



SPBRT Roundtable Meeting Summary

Tuesday, September 10, 2024

Time: 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Roundtable Voting Members in Attendance: Adam Gates, Brent Schantz, Brent Nation, Bruce Gerk, Corey Deangelis, Dan Gallen, Darren Beck, Daylen Figgs, Garrett Varra, Jim Hall, Jim Yahn, Joe Frank, Julia Gallucci, Kirk Vincent, Larry Rogstad, Lisa Leben, Lynda James, Scott Griebing, Sean Chambers, Stephen Larson

Roundtable Non-voting Members in Attendance: Casey Davenhill, Sean Cronin, Pat Wells

Guests: Kelsea Mauk (Halloway), Dawn Jewell, Brandi Baquera, Michael Neale, Robert Sakata, Phyllis Thomas, Zach Salin, Nathan Boyer-Rechlin, Carmen Farmer, Jackie Fisher, Esther Malers

CWCB: Russ Sands, Brad Wind (Director), Jeff Rodriguez, 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.

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

Approved by acclamation.

3. Approval of SPBRT Meeting Summaries [July 9, 2024](#) and [August 13, 2024](#) (Sean Chambers - 2 min.)

It was noted that there are two months of summaries for approval since no official business was undertaken at the Aug. 13th South Platte Basin Roundtable Open House. It was moved by Kirk Vincent to approve the July 9, 2024, and August 13, 2024, SPBRT Meeting Summaries as presented. It was seconded by Scott Griebing. The motion carried.

4. Public Comment (3 min.) CDPHE Dredge & Fill Rulemaking webinars are taking place. You can register for online webinars at the CDPHE website. Jojo Law will be presenting an update to the SPBRT in the near future.

Jackie Fisher joined the meeting as a guest and was introduced. She is in the 2024 WECO Water Leaders program and shadowing roundtable member Joe Frank. Ms. Fisher was welcomed by the SPBRT members.

5. WSRF (Garrett Varra - 35 min.)

1. WSRF Update and SPBRT Funds Status CWCB Basin Account Funds – If everything is approved in September, the amount that will be remaining in the basin account will be \$356,334.00.
2. WSRF Summary Proposals – There were five proposals.
 1. Bonny Sediment Drainage Assessment and Design
 2. iSprinkler
 3. Sedgwick County Well Users Efficiency Improvements
 4. Sterling No. 1 Ditch Bypass
3. Deferred maintenance – aging infrastructure. Eight points are provided in the WSRF Committee memo. WSRF Committee Memo - [CWP+and+WSRF+Committee+Memo+9.7.2024.pdf](#) ([squarespace.com](#)). There was discussion on the memo and the importance of addressing aging water infrastructure, and considerations about the balance and sources of funding to address such needs.

Among the SPB membership, it was decided to wait until the next round of funding to continue this discussion. For now, each project will continue to be evaluated on a case-by-case basis. More guidance is necessary.

A motion was made by Garrett Varra to change the process for reviewing CWP grants. This new process would consist of applicants providing the Roundtable with an executive summary of their application. The summary would include the Who, What, When, Where, Why and How of the project. This summary should be submitted to the RT Executive Committee and WSRF Committee for review 3 weeks prior to the RT meeting they wish to present at, generally the 15th of the month prior to the presentation. The WSRF Committee will continue to review these summaries and provide a recommendation to the SPBRT members. It was seconded by Jim Hall. The motion carried.

Action: The new guidance will be posted on the SPB website.

Action: An online form may be created for applicants to submit their summary.

6. **SPBRT Recorder Position Opening (Sean Chambers) (5 min.)** This is a paid position. It remains open. Please contact Sean Chambers if you are interested in filling this position. For more information, [Recorder SOW Template \(squarespace.com\)](#).

7. **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 (Casey Davenport - 5 min.) (Summary) There is a hiatus now with several events coming in the fall. PEPO is preparing for these events. The Farm Show is coming up in January. The South Platte Forum, www.southplatteforum.com is November 21st in Greeley. They are actively seeking sponsors and taking registrations. The Sustaining Colorado Watersheds Conference is coming in October. There is interest from the SPBRT in receiving the recording from the recent MRT Colorado River Committee presentation from Erik Kuhn.
2. Environmental/Recreation Committee (Larry Rogstad – 10 min.) (Summary) David Nickum is interested in stepping down from this position. If you or someone you know would like to step into this position contact David Nickum, dnickum@tu.org. [Joint+Env.+Rec.+Subcommittee+Meeting+Summary 8.28.2024 v1.pdf \(squarespace.com\)](#)
3. M&I Committee (Jim Hall – 5 min.) (No meeting) There was no meeting. Andrea Cole is the committee chair. They are exploring BIP priorities to consider for advancement initiated by the RT committees to target WSRF funds.

8. **IBCC Update (Jim Yahn & Sean Cronin - 45 Min.)** ([Link to IBCC Webpage](#))

1. No and Low Regrets Committee Work Summary and Discussion - [2024+Low+No+regret+ideas+8-23-2024+edits.pdf \(squarespace.com\)](#)

A committee had been formed to generate ideas, workshop them and group them into strategies that the state and IBCC members could discuss in terms of what is a no and low regret water strategy that the state should be supporting. The above link is the list generated during the committee meeting that took place on August 23, 2024. The list may or may not be true low and no regrets, depending upon the readers definition, but is intended to be a primer for the discussion at the Roundtable, C-9 Summit and future IBCC meetings. The committee focused on the needs of the SPB and low and no regrets statewide. There remains roundtable membership interest in gaining clarity and guidance on what exactly are no and low regrets strategies.

From the Committee's work, the guiding thoughts captured the following:

- New storage is a primary need and focus in the SPB, and
- Funding for additional water projects/solutions remains a critical need, and

Discussion took place and there was prioritization of the ideas in the list.

The C-9 Summit will be an opportunity to explore and discuss the no/low regrets concept and planning.

9. CWCB Update (25 min.)

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

SEPTEMBER CWCB UPDATES

CWCB Guide

- Draft on EngageCWCB
 - Finalize in Fall
 - Deadline Nov. 1

C9 Summit

- Register Now
 - October 1 & 2
 - Agenda on EngageCWCB
 - Crested Butte Arts Center



CAWA Drought Grants

- Open now
 - Deadline 12/13

Turf Replacement Grants

- Open 8/31 - 10/31
- Revised Guidelines posted



Reminders

- **CWCB Deadlines**
 - WSRF Deadline October 1
 - WPG/PEPO December 1
- **Wildfire Ready Watersheds**
 - Accepting Applications
- **Technical Assistance & Local Capacity**
 - Accepting Application
 - Deadline 10/15
- **Upcoming Events**
 - CWCB Board Meeting 9/17-18
 - WCMC 9/24
 - C9 Summit 10/1-2
 - Colorado River Webinar 10/17

CAWA Drought Resilience Grants: <https://www.coagwater.org/drought-resiliency-projects>

CWCB Links:

Turf Replacement Grant Program: <https://cwcb.colorado.gov/turf>

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>

2. Director Wind Update (15 min.)

The CWCB Finance Committee will meet next Tuesday. There will be more to report next month. There was discussion on financing cycles ([SchedulesDeadlinesNonReimburse.pdf \(colorado.gov\)](#)) and the [Projects Bill Grants | DNR CWCB \(colorado.gov\)](#). SPBRT members would like to convey a strong demand for WSRF dollars. There is great interest in IBCC engagement.

10. Member Updates (10 min.)

1. A Lower South Platte water festival will take place in Sterling on September 18th ([Children's Water Festival - Lower South Platte Water Conservancy District \(lspwcd.org\)](#)). PEPO funding will be used along with donations from several sponsors.
2. CDPHE Dredge & Fill Rulemaking Presentation – Jojo Law will be presenting an update to the SPBRT at a future SPBRT meeting.

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