

Metro Roundtable Meeting Summary

Thursday, September 11, 2025

Start Time

2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Members in Attendance:

Andrea Cole, Andy Nye, Brian Tracy, David Nickum, Heather Justus, Jarod Roberts, Lisa Darling, Rachel Pence, Rick Marsicek, Sam Calkins, Susan Nedell, Shaden Musleh

Guests: Robert Sakata, Anthony Clive, Ella Brup, David Demerling, Eileen O'Rourke, Benet Duncan, Phyllis Thomas, Angie Grunder

CWCB: Jeff Rodriguez, Jackie Carano, Greg Johnson

Metro Roundtable Business Meeting

1. Welcome/Introductions (1 min.)

2. Approval of [August 14, 2025, Meeting Summary](#) (1 min.)

The August 14, 2025, Meeting Summary was approved by affirmation.

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

Addition to the WSRF projects for approval to move forward the Automated Headgate for the Ag Ditch Company, Anthony Cline, and the South Metro Children's Water Festival, Angie Grunder.

The agenda as revised was approved by affirmation.

4. Public Comment (5 min.)

Robert Sakata commented on the Water Education Colorado's President's Reception event to recognize the great work they do.

5. WSRF Committee (Sam Calkins & Heather Justus) (25 min.)

1. WSRF Balance Summary ([WSRF Budget Summary 4/25/2025](#)) – \$428,000 for this cycle. This cycle request amount is under review. There is funding available for all projects under consideration for this cycle. The Lincoln Cares Project funded in a past cycle did not get submitted. The \$15,000 from this cancelled project will be returned to the fund. The CWCB deadline is December 1st.

2. Application period was closed on Friday, September 5th

- i. [Dust-on-Snow Data Collection & Cosmic Ray Evaluation](#), Center for Snow and Avalanche Studies, Ella Brup

The group is requesting funding for a two-phase project. A presentation was provided. Part of the funding would go to support data sharing. Project sites are high elevation, and the data gathered is looking for regional effects of topography. The project focuses primarily on the west slope where much of the dust originates. Funding would also go toward a feasibility assessment of a Cosmic Ray Neutron Rover as an emerging snow monitoring technology for improved water management. This is a 4-year project. The project proponents are approaching all RTs (except for the North Platte). The request from each RT is \$30,000, which in total will cover the full 4-years.

MRT approved the advancement of the Dust-on-Snow Data Collection and Cosmic Ray Evaluation project.

- ii. [Confluence of River Action](#) (CNS), Confluence Colorado, Shane Wright

The project proponent was not present. Sam Calkins will reach out to the applicant.

- iii. [Phased Water Resource Development for Farm Incubator Program – 35 Acres, Bennett, Colorado](#), Ag & Food Lab, Eileen O'Rourke

The project focuses on water-smart agriculture for small farms. A presentation was provided. This is a 501(c)3 nonprofit farm “incubator” laboratory. The Lab practices regenerative agriculture and would like to expand the acreage and improve water delivery and access to the lands available. This would amount to 6-7 acres to be watered with drip irrigation using a three-phased approach. A well is already there with water rights, but they are not able to pull water to the watering sites. Phase I is assessment and design. Phase II is well development. Phase III is installation of irrigation and storage. It was suggested that the timeline should be reconsidered to build in time for contracting. It was strongly suggested to have the budget largely developed prior to submission.

MRT approved the advancement of the Phased Water Resource Development for Farm Incubator Program project.

iv. Automated Headgate for the Ag Ditch & Reservoir Company, Anthony Cline

A presentation was provided. The Company manages 23 miles of delivery ditch running from Clear Creek to Lakewood. A shift in clients from Ag to Municipal has equated to shifts in priorities. The Company is reviewing the system to make upgrades. A larger goal is developing a long-term/20-year plan for a multi-purpose water supply, water efficiency, also considering environment and recreation. The project’s full cost is \$100,000. The Ag Ditch cost share would be \$50,000. This would be a replacement and upgrade of an automated headgate.

MRT approved the advancement of the Automated Headgate for the Ag Ditch Company project.

v. South Metro Children’s Water Festival, Angie Grunder.

The South Metro Water Supply Authority is working to make this an annual event with a sustainable funding source. A presentation was provided. The event is geared toward families and children. There are crafts, games, and hands-on activities. They have a tentative date for the next festival of June 17th, 2026, to be hosted at Highlands Ranch. The event would be funded by hosts to allow for no charge to community members, consultants, organizations, and Districts. The request is \$60,000 with a \$15,000 match for 3-years of festivals. This equates to \$20,000 per year with a \$5,000 match per year. It was suggested to quantify outcomes with measurables for funder consideration.

MRT approved the advancement of the South Metro Children’s Water Festival project.

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

1. Next meeting - [C9 Summit](#) (October 28th & 29th, 2025) – One of the highlights of the Summit will be discussing how to advance the IBCC initiatives in discussion with RTs. The Summit will be held in Lakewood. Registration is open.

7. CWCB Update (10 min.)

1. Jeff Rodriguez - 5 min.
CWCB: 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/c9-summit>

There is a draft agenda online.

Day 1 – Public Summit (October 28): A full day of panels, presentations, and interactive programming designed for broad participation, followed by an evening reception. This day will provide the most opportunities for dialogue and engagement with the broader audience.

Day 2 – Stakeholder Workshops (October 29): A half-day of focused workshops for PEPO and IBCC members, with targeted discussions designed for specific water stakeholders. These sessions are also open to the public and provide additional opportunities for engagement and input.

DWR Ag Protection Water Rights Meetings:

The last meeting is December 23rd at 1:00 pm. This will be virtual.

<https://dnrweblink.state.co.us/dwr/ElectronicFile.aspx?docid=4462805&dbid=0>

Wildfire & Flood Emergency Loans: Questions? Contact Matt Stearns

(matthew.stearns@state.co.us).

Colorado River: <https://coloradoriver.com/>

The Colorado Water Plan grant deadline is December 1st. They are anticipating another competitive round. Technical assistance for federal cost share is open now. Reach out to Michael Regan, CWCB staff.

SEPTEMBER CWCB UPDATES

Water Supply Update

- No longer D4
- 5% decrease in drought designations
- Precip 84% of Median
- Reservoir storage 78% of Median

Emergency Wildfire & Flood Impacts

- \$10M Available for Loans
- Emergency Declaration needed
- Rolling applications accepted

C9 Summit

- Register Now
- 10/28 & 10/29
- Sheraton Denver West
- Reimbursement Available for BRTs
- Free to Attend
 - RSVP Required



Reminders

- **Funding**
 - WSRF Deadline 10/1
 - WPG Deadline 12/1
 - \$12M Available
 - \$25M On Sept. Agenda
 - TAFC Open - Rolling
- **Upcoming Events**
 - Final Fluvial Futures - 10/14
 - Final AG PWR - 9/23
 - WCMC 9/23
 - CWCB Board Meeting 9/16-18
 - IBCC Meeting 10/29

2. Greg Johnson - 5 min.

The CWCB Board meeting is next week. There is a great deal of discussion taking place regarding the Shoshone Water Rights. The up-coming agenda was discussed. The meeting will be in Durango. You can find more information at the Shoshone Webpage:

<https://cwcb.colorado.gov/2025-shoshone-isf-acquisition>

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 (Jarod Roberts) (5 min.) ([PEPO August 2025 Report](#))

1. [What is a Roundtable-08.12.2025-DRAFT](#)

The “What is a Roundtable” fact sheet is being reviewed to determine if CWCB would be amenable to creating infographics for RT recruitment. The SPBRT provided good input on Tuesday. The Upper South Platte field trip to the London Mine and Montgomery Reservoir took place. There was very good participation. A thank you was extended to Lynda James who managed the logistics.

2. Environmental/Recreation Committee (*D. Nickum*) (5 min.) (E, R, & W [August 2025 Report](#))
3. M&I Committee (*A. Cole*) (5 min.) ([M&I August 2025 Report](#)) They have been working to develop a list of questions to facilitate discussion with CWCB Executive Leadership on September 26th from 9:30 – 11:30 am. The questions have been distributed. The meeting has been posted on the website.

Action: Post the questions on the website on the M&I event page.

([M+and+I+Committee+Questions+for+CWCB+Leadership.pdf](#))

9. Round Table Member Comments (5 min.)

- October meeting and C-9 Summit – The October MRT Meeting was canceled to allow full participation at the C-9 Summit.
- For those who were unable to join, **Adams County is seeking public feedback on the draft [Water Master Plan](#)**, which outlines key findings on water supply, demand and availability, as well as strategies the County plans to take to increase sustainable water management. As Adams County continues to grow, understanding how growth impacts water resources is critical to shaping a resilient future.

We will be gathering comments on the plan via this [form](#). The form **will be open from September 3 to September 17, 2025.** A copy of the plan, as well as the form can be found here:

<https://engageadams.adcogov.org/d0546#:~:text=The%20Adams%20County%20Water%20Master,NEED%20A%20WATER%20MASTER%20PLAN%3F>.

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