

# Metro Roundtable Meeting Agenda

Thursday, February 13, 2025

Start Time

2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

## Members in Attendance:

Alex Davis, Andrea Cole, Andy Nye, Blair Corning, Brian Tracy, Dawn Jewell, David Nickum, Devon Buckels, Emily Hunt, Heather Justus, Greg Johnson, George Teal, Jerod Roberts, Jessica Brody, Katie Garrett (for K. Gortz), Lauren Pulver, Lisa Darling, Rachel Pence, Sam Caulkins, Shaden Musleh, Steve O'Dorisio, Jamie Krezelok

**Guests:** Robert Sakata, Orna Buch-Leviatan, Andy Mueller, Zane Kessler, Lottia Villalba, John Miller, Lindsay DeFrates, Brent Soderlin, Cortney Massey, Matt Lindburgh, Ed Millard, Stephanie Moore, James Welch, Nate Pearson, Audrey Seeny, Meghan Bell, Andrew Appell, Micaela Vondy

**CWCB:** Jeff Rodriguez, Jackie Carano, Kat Weismiller, Diane Kielty

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## Metro Roundtable Business Meeting

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

### 2. Approval of [January 9, 2025, Meeting Summary](#) (1 min.)

The January 9, 2025, minutes were approved by affirmation.

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

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

### 5. WSRF Committee (Kim Gortz & Sam Calkins) (10 min.)

#### 1. WSRF Balance Summary ([WSRF Budget Summary](#))

#### 2. WSRF 2025 Cycle 1 Application Period is open, [Grants — The South Platte Basin](#)

Application Steps	Cycle 1 Deadlines
Online summary proposal via <a href="http://www.southplattebasin.com/grants">www.southplattebasin.com/grants</a>	March 1
Draft Full Application Submittal on CWCB Portal	3rd Friday in April
RT Award Decision	May RT meeting
Final Application submittal on CWCB Portal	June 1
CWCB Approval Meeting	September

### 6. Colorado River District (Andy Mueller & Zane Kessler) (45 Min.)

The Colorado River District is a government entity that advocates for its constituent that was formed in 1937 to protect West Slope water users and to safeguard for Colorado all waters of the Colorado River to which the state is entitled. The Shoshone water rights are large and senior non-consumptive right on the Colorado River – 1250 cfs under a 1902 right and 158 cfs under a 1929 right. In December 2023, the Colorado River District and Xcel Energy entered into an agreement to transfer ownership of the water rights for \$99 million. Benefits on the West Slope from the headwaters to the state line and statewide were discussed.

### 7. 2025 Legislative Session Overview (Nate Pearson, Assistant Director for Water Policy, DNR) (15 Min.)

DNR legislation being advanced was discussed.

**Abandoned Mine SB25-054** – facilitate creation of a permit to allow reclaiming/remediation waste rock piles and remove metals from piles. Targets dry waste rock piles that contribute metals during runoff periods.

**Mapping Water Supply HB25–1115** – Funding for flights, data, and analysis of snow monitoring program.

**Carbon management and geothermal development HB 25 1165** – Responsible development of

geothermal. Not yet scheduled in committee.

**Bill for process improvements across Division of Water Resources** – Processes to expire permits, abandonment process, etc.

**Part of Governor's January 2<sup>nd</sup> budget** – Generate additional revenue from limiting deductions from sports betting.

**8. Agricultural Stewardship Tax Credit ([HB24-1249](#)) (John Miller, CO Dept. of Agriculture (CDA)/Soil Health Program Manager) (15 Min.)**

Legislation from the 2024 cycle. HB24-1249 regarding stewardship practices on farms based on practices implemented. First year is 2026, and the last year is 2030. Cannot overlap with existing grants or tax credits. Discussed practices that qualify for credit grouped by crop practices, annual and perennial, and supplemental practices. Applications will open in Fall 2025 and posted on the CDA website, [ag.colorado.gov/ag-stewardship-tax](http://ag.colorado.gov/ag-stewardship-tax). There will be a webinar available through the CDA portal on February 26<sup>th</sup>.

**9. IBCC Update (L. Darling/R. Marsicek) (5 min.) ([Link to IBCC Webpage](#))**

The next meeting will be on February 26<sup>th</sup>. The agenda is available on the CWCB event calendar.

**10. CWCB Update (15 min.)**

1. Jeff Rodriguez - 5 min.

### FEBRUARY CWCB UPDATES

#### [Climate & Water Workshops](#)

- Agency Action 4.5
- 2 workshops
  - 4/3/25 (Pueblo)
  - 4/23/25 (Clifton)
- Free to Attend
  - RSVP Required

#### [Ag Emergency Drought Program](#)

- Drought Related Augmentation
- Deadline is 4/15/2025

#### [CWCB Reports](#)

- Water Plan Progress
- Action 2.6
- Floatovoltaics
- CWCB Guide

#### [Reminders](#)

- **Funding**
  - WSRF Deadline 4/1
    - BASIN ONLY
  - PEPO Basin/Statewide 6/1
  - WPG Deadline 7/1
- **Upcoming Events**
  - WCMC 2/25
  - CWCB Board Meeting 3/19-20
  - IBCC Meeting 2/26
  - Climate Workshops 4/3, 4/23



**Action:** Provide link to the CWCB Guide on the SPB website.

2. Jessica Brody – 5 min.  
Director Brody term is up on the Board. A great thanks was expressed.

**11. 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.) ([2/11/2025 Summary](#)) The farm Show was a success. The full report is available on the South Platte Basin Website Documents page.
2. Environmental/Recreation Committee (D. Nickum) (5 min.) (No Summary) – Linda James is taking on the lead for the SPBRT on this committee. Coalitions & Collaboratives will need to discontinue projects for the remainder of the season that are dependent on federal funding for wildfire reduction and mitigation.
3. M&I Committee (A. Cole) (5 min.) (No Summary) – The meeting scheduled for Friday will be delayed.
4. Colorado River Committee (A. Davis) (5 Min.) (No Summary) Brian Mcpherson spoke on the modeling in the Upper Colorado basin. This month's meeting was cancelled. The next meeting will be in March. A speaker has not been identified.

**12. Round Table Member Comments (5 min.) - None**

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