



SPBRT Roundtable Meeting Summary

Tuesday, February 13, 2024

Time: 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm

HYBRID: LIVE & VIRTUAL

Roundtable Voting Members in Attendance: Brent Schantz, Bruce Gerk, Cory DeAngelis, Deb Daniel, Daylen Figgs, Garrett Varra, Hally Strevey, Jim Hall, Jim Yahn, John Kolan, Julia Gallucci, Kirk Vincent, Larry Rogstad, Lisa Leben, Loretta Daniel, Lynda James, Richard Elsner, Scott Griebing, Sean Chambers, Stephen Larson,

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

Guests: Abigail Frische, Zach Salin, Sean Flanagan, Noelle Fillo, Brenan Bloyd, Kyle Whitaker, Quint Redtaond, Dawn Jewell

CWCB: Robert Sakata, Russ Sands, Jeff Rodriguez, Diane Kielty

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

The meeting was called to order by Chair Sean Chambers at 4:10 pm.

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

It was moved to approve the agenda as presented by acclamation. The motion carried.

3. Approval of [SPBRT Meeting Summary January 9, 2024](#) (Sean Chambers - 2 min.)

It was moved by Kirk Vincent to approve the January 9, 2024, SPBRT Meeting Summary with correction of the spelling of the retiring State Engineer name, and it was seconded by Jim Yahn. The motion carried.

4. Public Comment (3 min.)

Kirk Vincent attended the Colorado Farm Show. There was a track on water that was appreciated, and salinity is an important topic to the basin.

They are underway on the hiring process for the new State Engineer.

5. WSRF (Garrett Varra - 5 min.)

1. WSRF Update and SPBRT Funds Status CWCB Basin Account Funds. Two applicants have expressed interest in submitting projects within the Cycle 1 deadline. One applicant has submitted in the portal, the second may wait for the next cycle. Please send interested applicants to Garrett Varra.

6. SPBRT Roundtable Meeting Format Discussion (15 min)

- SPBRT Meeting Survey Results ([SPBRT Meeting Survey 2024 Meetings Rev 1.9.2024](#))
There was discussion on keeping the start time at 4:00 pm to allow for drive time. Continuing to have a meal available to inspire live attendance was unanimous. Tuesday remains the best day. Having a few virtual only meetings was of interest and shortening the agenda to two hours were expressed in the survey. Venturing into other areas to include field trips was well received. Monthly meetings provide the right cadence to accomplish RT business.

Action: The Recorder will work with the Chair to find opportunities to visit other locations in the basin for meetings with field trips.

- Contact Deb Daniel to set up a meeting with field trip in the Republican Basin.

7. Due Process in SPBRT Membership Solicitation for Vacant and Inactive Seats (15 min.)

There was a discussion on attendance and open seats. The bylaws have a process for addressing inactive seats. Going to the list and releasing an email blast to each county and municipality asking them to identify who could be a decision maker to participate. This may require volunteers from the RT to make direct requests in their areas. Part of recruitment could involve an Open House in lieu of a meeting with an introduction to the RT, its purpose and why it's important to the basin communities. The Open House could be the trigger for initiating the bylaw process to fill inactive seats.

8. Committee Updates (45 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 Davenhill - 5 min.) (*No Meeting*)

PEPO Update February 2024

	Coordination & Facilitation See Colorado River Subcommittee presentation at https://www.southplattebasin.com/roundtable-meeting-records
	Communication Updated and reprinted South Platte Basin and Republican River Fact Sheets. Arrange for storage and dissemination of 'Where Your Water Comes From' and 'Colorado Water Law' courtesy of CWCB and WECo. (about 500 magazines). Continued engagement with Northern Colorado Firesheds Collaborative
	Outreach Attendance at Colorado Farm Show. Person to person with over 100 Farm Show attendees who stopped by the booth to pick up literature and handouts. Updated 2024 schedule to include October 12 Youth Summit at the SPUR campus. Scheduled Morgan & Douglas County Conservation District meetings and Bizwest Real Estate Conference. Continued outreach via Northern Colorado Firesheds Collaborative.
	Project Management Compile December through February activities for semi-annual report to CWCB.

The Colorado Water Center is hosting the first ever Colorado Water Workforce Summit April 2-3 in Denver!

2. Environmental/Recreation Committee (Larry Rogstad – 5 min.) (*No Meeting*) There was no January meeting.
3. M&I Committee (Jim Hall – 15 min.) (*No Meeting*)
Jenna Battson presented the Urban Landscape report.

1. [Urban Landscape Report](#)

A program summary was provided, and questions fielded.



ULC Task Force Final Report



Updated 2024 Exploratory Turf Analysis



2024 Climate Change in Colorado Report

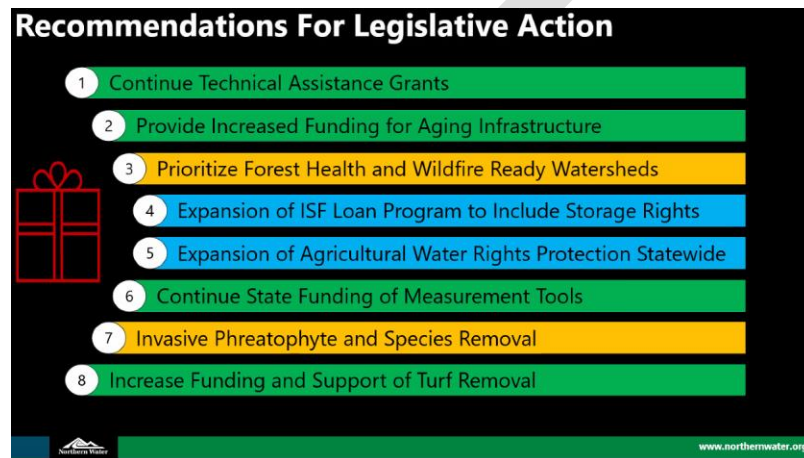
ULCTF: <https://engagecwcb.org/urban-landscape-conservation-task-force>

Turf Analysis: <https://engagecwcb.org/turf-analysis>

Climate Change in Colorado: <https://climatechange.colostate.edu/>

There will be a CO Water Wise Webinar: Tuesday, February 27, 2024, 10:00 am-11:30am - [Colorado WaterWise - Report Out: Key Findings from Colorado's Urban Landscape Conservation Taskforce](#)

4. Colorado River Committee (20 min.) (Kyle Whitaker)
An overview of the task force appointments and structure was provided. The meetings traveled the state. The purpose was to provide recommendations for potential legislation that would provide additional tools to the CWCB to collaborate with CRWCD, SWCD, and other relevant stakeholders. The link to the report is [Colorado River Drought Task Force Report](#).



9. **IBCC Update (Jim Yahn & Sean Cronin - 10 Min.)** ([Link to IBCC Webpage](#))

The first 2024 IBCC meeting will be held February 27th in Golden. There is a virtual option. The agenda is available. IBCC members will have an opportunity to report on the happenings at the RTs. IBCC members were asked to complete a survey on what the IBCC is and its purpose and prepare to discuss actions at the February meetings. The follow up meeting is scheduled for June 18th in the Durango area.

10. **CWCB Update (35 min.)**

1. CWCB Staff Report (Jeff Rodriguez – (5 min.)

New appointments have been made for the CWCB Board, [Gov. Polis Announces New Colorado Water Conservation Board Appointments | DNR CWCB](#)

The C-9 Summit will be October 1-2, 2024, in Crested Butte.

Water Conditions Monitoring Committee:

<https://dnrweblink.state.co.us/CWCB/0/edoc/223854/WCMCAgendaFeb2024.pdf?searchid=2f295a2b-ff03-42aa-8f8b-21a285141ef6>

Wildfire Ready Watersheds: <https://www.wildfirereadywatersheds.com/>. Questions/interest contact Steve Reeves (steven.reeves@state.co.us)

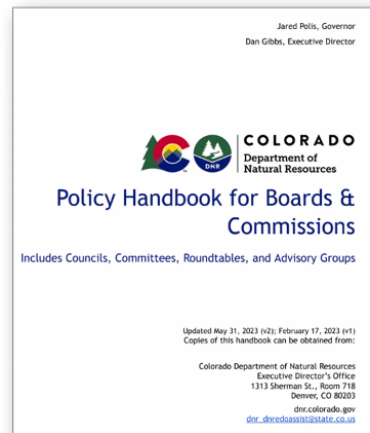
Federal Technical Assistance and Local Capacity Grants:

Questions/interest contact Michael Regan (michael.regan@state.co.us)

Colorado River issues: <https://cwcb.colorado.gov/colorado-river-commissioners-corner>

2. CWCB Stakeholder Guide (20 min.)

An overview of the CWCB Guide was provided. The intended use of the Guidebook is as a reference and an onboarding document for Councils, Committees, Roundtables, and Advisory Groups. This is not intended to replace Basin or IBCC bylaws. The rollout to full approval target date is September 2024. Please send questions you would like to see answered in the guide to Jeff Rodriguez@state.co.us.



-Conflicts of Interest

-Code of Ethics

-Colorado Open Meetings Law (COML)

-Colorado Open Records Act (CORA)

-Public Comment

-Accessibility

- Real time video or audio
- Virtual Attendance

-Annual training/review of policies

3. CWCB Director Report (Director Sakata - 10 min.)

This is Director Sakata's final report. Colorado River Water Conservation District and Public Service Company signed an agreement that would allow the River District to purchase the water rights associated with the Shoshone power plant. The agreement has been conditionally approved.

Commissioner Mitchell and staff are hosting a series of public webinars to update the public on ongoing Colorado River Negotiations and answer questions. These are virtual.

February 15, Thursday, from 11:30am - 12:30pm
March 19, Tuesday, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
April 4, Thursday, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
[Visit the CWCB calendar for meeting information.](#)

11. Member Updates

A legislative session is underway. Bills were discussed. The RT shares information on the bills that have been introduced. We will continue to discuss these bills in the future. This relates to the purpose and significance of the SPBRT.

Action: Add legislative discussion as a standing item on the agenda to follow Committee reports in the February, March, and April of each year.

Arial Snow Observation (ASO) partners will be pursuing a single Lidar observation flight this year (April 2024) to continue the runoff forecasting pilot project across the northern Front Range Watersheds.

Northern Water recently went to Arizona to get updates on the Yuma and Salt River Ag and water efficiency practices there. A presentation may be of interest to the members on the outcome of this trip, Jim Hall will inquire with NCWCD.

A slide deck was provided by John Kolanz regarding two possible bills in the state legislature on dredge and fill legislation being proposed was presented. It highlighted the possibilities on where the bills each might place a State run dredge and fill program (DNR, CDPHE, CPW, State Engineer's office, State Land Board).

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