

Metro Roundtable Meeting Summary

Thursday, September 12, 2024

Start Time

2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Members in Attendance:

Alex Davis, Andrea Cole, Andy Nye, Blair Corning, Breanna Gonzalez, Brian Tracy, Casey Davenhill, Courtney Brand, Cynthia Lane, Dave Wissel, Dawn Jewell, Emily Hunt, Heather Justus, Greg Johnson, Jarod Roberts, Kim Gortz, Lauren Pulver, Lisa Darling, Loretta Daniel, Rick Marsicek, Sam Caulkins, Shaden Musleh

Guests: Jeff Shoemaker, Scott Southworth, David Briendel, Scott Tampa, Robert Sakata, Jim Hall, Ray Lamovev, Rachel Pence, Sarah Hodson, Orna Buch-Leviatan,

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

Metro Roundtable Business Meeting

1. Welcome/Introductions (1 min.)

The meeting was opened by Chair Darling at 2:02 pm. A quorum was established.

2. Approval of [August 8, 2024, Meeting Summary](#) (1 min.)

The August 8, 2024, summary was approved by acclamation.

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

4. Public Comment (5 min.) None.

5. WSRF Committee (Kim Gortz & Sam Calkins) (25 min.)

1. WSRF Balance Summary ([WSRF Budget Summary 05.2024](#)) If all grants proposed are approved by the CWCB Board next week, MRT will receive its annual allocation.
2. WSRF Cycle 2 Summary Proposals
 - i. [Gill Trail Restoration Pilot Project](#) - Scott Tampa. A presentation was provided stating project objectives with maps of trail segments and project tasks. Questions were fielded.
 1. [cheesman_canyon_trail_strategy_april_2024](#)

The MRT approved the proposal to advance to a full proposal to CWCB.

- ii. [iSprinkler](#) – Jeff Shoemaker and Scott Southworth. A presentation was provided on a programable, customizable sprinkler head that is self-powered and individually controllable for precision watering. A savings overview was provided. Phase I is a proof of concept. Phase II is for prototype and testing. This initial request is for Phase I. Questions were fielded.
 1. [isprinkler_deck](#)

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6. CWCB Update (15 min.)

1. Jeff Rodriguez - 5 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

[PEPO Infographics](#)

- Launching a new effort
- Based on BIPs & Water Plan
- Contractor will be at C9

[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. Jessica Brody – 5 min. ([Board Meetings | DNR CWCB \(colorado.gov\)](#))
The Board will be meeting next week with a focus on the Finance Committee.
 - [September 18 & 19 – Rio Grande Basin](#)
 - November 20 & 21 – Denver Metro Area

7. IBCC Update (L. Darling/R. Marsicek) (25 min.) ([Link to IBCC Webpage](#))

1. The No and Low Regrets Strategy will be a focus at the C-9 Summit. Anyone who wants to be part of the direction for this conversation, please participate in the C-9 Summit. If anyone has ideas you would like MRT IBCC Representatives to bring to the Summit, please reach out to Lisa and Rick.

8. 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) This is the season of water events. PEPO will be participating in several water festivals and summits. There have been conversations with the Republican Basin. The Republican falls under the South Platte Basin for CWCB purposes. PEPO will be making available a short informational brief about the

Republican River Basin Water Conservation District on the SPB website. One of the issues in the Republican Basin is regarding the Bonny Reservoir. The Republican submitted a WSRF grant proposal to the SPBRT. MRT may be interested in supporting this effort. Stakeholder groups from the Republican Basin will be invited to the MRT.

2. Environmental/Recreation Committee (*D. Nickum*) (5 min.) ([Joint Env. Rec. Subcommittee Meeting Summary 8.28.2024 v1](#))
3. M&I Committee (*A. Cole*) (5 min.) The M&I Committee meeting in September was cancelled because it was scheduled during Water Congress. The next meeting will be October 25th. They are working on the agenda and will have information soon.
4. Colorado River Committee (*A. Davis*) (5. Min.) The recent meeting with Erik Kuhn was recorded and will be posted.

9. Round Table Member Comments (5 min.)

There was a request to have an MRT conversation about funding private concepts. A question about what the return to the government should be if the product is successful. There is not a restriction on funding the private sector. The key focus is whether the proposal meets the Colorado Water Plan and basin goals. The guidelines could be clearer, and the guidelines don't allow for a return on investment.

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

Meeting adjourned at 3:32 PM.