

# Metro Roundtable Meeting Summary

Thursday, November 14, 2024

Start Time

2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

**Hybrid – Live & Virtual**

## **Members in Attendance:**

Andrea Cole, Andy Nye, Blair Corning, Casey Davenport, Courtney Brand, Cynthia Lane, David Wissel, Dawn Jewell, Devon Buckels, Emily Hunt, Erik Jorgensen (for Heather Justus) Greg Johnson, Jarod Roberts, Kim Gortz, Lauren Pulver, Lesley Sebol, Lisa Darling, Sam Caulkins, Shaden Musleh, Susan Nedell

**Guests:** Jeff Shoemaker, Jamie Krezelok, Rachel Pence, Sarah Hodson, Noam Nemmers, Deb Daniel, Audrey Seeny, Nicole Bennett, Matt Lindburg, Dave Breindel, Skylar Zilliox, Brent Soderlin, Orna Buch-Leviatan,

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

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## **Metro Roundtable Business Meeting**

### **1. Welcome/Introductions (1 min.)**

The meeting was opened by Chair Lisa Darling at 2:04 pm. A quorum was established.

### **2. Approval of [October 10, 2024, Meeting Summary](#) (1 min.)**

October 10, 2024, Meeting Summary was approved by acclamation.

### **3. Agenda: additions or changes (1 min.)**

Approved by acclamation with one change of moving the Deploying Airborne Snow Observatories WSRF presentation to later in the agenda.

### **4. Public Comment (5 min.)**

### **5. WSRF Committee (Kim Gortz & Sam Calkins) (40 min.)**

1. WSRF Balance Summary ([WSRF Budget Summary 0924](#)) An updated spreadsheet will be provided with last minute request adjustments. \$726,441.00 is available in the account before applying the WSRF application requests.
2. Final MRT Approval 2024 Cycle 2
  - i. [iSprinkler](#) (Jeff Shoemaker, Colorado Parks Foundation)

This involves funding for prototyping for the iSprinklers. This system addresses the sprinkler heads of the irrigation system. There were questions from the WSRF review committee regarding WSRF being the appropriate mechanism for funding this type of project. There was discussion on cost and maintenance of the heads. The City of Denver is going to offer a rebate to bring the cost down. The anticipated lifespan is 10-12 years before replacement. This project seems to be more aligned with field testing as opposed to project development. The technology readiness level (TRL) is a 3 of 5. They anticipate opportunities for programs for low-income households. They have secured some private funding and are looking at other funding opportunities. The Office of Economic Development was suggested. They developed a sketch of how to bring this to the commercial market. They want the system to align with the public sector to maximize the impact and benefit. There was discussion on the final ownership of the intellectual property. A presentation was provided.

A motion was made by Casey Davenport to move the application forward and was

seconded by Andrea Cole. With three abstentions, Jarod Roberts and Greg Johnson as Legislative representative and proxy for Rick Marsicek of Denver Water. The proposal was declined to move forward.

- ii. [Gill Trail Restoration Pilot Project](#) (Scott Tampa)  
A summary was provided and the Committee recommended moving the project forward to CWCB approval.

The project was approved to move forward.

- iii. [Republican Bonny Sediment Drainage Assessment and Design](#) (Deb Daniel)  
A presentation was provided, and the committee recommended moving the project forward to CWCB approval.

The project was approved to move forward.

- iv. Deploying Airborne Snow Observatories (Taylor Winchell)  
There was a presentation and the Committee recommended this project to move forward to CWCB approval.

The project was approved to move forward.

#### 6. CWCB Update (15 min.)

- 1. Jeff Rodriguez - 5 min. – The process for finalizing the CWCB Guidebook was discussed through final approval from the Governor's Office. They hope to have the final version in place in January 2025. The plan is to update and review the guidance document annually. The Governor released his 2025 fiscal budget. There are actions that could impact CWCB / DNR as they attempt to balance the budget. Nate Pierson will provide a detailed presentation about the budget at the CWCB Board meeting November 20-21. The Upper Colorado River Commission provided funding for diversion structures primarily in the Colorado River basin.

Proposition JJ passed in the State election which removed the cap on revenue from sports betting.

Russ Sand has accepted a position with the Colorado Energy Office. He asked that everyone keep in touch.

#### 7. IBCC Update (L. Darling/R. Marsicek) (20 min.) ([Link to IBCC Webpage](#))

- 1. Advancing Water Plan Initiatives. There was a robust conversation around State priorities. The three top priorities were snow measurement, making water sharing easier, and incentivizing infrastructure and keeping agricultural land productive. The MRT M&I Committee has been evaluating projects of greatest priority to advance our BIP. Doing this in a coordinated effort with the SPBRT is in discussion. There was discussion on an equivalent to snow measurements for the eastern plains for those with a different source of water that's not related to snowpack. There was a request that the IBCC help with managing conflict and engaging with elected officials and decision makers.

#### 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. Davenhill) (5 min.) (No Summary) There are many conferences and presentations coming up in 2025 beginning with the Farm Show in January.
- 2. Environmental/Recreation Committee (D. Nickum) (5 min.) (No Summary)
- 3. M&I Committee (A. Cole) (5 min.) (No Summary) This update was discussed during the IBCC update.
- 4. Colorado River Committee (A. Davis) (5. Min.) (No Summary)

**9. Round Table Member Comments (15 min.)**

1. Meeting Topics for 2025 please send to Diane for consolidation.
2. December MRT Meeting Status – The meeting has been canceled.

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