

SPBRT Roundtable Meeting Summary

Tuesday, January 10, 2023

Time: 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm

HYBRID: LIVE & VIRTUAL

Roundtable Voting Members in Attendance: Brent Nation, Byron Fanning, Donnie Dustin, Garrett Varra, Gene Manuello, Hally Strevey, Jim Yahn, Jim Hall, Jim Paul, John Kolanz, Ken Huson, Kent Swedlud, Kevin Ross, Kirk Vincent, Lisa Leben, Lorretta Daniel, Lynda James, Matt Jones, Patrick Wells, Scott Griebing, Sean Chambers

Roundtable Non-voting Members in Attendance: Sean Cronin, Don Baggus, Casey Davenhill

Guests: Meryl Corbin, Eric Jorgensen, Mitzi, Steele E, David Rausch, Jack Sheehan, Phyllis Thomas, Matt Lindburg, Jenny McCarty

CWCB: Robert Sakata, Jeff Rodriguez, Sam Stein, Jackie Daoust, Cory DeAngelis, Diane Kielty

1. Welcome/Introductions (Sean Chambers - 5 min.)

A quorum was established at 4:05 pm.

2. Approval of Agenda: (Sean Chambers - 5 min.)

It was moved by Kirk Vincent to approve the agenda and seconded by Jim Yahn. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Approval of [SPBRT Meeting Summary November 8 2022 v1](#) (Sean Chambers - 2 min.)

It was moved by John Kolanz to approve the November 8, 2022, SPBRT Meeting Summary and seconded by Kirk Vincent. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Introduction to Regional Water Plan Grant Manager (Jackie Daoust – 5 min.) Jackie Daoust introduced herself and provided background. Jackie can be contacted at (303) 846-3441, jacqueline.daoust@state.co.us.

5. Public Comment (3 min.) – Scott Griebing provided a project update on the CASM project. Colorado Water Congress activities are of interest to the members. Members who plan to attend will bring this information to the next SPBRT meeting.

6. WSRF (Garrett Varra - 10 min.)

1. WSRF Update and Funds Status (10 min.) – An update and background on the SPBRT WSRF process was provided for the new Regional Water Plan Grant Manager.

7. Colorado Water Plan Letters of Support for Ratification (Garrett Varra - 5 min.)

1. [Flow Monitoring at Gold Lake letter of support 20221202112237](#)
 - a. [Flow Monitoring and Engagement at Gold Lake and Left Hand Park](#)
2. [Native Grass Manual Website project letter of support 20221202115257](#)
 - a. [Native Grass Manual Project Overview](#)
3. [Childrens water festival letter of support 20221202110637](#)
 - a. [Lower South Platte Children's Water Festival](#)
4. [SPROWG letter of support](#)
 - a. [SPROWG Water Plan Grant - Statement of Work](#)

Letters of Support were approved by the committee and sent.

A motion was made to ratify all letters of support by Scott Griebing and was seconded by Garrett Varra. Motion carried unanimously.

8. **CWCB/SPBRT Policies on Funding Aging Infrastructure Projects (Sean Chambers & Jeff Rodriguez – 30 min.)** Background was provided on funding of aging infrastructure and accessing that funding. There has been a lack of clarity around the guidelines. With other funding available, SPBRT may want to consider revising the SPBRT WSRF guidelines. The Statewide account now specifically addresses aging infrastructure. This allows the SPBRT to pursue the Statewide Fund. The Statewide Fund may be an option as the RT’s develop RT advanced projects. Members were asked to review the SPBRT WSRF guidance and provide feedback on recommended revisions. RT may want to consider increasing the \$50,000 limit. A background document from CWCB was requested. WSRF aging infrastructure and matching criteria is coming soon from CWCB. Statewide Grants require a minimum of 25% match. The WSRF guidelines document can be found at this link, [WSRF GrantsGuidelines Sept2022.pdf \(state.co.us\)](#). The goal is to get the RT on the same page with CWCB criteria.

Action: The WSRF Committee has been asked to take a deeper look at the guidelines and bring this topic back to the SPBRT in February.



9. **Committee Updates (15 min.) [Roundtable Meeting Records – The South Platte Basin](#)**
[Link to Announce a Meeting Form - Add a meeting – The South Platte Basin](#)

1. PEPO Committee (Casey Davenport - 5 min.) A PPT presentation was provided and is available on request. Discussion on PEPO mission and goals. A link to the SPBRT Basin Implementation Plan was provided. PEPO asked for SPBRT member engagement and RT participation in the PEPO process. PEPO is working in SPBRT committees to assist them in achieving BIP goals and leveraging the existing outreach network to promote WSRF funding. An overview of the PEPO communication and outreach tools was provided.
2. Environmental/Recreation Committee (Larry Rogstad – 5 min.) ([11.30.22 Joint Subcommittee Meeting Summary](#)) The committee report was shared on the virtual platform.
3. M&I Committee (Jim Hall – 5 min.) Subcommittees have been meeting to evaluate RT initiated projects. The Sustainable Landscapes project is morphing. Urban Landscapes are looking at surveying actual community members. These two projects may be combined into one. The Region Water Use sufficiency analysis is reaching out to CWCB to determine how best to monitor progress. This Thursday there is a general M&I committee meeting.

10. **IBCC Update (Jim Yahn & Sean Cronin - 10 Min.)** ([Link to IBCC Webpage](#)) February 15th is the next IBCC meeting to be held in Denver.

11. **CWCB Update (Jeff Rodriguez - 5 min.)**

JANUARY CWCB UPDATES

<p>Water Plan Celebration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• January 24, 2023• Downtown Denver• 4:30-9:00 pm <p>Reminders</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Regional WPG Managers• Governor’s Budget Proposal• HB22-1379 Accepting Applications	<p>Basin Hero Awards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• VOTE NOW• Recognized at the Water Plan Celebration <div style="text-align: center;"></div>	<p>Funding Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• WSRF Statewide Grants• Basin Requirement ≥ 10% Project Cost• FAQ and Other Tools Coming• Other Funding Resources• Wildfire Ready Watersheds <div style="text-align: center;"></div>
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There have been a lot of questions about the 10% match from basins for Statewide funds. The 10% can be used as part of the applicants 25% match. CWCB is working on clarifying this criterion. DOLA has a local community funding guide that is a great resource ([Local Community Funding Guide | Department of Local Affairs \(colorado.gov\)](#)). The Wildfire Ready Watersheds program applications go live on January 11th. Template scopes of work are available. HB22-1379 - [HB 22-1379 - Colorado House \(2022A\) - Open States](#). NRCS PL566 Colorado - [Joint Chief's Landscape Restoration Projects](#) enables the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and the Forest Service to leverage technical and financial assistance collaboratively alongside agricultural producers and forest landowners in Colorado to help reduce wildfire threats, protect water quality and supply, and improve wildlife habitat for at-risk species. [Watershed Surveys and Planning \(WSP\)](#) authorizes NRCS to cooperate with Federal, State, and local agencies and Tribal governments to protect watersheds from damage caused by erosion, floodwater, and sediment and to conserve and develop water and land resources.

Water Plan Celebration: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/colorado-water-plan-launch-celebration-tickets-464087557377>

Wildfire Ready Watersheds: <https://www.wildfirereadywatersheds.com/>

DOLA- Local Community Funding Guide: <https://cdola.colorado.gov/funding-technical-assistance/local-community-funding-guide>

Water Funding Navigator: https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/e/2PACX-1vQVmVJW2huhKOOzvPbFT9IK5_5f5Tj7N7fFJux-6aFwjEnH5B4_52H_AvzGQm-CKZ7xKvpovsNeSVTI/pubhtml

Robert Sakata CWCB Report - [Sakata+CWCB+Report+to+SPBRT+1-10-2023.pdf \(squarespace.com\)](#)

12. Round Table Member Comments (5 min)

Patrick Wells, El Paso County SPBRT representative is stepping down. He enjoyed his time with us. He will be working in another basin.

Scott Griebing provided an update on snowpack flights. Anyone is welcome to join the flight coordination calls.

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

Colorado Water Conservation Board Basin Roundtable Meetings

[Metro roundtable - 1/12/2023](#)

[Arkansas basin roundtable - TBD](#)

[Colorado basin roundtable - 1/30/2023](#)

[North Platte basin roundtable - 12/20/22](#)

[Southwest basin roundtable - 1/19/2023](#)

[Rio Grande basin roundtable - 1/10/2023](#)

[South Platte basin roundtable - 1/10/2023](#)

[Yampa/White basin roundtable - 1/11/2022](#)

[Gunnison basin roundtable - 1/16/2023](#)