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Colorado Land and Water Planning Alliance
Wednesday, June 27, 2018 10:00 AM-12:00 PM
DRCOG - 1001 17th St., Aspen Room

Meeting Summary

Attendees (in person) – Anne Miller (DOLA), Kevin Reidy (CWCB), Anne Castle (CU), Andre Dozier (CSU), Drew Beckwith and Amelia Nuding (WRA), Susan Wood (APA), Faith Sternlieb (Babbitt Center), Flo Raitano (DRCOG)

(call-in) – Jim Holway and Erin Rugland (Babbitt Center), John Duggin (CDPHE), Torie Jarvis (NWCCOG), Karen Hancock (Aurora), John Barnett (Greeley), Greg Fisher (Denver Water), Russ Sands (CWCB), Jeremy Stapleton (Sonoran Institute)

10:00 am Welcome

- Introductions were made
- Welcome to Faith Sternlieb the newest Babbitt Center staff
- Congratulations to Andre Dozier and Drew Beckwith and good luck as you both transition to new jobs
- Anne provided a recap from the last meeting in March and an overview of the agenda

10:10 am March Meeting Summary & Subgroup Updates

- Tools & Resources Working Group – Anne Miller
Goal: Compile the resources that are available and identify resources that need to be developed.

The working group met April 19th and did a quick assessment of existing resources; Anne did an initial review of water components of LEED and STAR rating systems. Next step: summary sheet of resources.

- Data & Modeling Working Group – Andre Dozier
Goal: Further develop decision support tool(s) that allow local governments to better understand the tradeoffs of growth and development and water use.

The working group met on April 9. Water utilities are interested in assessing their own water use, water use based on land type/impact of new development. The group is looking into model water budgets and rating systems. Water

Efficiency Rating System (WERS) is focused on the household level but could be adapted.

Next steps: further discussion of rating systems and performance indicators needed

10:35 am Alliance Member Updates (2-3 min. updates with focus on support/input needed from Alliance)

Training/Workshops

- WRA & CML Workshop – Drew Beckwith & Amelia Nuding
Aug. 23 [Incorporating Water-Saving Actions into Land Use Planning: What Elected Officials Need to Know](#); Also Amelia announced an Aug. 14 [Tap Fee Trends and Techniques workshop](#) which will include a companion manual; (Drew announced that he will be starting a new job with the City of Westminster later in July)
- Babbitt Center – Jim Holway
Provided updates on APA Water and Planning Connect Conference, Sept. 11-12 in Kansas City, announced a pilot project with DRCOG and a research project with Austin Troy at UCD on landscapes and water demand; they will be convening journalists at the end of March 2019 and asked for input on who to include
- Growing Water Smart Workshop – Jeremy Stapleton
5 teams (JeffCo, Elbert County, Littleton, Brighton, and Wellington) were selected for the Sept. 26-28 workshop; there will be additional workshops in the spring and fall 2019 and spring 2020; they are also doing outreach to developers and professional associations like APA and ASLA
- APA CO Conference Workshop – Anne Miller
Integrating water and land use planning workshop is scheduled for Oct. 4 from 1:45-5 pm, more details to come

Guidance Materials

- NWCCOG [Model Water Quality Protection Standards](#) – Torie Jarvis
This model standards document was tailored to headwaters communities; they are also working on assessing land use codes for water conservation and quality and developing model water saving measures
- Water Efficiency Plans – Anne Castle
They are working on a guidance document for integrating land use planning into Water Efficiency Plans and including a checklist with options
- Water and Growth Dialogue
A final meeting to review reports and the demand tool is scheduled for July 24 at REI, Denver (for more information see Matt Mulica from the Keystone Policy Center)
- Integrating Water into Comprehensive Plans – Erin Rugland

Community outreach on the draft report is underway in order to finalize the report later this summer/fall; please send comments to Erin by the end of July

Other – Kevin Reidy gave an update on 2015 senate bill, rainwater harvesting pilot program with the Sterling Ranch development; they are looking at developing a statewide simplified methodology to encourage large scale rainwater harvesting in large developments

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Charter Discussion

- The draft Alliance charter was discussed and the need to have some structure, but to not have too much formality. There was also discussion of the role of consultants and bringing in subject matter experts when needed. Comments are due back to Kevin and Anne by the end of July. (The draft charter is attached to the meeting summary and was attached to the meeting invitation.)

11:40 am

Announcements

- Flo Raitano announced that the [101010](#) organization is planning another event on the topic of water
- Anne Miller mentioned that MSU has a new Water Studies online certificate program (includes water law, US water concerns, CO Water and American West, and a capstone project)

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Wrap-up and Next Steps

- Next steps – help promote upcoming events (see Alliance member updates section above); provide input on draft charter to Anne and Kevin by the end of July; provide input to Erin on the comp plan guidance document by the end of July; fill out the doodle poll for the next meeting
- Next Meeting
Discussion items for the next meeting include performance metrics and refinement of the charter; A doodle poll will be sent out to determine the best time for the next meeting (including before the APA Colorado conference, Oct. 2 or 3 in the morning)