

Metro Roundtable Meeting Summary

Thursday, July 10, 2025

Start Time

2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Members in Attendance:

Alex Davis, Andy Nye, Cynthia Lane, David Kamin, David Nickum, Dawn Jewell, Emily Hunt, Erik Jorgensen, Jenny Bishop, Jarod Roberts, Lesley Sebol, Lisa Darling, Loretta Daniel, Rick Marsicek, Sam Caulkins, Sarah Klahn, Shaden Musleh

Guests: Robert Sakata, Courtney Massey, Audrey Seery, Erin Messner, Mark Lorie, Kerry Major, Lottia Villalba, Orna Buch-Leviatan, Micaela Vondy, Matt Lindburg, Aiden Lyde, Megan Bell, Lisa Warren, Jamie Krezelok, Bradley Boilean, Shiu Pater, James Dilzen

CWCB: Jackie Carnao, Jeff Rodriguez, Diane Kielty

Metro Roundtable Business Meeting

1. Welcome/Introductions (1 min.)

2. Approval of [June 12, 2025, Meeting Summary](#) (1 min.)

The June 12, 2025, MRT Meeting Summary was approved by affirmation.

3. Agenda: additions or changes (1 min.) – The Platte Matters presenters were not available. This will be moved to the August MRT meeting.

4. Public Comment (5 min.) – John Stults passing was announced. When services are announced it will be shared with MRT.

5. CWCB MRT Member Annual Election (Lisa Darling) ([MetroBylawsMarch2017FinalRatified.pdf](#) ([squarespace.com](#))) (15 min.)

The Letter to appoint Heather Justus as the MRT Legislative Appointee has been submitted to the House and Senate Chairs of the Ag Committee.

1. Election of new members

- i. Recreation Representative – Courtney Massey, Ducks Unlimited. Ms. Massey introduced herself and provided an overview of her work and her organization.

Ms. Massey was voted as the MRT Recreation Representative.

6. WSRF Committee (Sam Calkins & Heather Justus) (5 min.)

1. WSRF Balance Summary ([WSRF Budget Summary 4/25/2025](#)) The Douglas County Water Plan was pulled leaving the fund request for MRT Cycle 1 amount reduced to \$96,875. The new balance in the WSRF account is \$428,178. One project has contacted MRT that is preparing to submit in Cycle 2 from the Center for Snow and Avalanche Studies. The project is a snow and dust on snow measurement technical project.

A request for a CWP Letter of Support was received from Confluence Colorado for water quality monitoring. It was received after the June MRT meeting. A letter was provided by the MRT Chair. There was a request for the membership to ratify the letter.

The CWCB will check on the applicant submission to ensure they met the July 1, 2025, submission deadline.

The MRT ratified the Confluence Colorado letter of support contingent on the applicant having met the application submission deadline.

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

An IBCC No and Low Regret (NLR) Subcommittee presentation was provided based on an NLR

document created in 2013, which was created before the CO Water Plan. Reducing the Supply and demand gap is the strategy proposed through this approach. A comparison is being made to review the 2013 NLR document compared to the C-9 Summit DRAP document. It has similar philosophy and priorities but with different work product goals. There is a need to update NLR to be more relevant to today's discourse.

THE RESULTS

2013 No & Low Regrets Actions

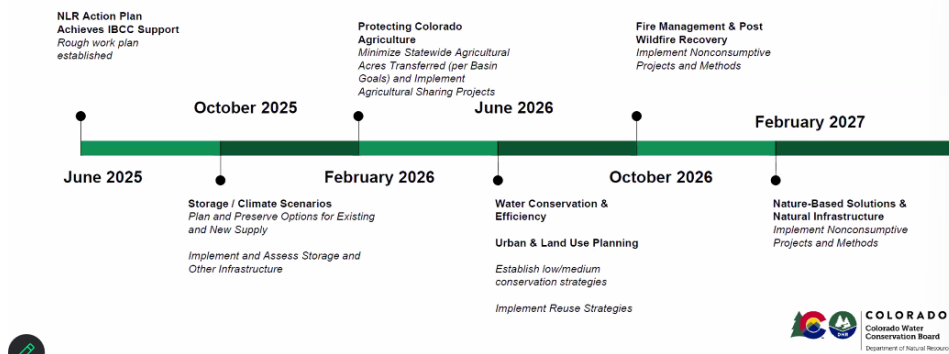
- Minimize Statewide Agricultural Acres Transferred (per Basin Goals) and Implement Agricultural Sharing Projects
- Plan and Preserve Options for Existing and New Supply
- Establish Low/Medium Conservation Strategies
- Implement Nonconsumptive Projects and Methods
- Have a High Success Rate for IPPs
- Implement and Assess Storage and Other Infrastructure
- Implement Reuse Strategies

2024 C9 DRAP Key Themes

- Nature-Based Solutions & Natural Infrastructure
- Water Efficiency & Storage
- Collaboration & Education
- Fire Management & Post Wildfire Recovery
- Climate Change Adaptation
- Protecting Colorado Agriculture
- Urban & Land Use Planning
- Cross-Sector Innovation

THE NEXT STEPS

Proposed work plan and calendar



THE PROPOSAL

- The NLR Actions Update is a chance for IBCC to cast a vision for the next Water Plan
- This is where IBCC can have new hard conversations to revisit old NLR topics and explore new areas of interest.
- Work plan and schedule are flexible. This is a 2-3 year plan.
- Work plan topics are sequenced to inform Tech Update, BIPs and 2033 Water Plan.
- Roundtable and stakeholder information gathering and review will be expected from all IBCC members to inform the plan.
- **Is this a workable plan for the IBCC?**

Going forward the RTs are being asked to identify what is important under the topics. The IBCC work products will be provided to the MRT for review and feedback between IBCC meetings. Between IBCC meetings, review the next topic series and what opportunities and challenges the MRT members see. This will be up to three years of work.

8. CWCB Update (10 min.)

1. Jeff Rodriguez - 5 min.

The members were asked to participate in a CWCB survey.

The CWP grant cycle closed on July 1st. There were 81 applications received for a total amount requested of \$39M. The amount available for two cycles is \$37M. This is a very competitive round.

The C-9 Summit will be on October 28th and 29th to be held in Lakewood.

Water Education and Workforce Hub: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/waterhub>

Water Conditions Monitoring Webinar: <https://cwcb.colorado.gov/Water-Conditions-Monitoring-Committee>

Fluvial Futures Webinars: https://www.casfm.org/2025/06/05/fluvial-futures-webinar-series/cwcb-fluvial-futures-webinar-series_20250522/

C9 Summit: <https://engagecwcb.org>

Project Bill Grants: <https://cwcb.colorado.gov/funding/projects-bill-grants>

The Shoshone Rights hearing will be held in September. You can follow the process at Shoshone ISF Acquisition: <https://cwcb.colorado.gov/2025-shoshone-isf-acquisition>.

Ag Water Protection Water Rights has opened to the State. Rulemaking hearings will take place on this for Ag protection waters to be used for other uses.

9. 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.) ([PEPO Report 06.10.25 Meeting Notes](#))
2. Environmental/Recreation Committee (D. Nickum) (5 min.) ([Env Rec Watershed 5.28.2025 Meeting Summary Final](#))
3. M&I Committee (A. Cole) (5 min.) ([M and I Meeting Minutes 23_05_2025](#)) They are working to schedule a meeting with CWCB.

11. Round Table Member Comments (5 min.)

- The invitation to the South Platte Basin Tour with the SPBRT will be resent to the MRT membership.
- Adams County is preparing a water plan.
- Save the date for the USGS Colorado Water Science Day on September 24th.

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

1. [South Platte Basin Field Trip RSVP Form, September 9, 2025](#)