

Metro Roundtable Meeting Summary

Thursday, August 8, 2024

Start Time

2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Members in Attendance:

Alex Davis, Andy Nye, Breanna Gonzalez, Brian Tracy, Casey Davenport, Courtney Brand, Cynthia Lane, David Nickum, Dawn Jewell, Devon Buckels, Emily Hunt, Heather Justus, Greg Johnson, Jarod Roberts, Katie Garrett (Kim Gortz Alt.), Lauren Pulver, Lisa Darling, Loretta Daniel, Sam Caulkins, Sarah Borger, Sarah Klahn, Shaden Musleh, Susan Nedell

Guests: Jeannine Shaw, Tim Hoskens, Jamie Krezelok, Britta Strother, Courtney Massey, Andrew Cutler, Chris Tagert, Rachel Penze, Dave Breindel, Skylar Zillox, Aiden Lyde

CWCB: Russ Sands, Jeff Rodriguez, Jackie Daoust, Jessica Brody, Diane Kielty

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 [July 11, 2024, Meeting Summary](#) (1 min.)

The minutes were accepted with a change of the word “discharge” to the word “storage” under the PEPO report. Approved 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. WSRF Balance Summary ([WSRF Budget Summary 05.2024](#))

September 1st is the deadline for summary proposals. The WSRF committee will meet prior to the September MRT meeting to review proposals. MRT is on track to receive its annual allocation in September. This would bring the account to just over \$700,000.

6. CWCB Update (15 min.)

1. Jeff Rodriguez - 5 min.

CWCB is launching a revised Turf Replacement Program. The application period will open on August 31st.

Colorado River Webinars are ongoing and recorded then posted on the CWCB YouTube page. Questions can be directed to the Colorado River Team.

The Water Conditions Monitoring Committee discusses precipitation indicators. Drought conditions are worsening in some areas of the State and improving in others. These meetings are also recorded and on the CWCB YouTube page.

The Instream Flow manual “R2Cross Fieldwork Manual, is on the Instream Flow Page.

CWCB Links:

ISF Manual: https://cwcb.colorado.gov/r2cross-model?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery

CWCB Guide: <https://engagecwcb.org/cwcb-guide>

C9 Summit: <https://engagecwcb.org/c9-summit>

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)

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

Colorado River issues: <https://cwcb.colorado.gov/coloradoriver>

AUGUST CWCB UPDATES

CWCB Guide

- Draft on EngageCWCB
 - Finalize in Fall

C9 Summit

- Register Early
 - October 1 & 2
 - Crested Butte Arts Center



Water Conditions

- Next meeting 8/27/24
 - 9:30 am
 - Virtual

Instream Flow Manual

- R2Cross Fieldwork Manual
- Available for Use

Colorado River Webinars

- 8/8
 - CWCB Calendar
 - Recorded on YouTube

Reminders

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

2. Jessica Brody – 5 min.

The Landscape Turf replacement program is a flexible funding source. Public, highly visible sites are encouraged to apply. Denver Water is providing match funding. CWCB would like to see this fund utilized.

CWCB aims for the highest and best use of funding from the Water Plan. Most proposals are reactive. There may be gaps in how the funds get utilized. The Regional Grant Managers are seeking where there may be gaps and how the money could be spent equitably. They want to ensure awareness and outreach is happening to be more proactive so Water Plan Grants help meet the Plan goals. There are metrics being reported on. They are evaluating these metrics to determine if they could be used more strategically. Roundtables could start working with the BIP projects now to identify priorities and projects completed and started. Identify projects that don't have cost estimates. The MRT could reach out to the project proponents and ask what gaps may be preventing the projects from advancing.

Action: Request MRT CWP Project list from Jackie Daoust and Jeff Rodriguez.

Action: Discuss WSRF project completion tracking with CWCB.

Action: Pull BIP project list for MRT review. Identify 1) No Cost Estimates, 2) Short-term or ready projects

7. IBCC Update (L. Darling/R. Marsicek) (25 min.)

1. No/Low Regrets Strategy – The RT was asked to advance the concept of the effects and impacts around heat and scenarios on climate that could be discussed for the next iteration of the CWP. The heat element in updated CWP scenarios could inform if the climate is going to

be adaptable with mitigation practices.

CWCB is incorporating the new data from the Colorado Climate Change Report into the CWP update.

CWCB is working on the technical analysis of the Shoshone Project. A schedule is not in place yet.

Action: Continue this ideation at the September MRT meeting to prepare for the C-9 Summit.

8. Cloud Seeding (Andrew Rickert, CWCB) (25 min.)

A presentation was provided that included how cloud seeding works, and the weather modification methods used in Colorado. Funding for the weather program was discussed including annual Lower Basin contributions. Total seeding hours per seeding program graphs were provided. Presentation is available by request.

9. 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.) (No Summary) – The SPBRT is having an open house next Tuesday. You can learn more and RSVP on the Home landing page of the SPB website. An update was provided on PEPO activities including participation in the Elbert County Fair. Rural areas need help improving their technical capacity to meet reporting requirements.
2. Environmental/Recreation Committee (*D. Nickum*) (5 min.) (No Summary) – They had a SP Wildlands Focus Group which is gearing up on new initiatives regarding strategic basin wetland activities. They were encouraged to submit for WSRF funding.

Key dates with Dredge and Fill rulemaking in the next two months:

- September 13- 9 am Wetlands Compensatory Mitigation workshop
- October 4 -1 pm Streams Compensatory Mitigation workshop
- September 4 - 930 am – Stakeholder Meeting – First Session
- October 1 - 130 pm – Stakeholder Meeting – Second Session

3. M&I Committee (*A. Cole*) (5 min.) (No Summary)

M&I Committee Meeting

Date: August 23, 2024

Start Time: 9:00 AM

End Time: 10:00 AM

Virtual Meeting Only: https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_NGQ5NDVkJZGEMDk4ZC00NDMxLW15NGltMjUxMjRiNWFiOTNh%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22be6ee3bd-3666-48dc-a79c-d38da53e8998%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%22c198ccc9-de5f-4584-85c0-a9d86d8e75fb%22%7d

4. Colorado River Committee (*A. Davis*) (5. Min.) (No Summary) The next meeting is scheduled for September 9th at 1:00 pm.

10. Round Table Member Comments (5 min.)

A conversation will take place at Colorado Water Congress regarding the new CWCB Guidelines and a process for filling seats.

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