

# Metro Roundtable Meeting Summary

Thursday, June 13, 2024

2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

## Members in Attendance:

Alex Davis, Andy Nye, Blair Corning, Breanna Gonzalez, Brian Tracy, Casey Davenhill, Cynthia Lane, David Kamin, David Nickum, Dawn Jewell, Erik Jorgensen (Alt. Heather Justus), Greg Johnson, Jerod Hendrickson, Lauren Pulver, Lesley Sebol, Lisa Darling, Loretta Daniel, Rick Marsicek, Sam Caulkins, Sarah Klahn, Shaden Musleh, Susan Nedell

**Guests:** Robert Sakata, Orna Buch-Leviatan, Jim Hall, Karlyn Armstrong, Jeff Bandy, Kayla Ranney, Brenden Salestrom, Michelle Teller, Matt Lindburg, Rachel Pence, Jeff Bandy

**CWCB:** Russ Sands, Jessica Brody, 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 2:05 pm.

### 2. Approval of [May 9, 2024, Meeting Summary](#) (1 min.)

The minutes were accepted by acclamation.

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

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

### 5. WSRF Committee (Kim Gortz & Sam Calkins) (10 min.)

1. The WSRF Balance Summary ([WSRF Budget Summary 05.2024](#)) was provided. Four applications from the first cycle for 2024 were all approved to move forward to CWCB approval.

### 6. Colorado Water Plan Letter of Support (Lisa Darling) (25 min.)

1. Advancing the South Platte Regional Opportunities Working Group (SPROWG) (Matt Lindburg P.E., Brown and Caldwell) (10 Min.) – This opportunity has been pulled for later consideration. They are seeking several federal funding opportunities.
2. Denver Zoning Code for Drought Resistance Measures (Michelle Teller, AICP, Principal City Planner, City and County of Denver) (10 Min.) - A presentation was given, and the budget was provided. They have a \$100,000 gap to fill. Discussed alignment with the South Platte Basin Implementation Plan and the Colorado Water Plan. Questions were fielded. It was encouraged to tie this effort to highlight the connection to the One Water Plan. This could also be leveraged to help other communities interested in doing this type of work. Denver is using the zoning code to guide the direction of where they want to go with drought resistance measures.

A motion was made by David Nickum to approve a Letter of Support for the Denver Zoning Code for Drought Resistance Measures and was seconded by Sam Caulkins. The motion carried. The Denver Water representative, Rick Marsicek, abstained.

### 7. PEPO Committee 2024-2025 Workplan (Casey Davenhill) (15 min.) – A presentation was provided, and marketing material handouts were distributed in the room. Questions were fielded. The Colorado Watershed Assembly requested a Letter of Support from the MRT for the PEPO Grant application for 2024/2025.

A motion was made by Alex Davis to ratify the Letter of Support for the Colorado Watershed Assembly for PEPO 2024/2025 grant application and was seconded by Rick Marsicek. The motion carried.

**8. CWCB Guidebook Presentation (Jeff Rodriguez) (15 min.)** – The draft will be available on the CWCB Engage website on June 14<sup>th</sup>. The MRT membership seats are outlined in the 1177 legislation. The legislation allows for ten at-large seats with five of those ten seats predetermined. MRT added seats over time that are outside the legislation. MRT was asked to bring the MRT back to the allotted ten seats when the opportunity presents itself. The goal is to stay true to the original intent of balanced representation on the MRT. CWCB will leave the Guidebook as a draft to the end of this year. They will bring comments back to the CWCB Board in November. They plan to revisit the Guidebook annually. They are going to start a feedback process with the RT Chairs to discuss bylaws and answer any RT questions. This process will inform the C-9 Summit topics. RT structure was discussed regarding serving the original intent of the legislation given the changes that have taken place over the years since the RTs were created. CWCB encourages thoughtful participation in water conversations and the RTs appear to continue to meet this role. It was suggested that the MRT revisit its mission to ensure that it meets identified priorities.

**9. CWCB MRT Membership (Lisa Darling) ([MetroBylawsMarch2017FinalRatified.pdf](#) ([squarespace.com](#))) (20 min.)** – It was suggested that the Executive Committee, with any other volunteers, review the guidebook and come up with a process for the MRT to consider regarding how to approach the overage of seats in the membership. The initial consideration is to allow the seats to be released through attrition.

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

1. Jeff Rodriguez - 5 min. –

The Colorado River Webinar Series will be posted on the CWCB page. July 11<sup>th</sup> and August 8<sup>th</sup> are the next dates in the series, both starting at 11:30 am. The dates are subject to change. Changes will be reflected in the CWCB calendar.

The C-9 Summit will be held on October 1-2 at the Crested Butte Center for the Arts.

CWCB Links:

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>

Webinar Series Listserv please reach out to Emily Zmak: [Emily.zmak@state.co.us](mailto:Emily.zmak@state.co.us)

Shortage Stories on the Colorado River please reach out to Michael Elizabeth Sakas:  
[michael.sakas@state.co.us](mailto:michael.sakas@state.co.us)

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

2. Director Brody – 5 min. – Thanked the CWCB team for the guide. Requested the MRT please bring your questions as a RT. The guide is intended to provide a foundation for those new to the RTs and those wishing to participate in the conversation.

**11. IBCC Update (L. Darling/R. Marsicek) (15 min.)** – The meeting is in Durango next week. They have received the raw data from the survey regarding how to best serve the RT. They received very few comments. Only one comment was on the No and Low Regrets 2.0 strategy. It was asked if members had comments to make about the survey itself. The RT was asked to provide the biggest issue to bring to the IBCC meeting next week. The topic of bandwidth and prioritizing what is important was suggested. Everyone has large lists of responsibilities. How much can everyone engage and what is their capacity to do so?

**Action:** A request was made for a presentation on the No/Low Regrets Strategy.

**Action:** Schedule a MRT meeting as preferred in person, setting aside a large portion to discuss priorities for the year. This could be a facilitated meeting.

**12. Committee Updates (15 min.)** [Roundtable Meeting Records — The South Platte Basin](#)

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

1. Environmental/Recreation Committee (*D. Nickum*) (5 min.) – Asked if there is interest in requesting from CDPHE a presentation to the full MRT on the Regulating of Dredge & Fill in State Waters stakeholder/rulemaking process at the September or October MRT meeting.

**Action:** Schedule a presentation from CDPHE to the full MRT once the stakeholder process is underway.

2. M&I Committee (*A. Cole*) (5 min.) ([Meeting Summary 4/26/2024](#)) – The next M&I meeting is scheduled for June 28th at 9:00 am.
3. Colorado River Committee (*A. Davis*) (5. Min.) – They need to find a new monthly meeting date and time. A poll will be sent out soon.

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

The Troutfest will be held on June 29<sup>th</sup> at Coors Field. It is free to attend.  
WEco is looking for a new Executive Director.

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