



SPBRT Roundtable Meeting Summary

Tuesday, May 14, 2024

Time: 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm

HYBRID: LIVE & VIRTUAL

Roundtable Voting Members in Attendance: Allyn Wind, Brent Schantz, Daylen Figgs, Deb Daniel, Donnie Dustin, Garrett Varra, Gene Manuello, Jim Hall, Jim Yahn, Joe Frank, John Kolanz, Julia Gallucci, Kirk Vincent, Larry Rogstad, Lisa Leben, Lynda James, Noelle Fillo, Scott Griebing, Sean Chambers, Stephen Larson

Roundtable Non-voting Members in Attendance: Casey Davenhill, Don Baggus, Pat Wells

Guests: Lauren Hix, Dave Breindel, Karen Schlatter, Ben Urban, Courtney Massey, Cory DeAngelis, Laura Quattrini, Brian McWilliams, Bernadette Kuhn, Jody Shaddock-McNally, D. Gallen, Greg Peterson, Eric Potyondy, Sarah Watson, Mark Chilson, Donny Roush, Ed Armbruster, Riley Winebarger, Sarah Paschal Gerenday, Paul Rupe, Will Koger, Mark Thomas, Vivian Cervantes, Shane Wright, Samuel Lewis, Leah Hubbard, Bernadette Kuhn, Scott Lewis, Wade Gonzales, Steve Shultz, Tara Schutter, Shera Sumerford, Mike Welsh, Krystle Morey, Wendy Niccole

CWCB: Sam Stein, Jackie Daoust, Diane Kielty

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

The meeting was called to order by Chair Sean Chambers at 4:10 pm.

There was a request to record the meeting. The request was approved, and the meeting was recorded.

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

It was moved and was seconded. Approved by acclamation.

3. Approval of [SPBRT Meeting Summary April 9, 2024](#) (Sean Chambers - 2 min.)

It was moved by Jim Yahn to approve the April 9, 2024, SPBRT Meeting Summary as presented, and it was seconded by Kirk Vincint. The motion carried.

4. Public Comment (3 min.)

A form was distributed in the room regarding a survey for water management and water in the basin by Sam Lewis with Colorado State University.

The Republican Basin invited everyone on June 11th to attend the SPBRT monthly meeting live in Yuma which will include a tour of the Republican Basin.

Action: Develop a sign up process to know who plans to attend live for food purchasing information.

5. WSRF (Garrett Varra - 100 min.)

1. WSRF Update and SPBRT Funds Status [CWCB Basin Account Funds and Needs Committee Recommendations](#) – Based on the most recent WSRF Balance Summary (April 2024), the South Platte Basin Account Balance is \$237,846. The Statewide account balance is \$7,745,395. The allocation will be close to \$350,000, although it may be slightly higher.

2. WSRF Grant Recommendations for Approval - Cycle 1

1. [Boulder and Whiterock Ditch and Reservoir](#)

The proponent presented their project. Questions were fielded. There was clarification on two application submitted for this project and which application the budget is based on. The ask amount from WSRF funds is \$26,808.00. The SPBRT WSRF account is able to fund this amount. The project budget is subject to further revision. If additional funding is needed it will be provided by the ditch company. The Needs Committee recommended approval of this application.

A motion was made by Jim Paul to approve the project to advance for CWCB final approval and was seconded by Scott Griebing. The motion carried.

2. [CO Watershed Assembly - Year Zero Youth Development Water Education](#)

The proponent presented their project. Questions were fielded. The Needs Committee recommended approval of this application.

A motion was made by Larry Rogstad to approve the project to advance for CWCB final approval and was seconded by Garrett Varra. The motion carried.

3. [Dixon Canyon Ditch and Reservoir](#)

The proponent presented their project. Questions were fielded. The Needs Committee recommended approval of this application.

A motion was made by Garrett Varra to approve the project to advance for CWCB final approval and was seconded by Scott Griebing. The motion carried with one abstention from Donnie Dustin.

4. [Farmers Independent](#)

The proponent presented their project. Questions were fielded. The Needs Committee recommended approval of this application.

A motion was made by Jim Yahn to approve the project to advance for CWCB final approval and was seconded by Jim Hall. The motion carried.

5. [Greeley Irrigation Company](#)

The proponent presented their project. Questions were fielded. The Needs Committee recommended approval of this application.

A motion was made by John Kolanz to approve the project to advance for CWCB final approval and was seconded by Donnie Dustin. The motion carried with one recusal from Garrett Varra as a shareholder. The City of Greeley owns a portion of the ditch and abstained.

6. [Highland Ditch Company](#)

The proponent presented their project. Questions were fielded. The Needs Committee recommended approval of this application.

A motion was made by Joe Frank to approve the project to advance for CWCB final approval and was seconded by Kirk Vincent. The motion carried.

7. [Lincoln Hills Cares](#)

The proponent presented their project. Questions were fielded. The Needs Committee recommended approval of this application.

A motion was made by Scott Griebing to approve the project to advance for CWCB final approval and was seconded by Jim Yahn. The motion carried.

8. [North Front Range Water Quality Planning](#)

The proponent presented their project. Questions were fielded. The Needs Committee recommended approval of this application.

A motion was made by Julia Gallucci to approve the project to advance for CWCB final approval and was seconded by Scott Griebing. The motion carried.

9. [Osborn Lateral](#)

The proponent presented their project. Questions were fielded. The Needs Committee recommended approval of this application.

A motion was made by Donnie Dustin to approve the project to advance for CWCB final approval and was seconded by Kirk Vincent. The motion carried.

10. [Wadley Farms 3](#)

The proponent presented their project. Questions were fielded. The MRT did approve their request for \$40,000.00. The Needs Committee recommended approval of this application.

A motion was made by Julia Gallucci to approve the project to advance for CWCB final approval and was seconded by Jim Yahn. The motion carried.

6. Colorado Water Plan Requests for Letter of Support (Garrett Varra – 10 min.)

1. Arthur Diversion Structure Upgrades, City of Fort Collins, Bernadette Kuhn, PMP

A presentation was provided. There was discussion about the process for CWP grant letters of support. Letters of support can be submitted after the CWP grant has been submitted. The prior appropriations system was discussed and this project is flexible with this.

A motion was made by Scott Griebing to provide a letter of support and was seconded by Julia Gallucci. The motion carried with one abstention from Donnie Dustin.

7. Legislative Session Updates (Sean Chambers) (5 min.)

1. [LyK50oBp \(growthzoneapp.com\)](#) – Bill Tracking has been followed by the SPBRT. It was a busy session. The link takes you to the Colorado Water Congress updates. SPBRT will continue to have this item on the agenda and improve the process for review and discussion.

8. SPBRT Membership Solicitation for Vacant and Inactive Seats and Meeting Locations (Sean Chambers) (10 min.)

1. Outreach to counties and municipalities to identify participants will be an ongoing effort to get folks to participate. The SPBRT regular meeting will be held in Yuma next month. An itinerary is forthcoming and there will be a sign-up for those who plan to attend live.
2. Open House event planning is being coordinated by Sean Cronin. This is tentatively scheduled for the fall. The location is TBD. They have found some breweries to donate products.

9. 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 (Casey Davenport - 10 min.) On May 3rd there was a statewide PEPO Coordinator meeting. CWA plans to submit for next year PEPO funding due June 1st. CWA will have the SOW prepared soon. There are a lot of coordinated efforts underway and being planned.
2. Environmental/Recreation Committee (Larry Rogstad – 5 min.) (*No Meeting*) There may need to be more active engagement from people at the SPBRT. The Committee is working to get a presenter from CDPHE to discuss the Dredge and Fill legislation.

3. M&I Committee (Jim Hall – 10 min.) ([Meeting Summary 4/26/2024](#)) A subcommittee was formed to discuss how best to move forward. They will bring their recommendations to the full committee at the next M&I meeting. The M&I Committee wants to ensure their efforts do not conflict with the efforts of the SPBRT Ag Committee. The Ag Committee may want to come together and work on opportunities to connect with the M&I Committee. The concept is intended to focus on internal RT efforts for multifaceted projects.

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

There will be a meeting on June 8th in Durango.

11. CWCB Update (20 min.)

1. CWCB Staff Report (Jeff Rodriguez – 10 min.)

MAY CWCB UPDATES

Projects Bill HB24- 1435

- Appropriations on bill page
 - \$23.3M for WPG
 - \$2M for Turf Program
- Passed

CWCB Guide

- CWCB Staff will be going on the road to get roundtable feedback
- Draft coming in June

TLC Challenge

- Back for a 2nd Year
- Partnership with Resource Central
- June 1 Deadline

Water Conditions

- Next meeting 5/21/24
 - 9:30 am
 - Virtual

Colorado River Webinars

- Resuming May 9
- Likely Monthly
- CWCB Calendar

Reminders

- **CWCB Deadlines**
 - WSRF Deadline June 1
 - WPG Deadline July 1
 - 1051 reporting June 30
- **Wildfire Ready Watersheds**
 - Accepting Applications
- **Technical Assistance & Local Capacity**
 - Accepting Application
 - Both Programs (ARPA Funds)
 - Contracted by 12/31/24

The draft CWCB Guide is expected to be released in June. The SPBRT requested a presentation about the guide.

There will be a second year of the Transformative Landscape Change competition for utilities, etc. to transform up to 2000 ft. of landscaping. Resource Central website has the application online.

The CWCB guide is expected to be released in June. SPBRT has requested a presentation on the guide. TLC Challenge: <https://resourcecentral.org/?s=TLC+Challenge&x=0&y=0>

1051 Questions? Reach out to Sam Stein (sam.stein@state.co.us) or Kevin Reidy (kevin.reidy@state.co.us)

For more CWCB Event information visit the CWCB Calendar: <https://cwcb.colorado.gov/fullcalendar>

Wildfire Ready Watersheds: <https://www.wildfirereadywatersheds.com/>. Questions/interest contact Steve Reeves (steven.reeves@state.co.us)

Federal Technical Assistance and Local Capacity Grants:
Questions/interest contact Michael Regan (michael.regan@state.co.us)

Colorado River issues:
Upper Division States Alternative: <https://cwcb.colorado.gov/coloradoriver>

Commissioner's Corner: <https://cwcb.colorado.gov/colorado-river-commissioners-corner>

2. Director Wind Update (10 min.) – The Director couldn't attend this meeting. He will have updates going forward.

12. Member Updates

1. The June 11th SPBRT meeting will be hosted by the Republican Basin in Yuma at the Yuma Community and Enrichment Center. More information is forthcoming.
2. Northern Front Range ASO 2024 Flights Update – A presentation was provided that included a list of the flights, the dates they took place in 2024, and the results. A BOR Grant was submitted for 2025-2027 flights. The slide deck is available by request. The WRF-Hydro reports will be sent to the SPBRT members.

Action: Schedule an agenda item in June to discuss the ASO Hydro reports.

A concern was brought forward about promoting ditch linings and their potential to injure return flows. SPBRT supporting these types of projects could be setting a precedent. Additionally, time could be spent on what elements of the grant requests serve the larger communities versus what projects are fixing infrastructure that only benefits the applicant. This could be a more detailed discussion during the Needs Committee applicant assessment or brought to the larger SPBRT membership. There is a need to evaluate how the SPBRT creates sidebars determining the best use for public funds. The Needs Committee could create a rubric to bring to the larger membership. A suggestion was made to direct this topic to the IBCC Representative and communicate with the other RTs on how aging infrastructure WSRF funding is being addressed in their basins.

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

Meeting Adjourned at 8:17 pm.