

# Metro Roundtable Meeting Summary

## ANNUAL MEETING

Thursday, May 13, 2021

Time: 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm

### Members in Attendance:

Alex Davis, Anne Beierle, Barbara Biggs, Bob Peters, Chris Douglas, Courtney Brand, Darren Beck, Dave Nickum, Dave Wissel, David Rausch, Dawn Jewell, Devon Buckels, Emily Hunt, Ken Lykens, Jim Hall, Lauren Pulver, Lesley Sebol, Lisa Darling, Lorretta Daniel, Morgan Lynch, Rick Marsicek, Rick McLoud, Rob Sakata, Sarah Borgers, Shaden Musleh, Susan Nedell, Thomas Arnold

### Guests:

Andy Nye, Scot Mefford, Royal Koepsel, Phyllis Thomas, Emily Zmak, Ken Lykens, Maya MacHammer, Jessica Brody, Mary Presecan, Jayla Poppleton, Ray Heald, Sarah Tamura, Neil Deeds, Courtney Black, Matt Cook, Jim Hall, Amy Ostdiek, Scot Lorenz, Eric Jorgensen, Melissa Mosier, Chip Paulson

### CWCB:

Sam Stein, Katherine Weismiller, Diane Kielty

## Metro Roundtable Business Meeting

### 1. Welcome / Introductions

### 2. Approval of April 8, 2021 MRT Meeting Summary

It was moved and seconded to approve the April 8, 2021 meeting summary; motion carried unanimously.

### 3. Agenda: additions or changes

Under item number six, switch items one and two.

### 4. Public Comment

None

### 5. Election of Chair/Vice-Chair (10 min.)

#### 2. Review of Committee Chairs / Membership

#### 3. Membership

##### i. Attendance Review

We have contacted those who have had difficulty attending meetings this past year. We thanked Janet Bell for her service. There is one seat open.

##### ii. New Member Introduction

1. Dave Wissel, Upper South Platte Water Conservancy District. Dave was introduced and provided his background.

##### iii. Representative Recommendations

1. Andy Nye, Ikigai Farm District. Andy Nye is involved in urban ag and would provide a new perspective to our membership.

It was moved by Ken Lykens to nominate Barb Biggs to continue as MRT Chair and Lisa Darling to continue as MRT Vice-Chair and was seconded by Tom Arnold; motion carried unanimously.

Only statutory seats can vote on the new member recommendation of Andy Nye.

It was moved by Emily Hunt and seconded by Sarah Borgers to approve Andy Nye as an MRT At-large member, motion by statutory seat members carried unanimously.

### 6. WSRF (Borgers) (30 min.)

#### 4. Funds Status Per Category Update (5 min.)

- i. WSRF Balance Summary
5. 2021 Grant Cycle 1st Submission Presentations (5 min. each)  
Sarah Borgers provided an overview of the WSRF grant process and the status on the five sub-account fund. All applicants that are approved are asked to send a draft letter of support to Barb Biggs for review, signature, and submission to CWCB.

All of these projects have been recommended by the WSRF needs committee for approval.

- i. [East Cherry Creek Valley WSD - Aquifer Storage Recovery Modeling Assessment](#) (Chris Douglass / ECCV, Scott Mefford/Hydrokinetics / Neil Deeds/Intera) They would like to implement ASR for multi-year storage and hope to store junior water in sufficient quantities over a 7-year injection period to meet demands currently served by non-tributary wells. This could help with the M&I gap and decrease the amount of storage the basin would need.

It was moved by Lisa Darling and seconded by Emily Hunt to approve the East Cherry Creek Valley WSD project; motion carried unanimously.

- ii. [James Peak Wilderness Water Quality Monitoring](#) (Maya MacHamer, Boulder Watershed Collective) Collect baseline data to inform management decisions and better understand recreational use impacts to headwaters. Covid has increased the use patterns. A request was made to coordinate their sampling with CDPHE. They do participate in the data calls. This project is outside the MRT physical boundaries, but a great many of those within our boundaries recreate in this area. James Peak is a headwater for Denver area drinking water and they would coordinate efforts with Denver Water.

It was moved by Darren Beck and seconded by David Nickum to approve the James Peak Wilderness WQ Monitoring project; motion carried unanimously.

- iii. [Pikes Peak Regional Reuse](#) (Scott Lorenz, CO Springs Utilities) Determine feasibility of a regional reuse program and maximize efficient recapture and storage in the Colorado Springs area. South of Colorado Springs would be the area of study for storage. MRT boundaries include north El Paso County. This would support the entire basin. This would be a storage vessel where they could have a treatment plant and put it back in the pipeline to the entity it came from.

It was moved by Bob Peters and seconded by Shaden Musleh to approve the Pikes Peak Regional Reuse project; motion carried unanimously.

- iv. [WEco Water 2022](#) (Jayla Poppleton, Water Education Colorado) Modeling campaign from Water 2012 initiative. This would be a coordinated statewide effort to raise public awareness. It will showcase exemplary models of cooperation and collaboration. WEco will work to grow citizen understanding of water use and needs and make progress on the Statewide Water Education Action Plan.

It was moved by Emily Hunt and seconded by Devon Buckels to approve the WEco Water 2022 project; motion carried unanimously.

## **7. BIP Update (Matt Cook) (45 min.)**

Measurable outcomes were requested from subcommittees for final input by May 7<sup>th</sup>. They are continuing to develop a draft based on subcommittee input. The gap analysis has been the recent focus. The SP BIP Volume 2 is continuing. They are working toward a 90% working draft review in June.

## **8. CWCB Update (Sam Stein) (20 min.)**

The Water Equity Task Force meeting will be May 18<sup>th</sup>. Board meeting May 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>. July 1<sup>st</sup> is the deadline for Water Plan Grants for 2022. MRT needs a month before deadline to receive a draft Letter of Support from those who plan to apply. Along with the draft letter, MRT would like to receive a 1-page overview of the project being submitted.

1. Demand Management Framework (Amy Ost diek, CWCB Demand Management and Emily Zmac, CDR Associates) CWCB Demand Management feasibility framework to inform RTs on

the process to inform the CWCB Board decision-making process. Coming out of a study on threshold issues involving Demand Management, they took the inputs to create a framework that shows a wide range of options and elements of feasibility. This approach is intended to help manage the complexity of the issue. The first draft is available on the CWCB website at, [https://dnrweblink.state.co.us/CWCB/0/edoc/214331/Demand\\_Management\\_Framework.pdf](https://dnrweblink.state.co.us/CWCB/0/edoc/214331/Demand_Management_Framework.pdf). There are ongoing engagement opportunities. The first is a survey currently on the website at, [www.engagecwcb.org/dm](http://www.engagecwcb.org/dm). There will be two workshops, one on June 1<sup>st</sup> and the second on June 14<sup>th</sup>. There will be a listening session on June 29<sup>th</sup>.

**9. IBCC Update (Lisa Darling) (5 min.)**

IBCC meets June 23<sup>rd</sup>. They will keep us posted. The agenda items are not yet available.

**10. Committee Updates (0 min.)**

1. PEPO Committee (C. Davenhill)

South Platte Basin and Metro Roundtable CWA Promotion Plan Update

In an effort to encourage more community members and stakeholders to attend the South Platte Basin and Metro Roundtable monthly meetings The Colorado Watershed Assembly initiated an outreach campaign to all the counties involved in both roundtables. CWA inquired about posting public meeting notices on county websites, including virtual meeting information and agendas.

The Metro Roundtable entities contacted were Arapahoe County, Denver City and County, Broomfield City and County, Douglas County, Jefferson County, Adams County, El Paso County, Elbert County and Teller County. The South Platte Basin Roundtable entities contacted were Boulder County, Cheyenne County, Clear Creek County, El Paso County, Elbert County, Jefferson County, Larimer County, Logan County, Morgan County, Sedgwick County, Teller County, Yuma County, Adams County, Arapahoe County, Broomfield City and County, Gilpin County, Park County, Weld County, Kit Carson County, Lincoln County, Phillips County and Washington County.

A majority of the counties replied and were willing to post the public meeting notices on their website. All of those who replied were given the virtual meeting information. Two counties, Douglas County and Weld County are unable to post the public meeting notices.

2. Environmental/Recreation Committee (D. Nickum)

They will be revisiting the focus areas for Env / Rec values. Please go to the below link for an update and contact David if you have input.

<https://cwcb.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=880753ceb13d43e3bc89e2259247aafa>

3. M&I Committee (B. Peters)

They have been developing content for the BIP effort on the goals and strategies of measurable outcomes and will be looking at the land use / water use nexus at the next committee meeting.

**11. Round Table Member Comments (5 min)**

Reviewed recommended presentation topics to select for upcoming meetings. MRT is interested in a climate change presentation from Laurna Katz.

There was a request to get a RT Members Manual update. This is in progress.

**12. Meeting Schedule**

1. South Platte Basin Roundtable Meeting – Tuesday, May 11th, 2021, 4:00 pm, **Virtual**
2. Metro Roundtable Meeting – Thursday, May 13th, 2021, 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm, **Virtual**
3. South Platte Basin Roundtable Meeting – Tuesday, June 8th, 2021, 4:00 pm, **Virtual**
4. Metro Roundtable Meeting – Thursday, June 10th, 2021, 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm, **Virtual**

<b>MRT 2021 Presentation Topics</b>
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)