

Metro Roundtable Meeting Summary

Thursday, March 9, 2023

Start Time
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Hybrid – Live & Virtual

Members in Attendance:

Andy Nye, Alex Davis, Barbara Biggs, Bob Peters, Brian Tracy, Casey Davenhill, Cortney Brand, Chris Douglass, Cynthia Lane, Dawn Jewell, Devon Buckels, Emily Hunt, Lauren Pulver, Lesley Sebol, Lisa Darling, Morgan Lynch, Rick Marsicek, Sarah Borgers, Sarah Klahn, Shaden Musleh

Guests:

Tom Echtermeyer, Erik Jorgensen, Kelly M, Phyllis Thomas

CWCB:

Jeff Rodriguez, Russ Sands, Diane Kielty, Jackie Daoust, Kayla Ranney

Metro Roundtable Business Meeting

1. Welcome/Introductions (1 min.)

2. Approval of [February 9, 2023, Meeting Summary](#) (1 min.)

It was moved to approve the February 9, 2023, MRT Meeting Summary. Approved by acclamation.

3. Agenda: additions or changes (1 min.)

The IBCC line item will be moved to the beginning of the agenda.

4. Public Comment (5 min.)

5. IBCC Update (L. Darling/R. Marsicek) (15 min.)

The February 15 IBCC meeting was held at SPUR Center. They discussed the Yampa/White/Green Colorado River position paper. The sentiment was to be united and supportive of CWCB and the role of the Colorado River Commissioner. It was suggested that RTs not start creating independent letters. There was a discussion on funding opportunities and capacity building. MRT reported on the turf programs and the MOU many municipalities have signed to remove non-functional turf. It was suggested that the Drought Summit be held on May 31 & June 1 and the C9 summit have opportunities to conduct workshops on the Colorado River. The C9 tentative date is November 14th. WEco and Water Congress did a water presentation 101 that was turned into a YouTube.

6. WSRF Committee (B. Peters) (10 min.)

1. Ratify Approval of [Revised WSRF Guidelines February 2023](#)

The new criteria document is posted.

A motion to ratify the revised WSRF Criteria Guidelines was made by Lisa Darling and seconded by Rick Marsicek. Motion carried unanimously.

2. WSRF Balance Summary

i. March 15th Deadline for WSRF Project Proposal Summaries ([Grants — The South Platte Basin](#))

A new layout for the WSRF balance sheet was presented and discussed. The numbers will change once the CWCB Board votes on the last round of MRT approved proposals.

7. CWCB Update (J. Rodriguez) (15 min.)

- Save the date for the Drought Summit (May 31 & June 31).
- The Turf Replacement Program application period is still open. It closes at the end of the month.
- Money will be allocated into RT accounts in October after the September CWCB board meeting. CWCB should know what is available to go into the accounts by July.

- PEPO Statewide initiatives are posted.
- The CWCB Board Meeting is next week in the Yampa/White basin.

MARCH CWCB UPDATES

Drought Summit

- Save the Date
 - May 31, June 1
 - History Colorado

Reminders

- WSRF
 - April 1
 - June 1 deadline (FY Cap)
- All-Chairs Meeting
 - April 3
- PEPO Statewide Initiatives

C-9 Roundtable Summit

- Save the Date
 - November 14
 - Denver, TBD
- Take the Survey



Turf Replacement Program

- 2 Application Periods
- Turf Program
 - March 31st Deadline
- TLC Challenge



8. Salinity Study Update (Lesley Sebol – 20 min.)

This proposed grant will be coming as a WSRF grant proposal summary. It is Part B of the 2020 Salinity report. There is a grant underway on geology. This grant is to identify specific geologic formations and their constituents contributing to salinity. Sampling areas covered Cache La Poudre, Big Thompson, and St. Vrain. The proposed study will test leaching of unweathered bedrock and ten alluvial groundwater wells in proximity to other sampling locations. This study is separate from the larger salinity study. Ask from MRT and SPBRT each is \$40, 234.50 with CGS providing the match. Presentation available by request.

9. Committee Updates (15 min.) **(Due to the length of today's meeting, please contact the committee lead should you have questions.)** [Roundtable Meeting Records — The South Platte Basin](#)

Link to Announce a Meeting Form - [Add a meeting — The South Platte Basin](#)

1. PEPO Committee (C. Davenport) (0 min.) ([01.19.23 Meeting Summary Final rev](#))
PEPO presented in January. There have been several speaking engagements, the Farm Show, Poudre Forum, etc. There are many speaking opportunities. If you have groups that would like PEPO to speak to them contact Casey.
2. Environmental/Recreation Committee (*D. Nickum*) (5 min.)
[2.22.2023 Joint Subcommittee Meeting Summary](#)
[South Platte&MetroBRTs-Corday&Burk-Feb2023](#)
[2023-2-21 Watershed Center South Platte BRT Meeting](#)
3. M&I Committee (*B. Peters*) (5 min.) (*No Summary*)
The scope of work for a landscape transformation proposal is close to being done. They will be transitioning the scope into an RFP. They are determining the best time to release the RFP. It will most likely be in advance of the RFP. If the scope of this project has statewide implications, it could be a good candidate for PEPO statewide funds. Here is a link to the PEPO grants page:
<https://cwcb.colorado.gov/pepo-grants>.

Landscape Project Scope Overview

- Goal: Create a compilation of current programs and plans across the South Platte River basin and broader Front Range communities for transitioning from traditional turf-based landscapes to native and climate-resilient landscapes.
- Information gathering
 - Provider survey
 - Industry survey
 - Public survey
 - Review of financial resources
- Information analysis
 - Compile survey info
 - Evaluate plant lists against climate projections
- Recommendations
 - Programmatic
 - Customer equity
 - Changes to plant lists

10. Round Table Member Comments (5 min.) None.

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

Colorado Water Conservation Board Basin Roundtable Meetings

[Metro roundtable - 3/9/2023](#)

[Arkansas basin roundtable - 3/8/2023](#)

[Colorado basin roundtable - 3/27/2023](#)

[North Platte basin roundtable - TBD](#)

[Southwest basin roundtable - 4/27/2023](#)

[Rio Grande basin roundtable - 3/14/2023](#)

[South Platte basin roundtable -3/14/2023](#)

[Yampa/White basin roundtable - 3/8/2023](#)

[Gunnison basin roundtable - 3/20/2023](#)

Landscape Transformation Project Tasks and Proposed Schedule

