



SPBRT Roundtable Meeting Summary

Tuesday, October 8, 2024

Time: 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Roundtable Voting Members in Attendance: Adam Gates, Brent Schantz, Corey Deangelis, Deb Daniel, Jim Hall, Jim Yahn, John Kolanz, Julia Gallucci, Kevin Ross, Kirk Vincent, Larry Rogstad, Lisa Leben, Lynda James, Richard Elsner, Scott Griebing, Sean Chambers, Stephen Larson

Roundtable Non-voting Members in Attendance: Sean Cronin, Don Baggus

Guests: Governor's appointee Pat Wells, Kyle Whitaker, Lauren Hix, Joan Green Turner, Courtney Massey, Kelly Morgan, Commissioner Mike Weber, Jojo La, Kristan Buck, Dawn Jewell, Tom Cech, Michael Welsh, Annette Quill, Kelly Morgan, Dan Gallen, Esther Malers

CWCB: Amy Hohnholz, Kathryn Weismiller, Russ Sands, Diane Kielty

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

The meeting was called to order by Chair Sean Chambers at 4:09 pm.

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Kevin Ross to approve the agenda and was seconded by Scott Griebing. The motion carried.

3. Approval of [SPBRT Meeting Summary September 12, 2024](#) (Sean Chambers - 2 min.)

It was moved by Commissioner Kevin Ross to approve September 12, 2024, SPBRT Meeting Summary as presented. It was seconded by Jim Yahn. The motion carried.

4. Public Comment (3 min.) None.

5. WSRF (Garrett Varra - 5 min.)

1. WSRF Update and SPBRT Funds Status CWCB Basin Account Funds. There is \$356,000.00 in the account. The Needs Committee is preparing for presentations in November. If you have questions please contact Garrett Varra, Scott Griebing, and Sean Chambers.

6. SPBRT Recorder Position Update (Sean Chambers) (5 min.) Esther Malers was announced to be the new SPBRT Recorder.

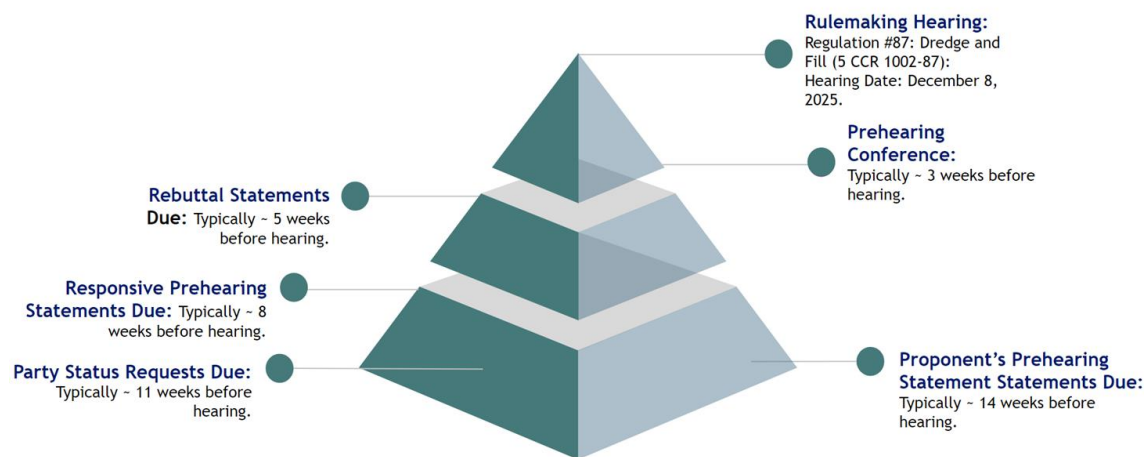
7. Committee Updates (40 min.) [Roundtable Meeting Records — The South Platte Basin](#)

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1. PEPO Committee (Casey Davenport - 5 min.) (**No Summary**) The PEPO work in the SPB was complimented and may be emulated in the North Platte.
2. Environmental/Recreation Committee (Kirk Vincent – 10 min.) ([Meeting Summary 9/25/2024](#)) The South Platte CURE provided a presentation. The summary is provided via the link.
3. M&I Committee (Jim Hall – 5 min.) (**No Summary**) There was no meeting. The next meeting will be on October 25th at 9:00 am. A survey will be sent to members in advance of the meeting to rank potential projects to support and promote. The survey will be discussed in the committee meeting.

4. Colorado River Committee (Kyle Whitaker, P.E – 20 min.) A presentation was provided on drainage basin storage status. A Powell and Mead operating tier criteria matrix was provided conveying water conditions compared to previous years. Discussed post-2026 negotiations. Shoshone permanency was described and explained. A Shoshone operating policy history was provided, and concerns discussed. Presentation available by request.
8. **CDPHE Dredge & Fill Rulemaking Presentation (Jojo La, Annette Quill, Kelly Morgan, & Commissioner Mike Weber with WQCD) (45 min.)**
 On May 30, 2024, House Bill (HB) 24-1379 was signed into law. The intent of the legislation is to ensure that “state waters” are protected from the impacts of dredge and fill activity after the U.S. Supreme Court drastically limited the scope of federal protection under the Clean Water Act through its decision in Sackett v. EPA. The presentation highlighted exemptions and exclusions under what the State will require that are no longer under WOTUS. The rule making hearings will include clarifying terms. They intend to use the federal definitions wherever they can. Implementation components are covered under [HB24-1379](#) which directs the Water Quality Control Division to develop a dredge and fill authorization program and the Water Quality Control Commission to establish program and mitigation rules by Dec. 31, 2025. An overview of the hearing process and requirements were provided. The presentation is available by request. General Inquiries: cdphe.wqcc@state.co.us. Register to attend their next stakeholder meeting on Zoom: Wednesday, November 6, 2024, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Virtual Only. [dredge and fill program website](#) / [Colorado dredge and fill program implementation engagement page](#)

Commission Rulemaking hearing Process-Timeline



9. **IBCC Update (Jim Yahn & Sean Cronin) (10 min.)** ([Link to IBCC Webpage](#))
 1. C-9 Summit Discussion – The SPBRT continued to refine its list of no and low regrets white paper in anticipation of the C-9 Summit and the opportunity to engage with other roundtables from across the state on no and low regrets strategies for meeting the basin and statewide Water Plan goals. Sean Cronin sat in a panel with the questions, “If we experience less snow in the future, what is the solution? Are there no and low regrets that CWCB can implement.” It was discussed that the state legislative process appears to be an area of concern because the members of the legislature have not sought input or expertise from the Roundtables. The Water for the 21st Century Act is coming up on its 20th anniversary. There is an importance for all types of organizations to consider the value we create or provide, and there is an opportunity to evaluate the role and relevance of roundtables in informing statewide water policy. Per the guidance in the Act, the roundtables are a forum for convening discussions on complex water supply and policy in a forum with all types of water users present, and some roundtable members are questioning if the subject matter expertise and wisdom of roundtables are being leveraged for public benefit as envisioned in the Act’s enabling legislation. Among the challenges we face in the South Platte are the buy and dry of agricultural water and the transfer of the water to the metro area. Jim Yahn was on a C9 agricultural tour and a panel discussion focusing on challenges facing agriculture. On the subject of resiliency, panelists were asked to opine on “What if we have 10% less agriculture by 2050?” It was a good example of collaboration, communication, and education. It was also noted that CWCB Director Wind facilitated a session on the year 2050 and the future of a water scenario of 50% less collaboration. It’s important that RTs

have difficult scenario-planning discussions and consider the no or low regrets strategies that will help us all adaptively manage to a future that is resilient and aligned with our values.

10. CWCB Update (25 min.)

1. CWCB Staff Report (Kat Weismiller – 10 min.)

The CWCB Guide is on the CWCB site. They are incorporating comments. Comments must be submitted by November 1st. CWCB Guide Link: <https://engagecwcb.org/cwcb-guide>.

C-9 Summit recordings will be online in a few weeks.

Funding Deadlines

WSRF - December 1

WPG - December 1

Turf Replacement - October 31

CAWA Drought Resilience - 12/13

Upcoming Events

CWCB Board Meeting: 11/20 - 11/21

Water Conditions Monitoring Committee: 11/19 @9:30 am

Colorado River Webinar: 10/17 @11:30 am

IBCC Meeting 2/26/25 (All Day)

Federal Technical Assistance & Local Capacity Funding – (ARPA funds)

DEADLINE 10/15

Technical Assistance funding is now available (CWCB Contractor is under contract)

Applications accepted on a rolling basis through CWCB Grants Portal

The funds must be awarded by 12/31/2024 and spent by 12/31/2026

Michael Regan is the contact for this program, and he is willing to present more information on this program at BRT Meetings if there is interest.

2. Director Wind Update (15 min.) No report.

11. Member Updates (5 min.) None.

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