

Roundtable

Education Coordinator Position

Background on the South Platte and Metro Basin Roundtables

In 2005 nine Basin Roundtables were established to facilitate discussions on water issues and encourage locally driven collaborative solutions. The nine basin roundtables represent the eight major river basins of Colorado with one exception: the South Platte Basin, which includes two roundtables, the Metro Roundtable (Front Range communities) and the South Platte Basin Roundtable. Given the integrated water needs of the two designated “basins,” however, the South Platte Roundtable and Metro Roundtable decided to develop a single Basin Implementation Plan for the South Platte River Basin.

The South Platte Basin’s urban areas collectively account for over half of the state’s economic activity, it’s home to seven of the top ten food producing counties in the state, and contains the state’s most-visited state parks where water is the main attraction. To successfully meet the growing municipal water needs of Colorado’s Front Range while maintaining a vibrant agricultural economy and protecting and enhancing environmental and recreational water uses, coordination and cooperation among a diverse group of water users and decision-makers will be needed.

The **Colorado Watershed Assembly (CWA)** is working with the South Platte Basin and Metro Roundtables to engage and support an individual to serve as Education Coordinator to oversee internal roundtable and external stakeholder educational activities as the Roundtables proceed to implement their Education Action Plan (EAP), South Platte Basin Implementation Plan (BIP) and Colorado’s Water Plan (CWP) using the Roundtables Strategic Communication Plan (SCP). CWA has an immediate need for a qualified, independent contractor to serve as the **Education Coordinator**.

For more information on the Roundtables, visit the website at: <http://www.southplattebasin.com>.

For more information on CWA, visit the website at: <http://www.coloradowater.org/>.

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The position will work with the Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB) public engagement specialist to carry out the responsibilities of the Public Education Participation and Outreach (PEPO) workgroup. This position is funded by a Water Supply Reserve Fund (WSRF) grant provided by the Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB) and administered through the Colorado Watershed Assembly (CWA). Work will start immediately and continue through December, 2018.

The **Education Coordinator** will provide leadership and facilitation for internal and external education that directly supports the overall objectives described in the EAP, BIP and CWP. With guidance from the SCP the Education Coordinator will communicate projects and information about the South Platte Watershed, CWP, and BIP to key stakeholders using the appropriate communication tools (social, one-on-one, press, southplattebasin.com, email) for each target audience. This is a 1099 contract position, and pays a minimum fixed amount of \$44,000. The contractor’s time commitment for this position varies. The contractor is expected to manage their time in order to fulfill the job requirements as outlined in the position announcement. In addition, the contractor is expected to provide a computer, phone, transportation and other equipment and resources as necessary.

This position is primarily focused on community education, outreach and stakeholder participation. Objectives include:

- provide professional, informative educational activities in the region;
- promote increased understanding of South Platte Basin Implementation Plan;
- provide information on regional water projects, studies and related issues;
- engage with community members and regional stakeholders;
- encourage community participation in solution based discussions of issues and recommendations.

The ideal candidate will:

- have strong communication skills and a commitment to effective communication;
- show relationship management experience creating connections across ideological boundaries;
- demonstrate a history of planning and organizational abilities;
- be able and willing to travel within the South Platte Watershed;
- be action-oriented, self-directed, adaptable and bring passion, creativity and commitment to achieving the Roundtables' mission;
- have experience creating an effective system to evaluate program components to measure success;
- build and maintain collaborative partnerships at community, regional, and national levels with groups including; committees, coalitions, businesses, clubs, non-profits, government agencies, schools, boards, with a background in South Platte River water issues;
- have knowledge of Squarespace, some social media platforms, and email marketing software, along with Word, PowerPoint, Publisher and Excel;
- have exceptional interpersonal and multidisciplinary project skills, with the ability to communicate with broad audiences;
- be willing to make an investment in their own growth and show a commitment to public service.

Contract is negotiable based on qualifications and is reviewed annually

Application Deadline: August 25, 2017

Information about the Organization:

Founded in 2001, The Colorado Watershed Assembly (CWA) is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit educational corporation. The Colorado Watershed Assembly's mission is to provide support for collaborative efforts among diverse stakeholders to protect and improve the conservation values of land, water, and other natural resources of Colorado's watersheds.

Funding for the position:

Water Supply Reserve Fund grant for the benefit of the South Platte Basin and Metro Basin Roundtables to promote the South Platte Basin Implementation Plan. Annual grant could be renewed and increased.

Send resume and cover letter to: info@coloradowater.org