



SPBRT Roundtable Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, June 11, 2024

1:00 pm – 3:30 pm - Republican Basin Tour - Yuma, CO

4:00 pm – 6:30 pm – SPBRT Regular Meeting

Hybrid

Live

Yuma Community & Enrichment Center

Roundtable Voting Members in Attendance: Adams Gates, Allyn Wind, Brent Schantz, Brent Nation, Bruce Gerk, Cory Deangelis, Dan Gallen, Daylen Figgs, Deb Daniel, Donnie Dustin, Garrett Varra, Gene Manuello, Jim Hall, Jim Yahn, John Kolanz, Julia Gallucci, Kirk Vincent, Lisa Leben, Loretta Daniel, Lynda James, Noelle Fillo, Scott Griebing, Sean Chambers, Stephen Larson

Roundtable Non-voting Members in Attendance: Casey Davenport

Guests: Marie Mitchell, Sarah Gerenday, Courtney Massey, Courtney Black, Carmen Farmer, Ken Matthews, Robert Sakata, Jody Shaddock-McNally Brenan Bloyd, Kevin Ross, Nils Saha, Jake Nemmers, Lauren Hix, Dennis Wilson, Dawn Jewell

CWCB: Jeff Rodriguez, Zack Salin, Jackie Daoust, Diane Kielty

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

The meeting was called to order by Chair Sean Chambers at 4:16 pm.

The internet feed from the Owl device was lost, and while it was restarted, a PEPO update was provided by Casey Davenport. Examples of content being developed for the 2024/2025 communications were provided. A request was made for the SPBRT to provide a Letter of Support for the Colorado Watershed Assembly PEPO grant. Roundtable members agreed to take up formal action later in the agenda with the formal grant requests.

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

It was moved to approve the agenda with a change of the PEPO Committee presenting at the beginning of the meeting and removing items 3 and 4 under section 6 of the agenda. Approved by acclamation.

3. Approval of [SPBRT Meeting Summary May 14, 2024](#) (Sean Chambers - 2 min.)

It was moved by Scott Griebing to approve the May 14, 2024, SPBRT Meeting Summary as presented, and it was seconded by Kirk Vincent. The motion carried.

4. Public Comment (3 min.)

Jake Nemmers with Senator Hickenlooper's Office provided an update. They will be visiting and reviewing the damage from the recent hailstorm and discussing an approach to address. U.S. Senators John Hickenlooper, Cynthia Lummis, and Ron Wyden introduced two bipartisan bills to extend existing programs to continue water management programs and address long-term drought in the West. The [Drought Preparedness Act](#) and the [Water Data Improvement Act](#) would reauthorize current programs managed by the U.S. Department of Interior (DOI) and the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) to help secure water infrastructure, prepare drought contingency plans, and improve water monitoring. Companion legislation has been [introduced](#) in the House of Representatives by Representative Joe Neguse. The *Drought Preparedness*

Act [passed](#) the House and the *Water Data Improvement Act* has [passed](#) out of the House Committee on Natural Resources. Sen. Bennet sits on the Ag Committee, and Hickenlooper's office works closely with them to communicate priorities and concerns from communities. Please feel free to contact Jake if there is anything you'd like him to relay to their legislative team. Interest in the Farm Bill was conveyed. Cory Deangeles announced that the vacant Deputy State Engineer office was filled by John Hunyadi.

5. WSRF (Garrett Varra - 10 min.)

1. WSRF SPBRT Funds and CWCBC Basin Account Funds updates were provided.

6. Colorado Water Plan Requests for Letter of Support (Garrett Varra – 30 min.)

1. 10-year strategic course for campus landscape water conservation and resiliency – Chris Bowers, University of Northern Colorado - A presentation was provided, and it was recorded. Questions were fielded. The WSRF Committee members who were able to review this request noted a need for more information on scope and funding, but believed the project to be inline with the South Platte BIP and therefore recommend approving a letter of support. The committee noted that although it is considered a large request and there is no budget information for consideration. There was discussion on the CWP application process and timing for applicants. A suggestion was made to make a statement in the Letter of Support that the recommendation was made without a budget review and is based on approval of the concept.

A motion was made by Lynda James to provide a Letter of Support for the 10-year strategic course for campus landscape water conservation and resiliency project to include a comment that the recommendation was made without a budget review and is based on approval of the concept and was seconded by Scott Griebing. The motion carried with one dissent by Bruce Gerk and one abstention by Sean Chambers. The no vote was registered with concern for the lack of details on scope, budget, and matching funds.

2. Town of Berthoud Water Utilities – Marie Mitchell, Town of Berthoud and Courtney Black, INTERA - A presentation was provided, and it was recorded. The WSRF Committee recommends approving a letter of support.

A motion was made by Garrett Varra to provide a Letter of Support for the Town of Berthoud Water Utilities project and was seconded by Scott Griebing. The motion carried.

7. SPBRT Recorder Position Opening (Sean Chambers) (10 min.) Diane Kielty is stepping down as the SPBRT Recorder. The vacancy needs to be filled. This is an opportunity for someone to get to know the SPBRT and learn about the water world. The job description will be developed by Sean Chambers and Jeff Rodriguez and will be distributed to SPBRT members to share with your networks.

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

1. August 13th South Platte Basin Roundtable Open House Meeting
 - i. The event location will be the South Platte Ranch outside of Greeley. The planning and guest speakers are under development. Please spread the word and plan to invite people to this water conversation. There was discussion on the empty SPBRT membership seats and the next steps to filling them.

Action: Send the most current SPBRT Roster to Garrett Varra.

9. Committee Updates (30 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 - 15 min.)
 1. 2024-2025 PEPO Strategy – A presentation was provided at the beginning of the meeting.

A motion was made by Scott Griebeling to provide a Letter of Support for the PEPO Grant request by the Colorado Watershed Assembly and was seconded by Jim Hall. The motion carried.

2. Environmental/Recreation Committee (Larry Rogstad – 5 min.) There was a request from the SPBRT to have a full RT presentation about the dredge and fill regulation stakeholder engagement process.
3. M&I Committee (Jim Hall – 5 min.) – The next M&I meeting will be held on June 28th at 9:00 am.

10. IBCC Update (Jim Yahn & Sean Cronin - 5 Min.) ([Link to IBCC Webpage](#)) The next IBCC meeting will be held in Durango on June 18th. They will begin with basin updates. Please reach out to Jim or Sean if you have items you would like SPBRT include in the basin update. There will be updates on the Shoshone Water Right Preserve, Colorado River, and a Legislative Session Recap.

11. CWCB Update (25 min.)

1. CWCB Staff Report (Jeff Rodriguez – 10 min.)
 - The C-9 Summit will be October 1st – 2nd in Crested Butte.
 - The CWCB Draft Guide will be made available this Friday and will be distributed to the Roundtables.
 - The next CWCB Board meeting will be July 17th – 18th in Walden.
 - 1051 data is due June 30th. Given the added complexity in the requirements there can be a 1-year grace period granted upon request.

The Federal Technical Assistance and Local Capacity Grants and Wildfire Ready Watershed Grants are open on a rolling basis.

CWCB Links:

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>

Webinar Series Listserv please reach out to Emily Zmak: Emily.zmak@state.co.us

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

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

There was a request for an update on Perkins County Canal discussions between CO and NE. CWCB will work to get this on an upcoming SPBRT agenda.

2. Director Wind Update (15 min.) – He was unable to join this month. He will be at the July SPBRT meeting.

12. Member Updates (10 min.)

The Colorado River Connectivity Channel was discussed. It creates continuous flow for habitat connection.

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