

# Metro Roundtable Meeting Agenda

Thursday, May 9, 2024

**Start Time**  
**2:00 pm – 4:00 pm**

## **Members in Attendance:**

Andrea Cole, Andy Nye, Breanna Gonzalez, Brian Tracy, Casey Davenport, Courtney Brand, Cynthia Lane, Dave Wissel, David Nickum, Dawn Jewell, Devon Buckels, Emily Hunt, Greg Johnson, Jamie Krezelok, Kim Gortz, Lauren Pulver, Lesley Sebol, Lisa Darling, Sarah Borgers, Sarah Klahn, Shaden Musleh

**Guests:** David Riordon, Donny Roush, Rich Belt, Brian McWilliams, Robert Sakata, K. Warner, Brent Soderline, Mike Tilko, Shane Wright, Vivian Cerrantes, Glenn Witman, Ginny Kelly, Katie Garrett

**CWCB:** Kelly Romero-Heaney, Russ Sands, Jeff Rodriguez, Jackie Daoust, Diane Kielty

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## **Metro Roundtable Business Meeting**

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

The meeting was called to order by Chair Lisa Darling at 2:03 pm.

### **2. Approval of [April 11, 2024, Meeting Summary](#) (1 min.)**

It was moved to approve the April 11, 2024, MRT Meeting Summary. Motion approved by acclamation.

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

Modification under Item 5 for election of new members. The new member election may not be held today.

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

### **5. Annual Election ([MetroBylawsMarch2017FinalRatified.pdf \(squarespace.com\)](#)) (20 min.)**

- 1. Election of chairpersons** – There was discussion of adding a second Vice-chair to improve the succession process. There was a request for those who want to stand for the Executive Committee positions. Those who stood are listed below.

- i. MRT Chair – Lisa Darling
- ii. MRT Vice-Chair – Greg Johnson
- iii. MRT Vice-Chair – Shaden Musleh

A motion was made by Kim Gortz to nominate those standing to be elected to the positions listed and was seconded by Devon Buckels. The motion carried.

### **2. Election of new members**

The (1) City/county, (2) municipal, (3) water conservancy/conservation district, (4) legislative appointed members appoint the 18 at large members. There was discussion on the overage of At-large positions based on legislative allocation. It was suggested that MRT hold on the election to confer with CWCB and bring recommendations back to the MRT. The intent of the legislation is to assign a designated number of seats to bring balance to the discussions. At-large seats and non-voting seats have 5 year terms. Those appointed to seats hold the seats until they step down.

- i. At-Large Stormwater & Drainage
  - 1. [Dawn Jewell At Large Application Materials](#)
- ii. At-Large – Recreation
  - 1. [David Riordon At Large Application Materials](#)

The MRT agreed to not hold elections until the Executive Committee has had an opportunity to confer with CWCB and request recommendations on how to address the overage of seats currently assigned.

**3. Approve the South Platte Basin website as public location for the posting of notice of MRT meeting times and/or locations.**

A motion was made by Dawn Jewell to approve the South Platte Basin website as the public location for the posting of notice of MRT meeting times and was seconded by Andrea Cole. The motion carried.

**6. WSRF Committee (Kim Gortz & Sam Calkins) (20 min.)**

- 1. WSRF Balance Summary ([WSRF Budget Summary 05.2024](#))
- 2. Final Approval Full Proposals Cycle 1 2024 – The Letters of Support will be drafted and attached to the approved applications by the MRT.
  - i. [Tamarack SWA Well 17](#) (Katherine Cody, Ducks Unlimited) (5 min.)
  - ii. [Wadley Farms 3 Lake #1 Improvements](#) (Dave Breindel, Wadley Farms 3 Homeowners Association) (5 min.)
  - iii. [Youth Development, Water Education, and the Colorado Water Plan](#) (Donny Roush, Colorado Watershed Assembly) (5 min.)
  - iv. [Youth River Festival](#) (Shane Wright, Lincoln Hills Cares) (5 min.)

A motion was made by Emily Hunt to approve all four projects to move forward to CWCB for final approval and was seconded by Andre Cole. The motion carried.

**7. Drought Resilience Project Update (Greg Peterson, Colorado Ag Water Alliance) (25 min.)**

A presentation was provided on the status of current projects and projects continuing from last year. The presentation is available by request.

**8. Legislative Update (Kelly Romero-Heaney, DNR Representative) (10 min.)**

- 1. [State Issues - Colorado Water Congress \(cowatercongress.org\)](#)

A final legislative update was provided of the General Assembly session as it pertained to water. Key highlights were presented on the HB24 - 1435 CWCB projects bill with a breakdown on the funding requests for various projects and programs. The sports betting bill will be on the ballot due to revenues extending beyond Tabor limits. This will determine if the State can keep the money or not. A press release from DNR will be distributed to MRT when it becomes available. SB24 - 005 Concerning the conservation of water in the state through the prohibition of certain landscaping practices became law. SB24-148 regarding allowing certain facilities to use water detained in a storm water detention and infiltration facility for precipitation harvesting became law.

**9. CWCB Update (15 min.)**

- 1. Jeff Rodriguez - 5 min. – The draft CWCB guide will be available in early June. An engage CWCB page will be set up for questions that don't get addressed in 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.

## 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

TLC Challenge: <https://resourcecentral.org/?s=TLC+Challenge&x=0&y=0>

1051 Questions? Reach out to Sam Stein ([sam.stein@state.co.us](mailto:sam.stein@state.co.us)) or Kevin Reidy ([kevin.reidy@state.co.us](mailto: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](mailto:steven.reeves@state.co.us))

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

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

Two IBCC surveys went out to members. The survey is closed. Results will be shared when available. The next meeting is on June 18<sup>th</sup> in Durango, CO. There will be a virtual option to attend.

### **11. 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 (C. Davenport) (5 min.) A PEPO Coordinators meeting for the State was held on May 3<sup>rd</sup> at the SPUR Campus. SPBRT/MRT had our display and materials at the meeting to share. SPBRT/MRT PEPO has been successful in helping get funding for the community of Hildale Pines in Conifer for wildfire mitigation activities. We participated in the After the Flames conference in Estes Park. On May 18<sup>th</sup> the US Army Corp and Cherry Creek Stewardship Partners will be holding a "Be Dam Aware" event. Information will be shared with the MRT. We are participating with BizWest to plan a water related workshop that will be held on August 1<sup>st</sup> in Boulder. A new application to continue with PEPO work will be brought to the MRT in June. The Colorado Watershed Assembly is

asking for your support in continuing with PEPO projects and coordination in the basin. The SPB website has the current PEPO plan. The new plan for the coming year will be presented in June.

2. Environmental/Recreation Committee (*D. Nickum*) (5 min.) – They are looking to have a speaker from CDPHE on its newly authorized dredge and fill program (or soon to be once the Governor signs the bill) at the May E&R meeting. David will provide information once confirmed on the website calendar; those who are interested should join for that presentation.
3. M&I Committee (*A. Cole*) (5 min.) ([Meeting Summary 4/26/2024](#)) It was decided to create a sub-group to bring project ideas to the larger committee.
4. Colorado River Committee (*A. Davis*) (5. Min.) [MRT CO River Subcommittee Meeting Summary 5.6.2024 Final](#),

**12. Round Table Member Comments (5 min.)** – Thornton received its 1041 permit for the last section of their pipeline.

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