, Sam Caulkins, Sarah Borgers, Shaden Musleh, Sarah Klahn, Sarah Borgers, Susan Nedell

Guests:

Justin Kurth, Phyllis Thomas, Erik Jorensen, Drew Matsushima, Kayla Ranney, Heather Justus, Emily Halvorsen

CWCB:

Robert Sakata, Russ Sands, Emily Zmak, Jeff Rodriguez, Emily Adrid, Diane Kielty, Jackie Daoust

Metro Roundtable Business Meeting

1. Welcome/Introductions (1 min.)

2. Approval of [July 13, 2023, Meeting Summary](#) (1 min.)

It was moved to approve the July 13, 2023, MRT Meeting Summary by acclamation. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Agenda: additions or changes (1 min.)

It was moved to approve the agenda by acclamation. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Public Comment (5 min.)

None.

5. Advisory Council on Water, Congresswoman Brittany Pettersen's Office (Justin Kurth, Field Representative & Outreach Coordinator U.S. Representative Brittany Pettersen (CO-7)) (15 min.)

The Congresswoman seeks to help to support water efforts in the State. Their office is working to handle water issues in a bi-partisan manner. They are looking for support from RT members to participate in a Water Advisory Council with her office. They would like participants to engage in listening sessions to inform federal policy. Those interested in participating on the Water Advisory Council can contact Justin Kurth directly at, justin.kurth@mail.house.gov.

6. Interstate and Federal Water Information Team (Emily Zmack & Amy Ostdiek) (60 min.)

Colorado River updates, a Law of the River overview, and ways to engage and support the Commissioner were presented. A discussion followed. The presentation is available by request. For more information on Colorado River issues visit: <https://cwcb.colorado.gov/colorado-river-commissioners-corner>. Engage CWCB Page: <https://engagecwcb.org/colorado-river>.

7. WSRF Committee (Open Position) (5 min.)

1. There was a WSRF call for interested parties to serve as lead for the committee.
2. WSRF Application Period is Open – Summary Proposal Deadline was September 1
 - i. [Grants — The South Platte Basin](#) – A total of ten applications were received. Three of the ten applications asked specifically for MRT WSRF funds. The WSRF committee will meet to review all applications and return to the MRT membership with recommendations in October. Final approval of applicants will take place at the November MRT meeting.
3. WSRF Balance Summary ([2023 Budget Summary MRT WSRF](#))

8. CWCB Update (25 min.)

1. Jeff Rodriguez - 10 min.
 - i. C-9 Summit RSVP: <https://forms.gle/mkn2mSLWrgxJFKZe6> - The Summit will be held at the Westin Hotel in Westminster. This will be an all-day event from 8:00 am – 5:00 pm with a dinner reception from 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm.
 - ii. Wildfire Ready Watersheds: <https://www.wildfirereadywatersheds.com/>. Questions/interest contact Steve Reeves (steven.reeves@state.co.us)
 - iii. Federal Technical Assistance and Local Capacity Grants: Questions/interest contact Michael Regan (michael.regan@state.co.us)
 - iv. Colorado River issues: <https://cwcb.colorado.gov/colorado-river-commissioners-corner>
Climate Change in Colorado: <https://climatechange.colostate.edu/>
 - v. The CWCB staff will be taking the CWCB Stakeholder Guide on the road. In the past it has been referenced as the Basin Roundtable Handbook.
 - vi. Annual RT fund allocations will be provided after the September Board meeting.
2. Jeff Rodriguez – 15 min.

The Board appointed Lauren Ris as the Executive Director of the CWCB.
The Board meeting next week is in Salida and will focus on efforts in finance. They will be having an operational planning workshop to identify opportunities for greater efficiency.

9. IBCC Update (L. Darling/R. Marsicek) (10 min.)

No report. The next IBCC meeting will take place just before the C-9 Summit.

10. Committee Updates (25 min.) [Roundtable Meeting Records — The South Platte Basin](#)

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

1. PEPO Committee (C. Davenhill) (5 min.) (*No Meeting*) PEPO is printing more bandanas and the SPB water fact sheet with recommended revisions. The reprint deadline is Wednesday, September 26th. Casey asked for feedback on updates from the RT membership. PEPO is working with the Republican River on their fact sheet update. PEPO coordinators will be meeting in Avon in October during the SCW Conference. Coordinating with the other RTs is a priority. The C-9 Summit will be another opportunity for PEPO coordinators to share ideas. The Confluence on the Confluence will be held on October 17th.
2. Environmental/Recreation Committee (D. Nickum) (5 min.) (*No Meeting*) David Nickum set up a field trip to the Eleven-mile Canyon area where a small dam is being decommissioned. It provided an opportunity for people to see the work on the ground. A dry run briefing from Audubon on the Stream Restoration Bill took place. If interested, this presentation can be brought to the larger RT.
3. M&I Committee (Andrea Cole) (5 min.) (*No Meeting*)
 1. Andrea Cole volunteered as Lead of the M&I Committee. She will reach out to the committee to schedule the next meeting.
4. Urban Landscape Conservation Task Force (Lisa Darling & Others) (5 min.) The task force will be meeting on September 26th.
5. Colorado River Committee (Alex Davis) (5 min.) (*No Meeting*) Alex Davis is attending a Colorado River Task Force meeting that is in conflict with the MRT meeting time. There is a Doodle Poll being circulated to the committee members to schedule their first meeting.

11. Round Table Member Comments (5 min.)

The South Platte Forum is scheduled for November 30th. For more information, [South Platte Forum - South Platte Forum](#).

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

Colorado Water Conservation Board Basin Roundtable Meetings

[Metro roundtable - 9/14/2023](#)

[Arkansas basin roundtable - 9/13/2023](#)

[Colorado basin roundtable - 9/25/23](#)

[North Platte basin roundtable - TBD](#)

[Southwest basin roundtable - 10/26/2023](#)

[Rio Grande basin roundtable - 9/12/2023](#)

[South Platte basin roundtable -9/12/2023](#)

[Yampa/White basin roundtable - 9/13/2023](#)

[Gunnison basin roundtable - 9/18/2023](#)