

Metro Roundtable Meeting Summary

Thursday, April 8, 2021

Time: 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Zoom Meeting

Members in Attendance:

Alex Davis, Anita Seitz, Anne Beierle, Barbara Biggs, Blair Corning, Bob Peters, Casey Davenhill, Chris Douglas, Darren Beck, Dave Nickum, David Rausch, Dawn Jewell, Devon Buckels, Emily Hunt, Jessica Brody, Jim Hall, Kim Gortz, Lauren Pulver, Lesley Sebol, Lorretta Daniel, Patricia Wells, Rick Marsicek, Rob Sakata, Sarah Borgers, Shaden Musleh, Susan Nedell

Guests:

Andy Nye, Eric Jorgensen, David Bennett, Kayla Ranney, Matt Cook, Melissa Mosier, Elena Smith, Jason Fineout, Chip Paulson, Scott Mater, Sarah Dominick, Christina Burri

CWCB:

Ed Millard (IBCC), Sam Stein, Russ Sand, Katherine Weismiller, Alex Funk, Diane Kiely

Metro Roundtable Business Meeting

1. Welcome/Introductions

2. Approval of March 11, 2021 MRT Meeting Summary

It was moved and seconded to approve the March 11, 2021 meeting summary; motion carried unanimously.

3. Agenda: additions or changes

4. Public Comment

5. Action to Adopt CWCB Code of Conduct (4 min.)

Motion made by David Nickum and second by Alex Davis to adopt the CWCB Code of Conduct, motion carried unanimously.

6. WSRF (Hunt) (5 min.)

1. 2021 Grant Cycle 1 Submissions Update (5 min.) There may be additional money being added to the accounts in the WSRF fund. The initial 1-page form review is overall positive. The information that came in was helpful for discussions. Received feedback from an applicant asking for the ability to review prior to submitting. We will offer a review template in the future.
 - i. Deadlines
 - May 13** – Applications considered at MRT meeting
 - June 1** – Final applications due to CWCB and MRT
 - September** – CWCB approval
2. Funds Status Per Category Update (5 min.)
 - i. Presented WSRF Balance Summary

7. Water Shortage Preparedness and Coordination (Jason Finehout, Denver Water) (15 min.)

Reviewed snowpack graphs in watersheds and discussed reservoir storage. Compared 2003 vs 2021 snowstorms. 2021 eased drought for plains, not as much for the front range. There is still a drought in many parts of the state. This is being communicated along with measures that can be implemented for drought preparedness using Denver Water Shortage Response Implementation Plan to message around the state. Reviewed water shortage restriction history. Presentation available by request.

8. Watershed Health and Fire Response / Post-Fire Recovery Playbook (Christina Burri, Denver Water) (30 min.)

Denver Water's (DW) three watershed values are drinking water treatability, infrastructure protection, and community and environmental stewardship. Presented south collection system priorities. Wildfire risk reduction is a key priority. Several fires started in the south collection system in 2020. There has been success with suppression efforts in treated areas. Forest to Faucets partnership between DW and USFS is key in being proactive in forest treatments. Post-fire playbook has been put together as guidance to be used around the state and provides information on what to do if fire occurs. DW is using the playbook to refine the guidance specific to DW needs. Presentation available by request.

<https://www.denverwater.org/tap/big-tree-cutting-machine-put-to-the-test-on-steep-slopes-around-breckenridge>

<https://cfri.colostate.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/22/2021/02/Jones-et-al-F2F-ROI-Final.pdf>

9. BIP Update (Matt Cook) (30 min.)

Covered measurable outcomes, goals, strategies, challenges overall, and subcommittee updates. Presentation available by request.

10. CWCB Update (Sam Stein) (20 min.)

You can find full list of workshops at engageCWCB website. A draft of the Demand Management program has been released for feedback. CWCB is convening an all-chairs call.

1. ATMs & Urban Ag (Alex Funk) (15 min.) – Reviewed significance of irrigated agriculture in Colorado. There has been a decline in irrigated ag land in Colorado showing decline from 1997 – 2017. Spoke to trends in key water-related drivers, the largest being groundwater sustainability. Discussed developing more flexibility in water resource transactions and highlighted administrative tools for ATMs in Colorado. Provided an urban ag update. Presentation available by request.

11. IBCC Update (Lisa Darling) (5 min.)

No IBCC update. The next meeting will be in June.

12. Committee Updates (0 min.)

1. PEPO Committee (C. Davenhill) (*Attachment 3*)
2. Environmental/Recreation Committee (D. Nickum) (*None*)
3. M&I Committee (B. Peters) (*Attachment 4*)

13. Round Table Member Comments (5 min)

The May meeting will be the MRT Annual Meeting with elections. MRT will also be receiving presentations from WSRF 1st round applicants.

14. Meeting Schedule

1. [CWCB Env. & Rec. Workshop](#) - Wednesday, April 7th from 8:00 am - 12:30 pm
2. [Metro Roundtable Meeting](#) – Thursday, April 8th, 2021, 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm, **Virtual**
3. [South Platte Basin Roundtable Meeting](#) – Tuesday, April 13th, 2021, 4:00 pm, **Virtual**
4. [Colorado Water Plan Education Workshop](#) – Thursday, May 6, 2021, 9:00 am – 11:00 am, **Virtual**
5. [South Platte Basin Roundtable Meeting](#) – Tuesday, May 11th, 2021, 4:00 pm, **Virtual**
6. [Metro Roundtable Meeting](#) – Thursday, May 13th, 2021, 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm, **Virtual**

MRT 2021 Presentation Topics

Demand Management Economic Study (Doug Jeavons)
Climate Change (Laurna Katz)
Front Range Roundtable and Forest Health
Salinity Study Update (Summer)
Env & Rec CPW Initiative (Nickum)