

Metro Roundtable Meeting Summary

Thursday, April 13, 2023

2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Members in Attendance:

Andy Nye, Alex Davis, Barbara Biggs, Blair Corning, Bob Peters, Brian Tracy, Casey Davenport, Cortney Brand, Cynthia Lane, David Nickum, David Kamin, Dawn Jewell, Devon Buckels, Emily Hunt, Jerod Henrickson, Jessica Brody, Julie Tinetti, Kim Gortz, Lauren Pulver, Lesley Sebol, Lisa Darling, Morgan Lynch, Rick Marsicek, Sarah Borgers, Sarah Klahn, Susan Nedell, Tom Arnold

Guests:

Steve Malers, Jamie Krezelok, Brian McWilliams, Greg Peterson, Kayla Ranney, Juan Madrid, Steve Smith, Taylor Winchell, Lacy Gentry, Erik Jorgensen, Jeff Bandy, Lauren H., Brad Paterson, Jeff Deems, Brent Soderlin, Michele Danaher

CWCB:

Jeff Rodriguez, Russ Sands, Robert Sakata, Diane Kielty, Jackie Daoust

Metro Roundtable Business Meeting

1. **Welcome/Introductions (1 min.)**
2. **Approval of [March 9, 2023, Meeting Summary](#) (1 min.)**

It was moved to approve the March 9, 2023, MRT Meeting Summary. Approved by acclamation.
3. **Agenda: additions or changes (1 min.)**

None.
4. **Public Comment (5 min.)**

None.
5. **Stream Restoration Legislation (Kelly Romero-Heaney, Assistant Director Water Policy) (30 min.)**

Not available to present.

 1. [SB23-270StreamRestorationBill-April5-2023](#)
 2. [Stream Restoration Fact Sheet V.3.22.23](#)
6. **WSRF Committee (B. Peters) (20 min.)**
 1. WSRF Balance Summary
 - i. WSRF Project Proposal Committee Recommendations
 1. Open Water Foundation - [Clear Creek and Boulder Creek Basin Information Websites](#)

WSRF recommends funding at \$40,000. If this is the approved amount, OWF asked for direction on preferred focus for the funding. Future maintenance costs will involve manual intervention for updates. There will be a continual need to pursue funding and OWF intends to actively work on the site. With reduced funding, OWF would speak with the stakeholders and likely reduce the datasets and views.

MRT approved the application to move forward to a full submittal.
 2. Wadley Farms - [Wadley Farms 3 Lake #1 Rehabilitation](#)

WSRF recommends funding at \$15,000. This is located in unincorporated Adams County. It is a dam safety project to bring the dam up to current safety standards and is aging infrastructure.

MRT approved the application to move forward to a full submittal.
 3. Colorado Geologic Survey – [South Platte Basin Geologic Salinity Sources – Geologic Formation Chemical Characterization](#)

WSRF recommends funding at \$40,234.50. CGS is putting in \$25,000 as match. If the SPBRT does not approve, CGS would not be able to move

forward this year.

MRT approved the application to move forward to a full submittal.

4. Colorado Ag Water Alliance – [Ag Water Alliance Agricultural Drought Resilience Innovative Water Conservation](#)
WSRF recommends funding at \$25,000.00.

MRT approved the application to move forward to a full submittal.

7. Colorado Airborne Snow Measurement Program ASO Flights Update (Taylor Winchell, Denver Water)(10 min.) [Metro – CUSP-ASOFlights NTP POGG1 2023-3284 ExhA&B](#)

CASM plans to apply for a USBR grant and asked for a letter of support for that application. This project conducts ASO flights in the Upper South Platte Basin to accurately measure snowpack. The flights are slotted to happen on Sunday to conduct Lidar measurements. This activity is weather dependent.

MRT approved a letter of support for the CASM USDR grant application.

8. CWCB Update (20 min.)

1. Jeff Rodriguez - 10 min.

CWCB is hosting a drought summit on May 31-June 1.

C9 Summit will take place tentatively on November 14th. SBPRT intends to move its regularly scheduled meeting to November 21st to allow member attendance at the Summit.

USDA website has funding opportunities for farmers.

Announced various grant cycles that can be found on the CWCB website.

Drought Summit: <https://engagecwcb.org/drought-summit>

Flood Threat Bulletin: <https://www.coloradofloodthreat.com/>

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

PEPO Statewide Initiatives:

https://dnrweblink.state.co.us/CWCB/0/edoc/220224/PEPOGrants_%20StatewideInitiativesFundPriorities_Feb2023.pdf?searchid=9d46baaf-5360-4405-90e9-288ec56d9c78

C-9 Survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/K9DXHTV>

APRIL CWCB UPDATES

Drought Summit

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

Spring Forecast

- 23 Counties in Drought
- Flood Bulletin

C-9 Roundtable Summit

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



Reminders

- Wildfire Ready Watersheds
- Projects Bill
- WSRF
 - June 1 deadline (FY Cap)
- PEPO Statewide Initiatives
- Turf Program
- Technical Assistance

2. Jessica Brody – 10 min.

The draft of the Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement on the Bureau of Reclamation alternatives information and survey below.

- **[Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement](#)**

On April 11, 2023, the Bureau of Reclamation released a draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS). The SEIS is a mechanism to adjust the current operating guidelines for Glen Canyon and Hoover Dams, providing tools for Reclamation to adapt to potentially dry years in the next few water years. Commissioner Mitchell relies on public input to inform Colorado's response to the SEIS. What are the issues that concern you the most? What should the Bureau of Reclamation consider in its changes to the operating guidelines? Your input may be recorded, anonymized, and presented online at a later date.

[TAKE SURVEY](#)

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

Next Wednesday the PEPO group will be meeting to discuss the State Initiative. There are no details on the next IBCC meeting.

10. **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 (C. Davenport) (5 min.) (*No Summary*) No report.
2. Environmental/Recreation Committee (*D. Nickum*) (5 min.) ([Summary Link](#)) Kelly Romero-Heaney presented at the E&R committee meeting. She shared the status of the legislation as of today's hearing on the stream restoration legislation proposal.
3. M&I Committee (*B. Peters*) (5 min.) (*No Summary*) They have been working on a Landscape Transformation Project Survey. A new State Task Force on Landscape Transformation has been put in place. The committee is pausing to see what comes out of the task force and determine if the RT landscape concept under development might align with the Task Force. It was suggested that the

committee continue work on the scope of the survey project. The survey running concurrently and results may be valuable to the task force.

11. Round Table Member Comments (5 min.)

There was further discussion on the Ag Water Alliance WSRF request. CAWA and DARCA have resource guides for Ag grants.

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

- The North American Water Loss Conference is coming to Denver December 5-7, 2023.

Colorado Water Conservation Board Basin Roundtable Meetings

[Metro roundtable - 4/13/2023](#)

[Arkansas basin roundtable - 4/12/2023](#)

[Colorado basin roundtable - TBD](#)

[North Platte basin roundtable - 4/18//2023](#)

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

[Rio Grande basin roundtable - 4/11/2023](#)

[South Platte basin roundtable -4/11/2023](#)

[Yampa/White basin roundtable - 5/10/2023](#)

[Gunnison basin roundtable - 4/17/2023](#)