

M&I Subcommittee Meeting Summary

February 23, 2024

9:00 am – 10:00 am

In Attendance:

Andrea Cole, Diane Kielty, Lisa Darling, Donnie Dustin, Jim Hall, Greg Johnson, Alex Davis, Sean Chambers

9:04 am

A suggestion was made to focus on four tenants of the water plan with the intention to advance RT sponsored projects that advance the Colorado Water Plan.

Have a committee for each tenant with a champion for each (CWP Chapter 6).

- Thriving Watershed - Able to adapt to change without fundamentally altering the services upon which society and the environment depend.
- Vibrant Communities - Balance water supply and demand needs to create a sustainable urban landscape, planning that integrates land use and water solutions.
- Robust Agriculture – Sustainable agricultural economy and culture where farms and ranches are profitable and a high quality of life for farming communities is maintained.
- Resilient Planning - Forward-thinking solutions to create strong equitable communities that are able to effectively respond to water-related challenges.
 - a. Reference to the survey that identified ten themes of interest that were narrowed down to three.
 - i. Study of landscape vegetation that would be sustainable in future with warmer climate.
 - ii. Study environmental and socio-economic benefits of urban landscapes.
 - iii. Region-specific water use/efficiency analysis and recommendations for targets for the SPB.

The committee is trying to restart this initiative and tie it to the grant cycles for the CWP and WSRF.

This approach should start at a small group level then bring ideas to the larger group. It may require reaching out to the other Committees to garner interest in joining this effort.

Action: Locate grant cycle timing information.

Colorado Water Plan Grant Cycle

Application Deadline	Submitted Applications Posted on CWCB Website	Final Board Approval
December 1 (annually)	January 1 (annually)	March Board Meeting
July 1 (annually)	August 1 (annually)	September Board Meeting

WSRF Grant Cycle for SPBRT & MRT

Application Steps	Cycle 1 Deadlines	Cycle 2 Deadlines
Online summary proposal via www.southplattebasin.com/grants	March 1	September 1
Draft Full Application Submittal on CWCB Portal	3rd Friday in April	3rd Friday in October
RT Award Decision	May RT meeting	November RT meeting
Final Application submittal on CWCB Portal	June 1	December 1
CWCB Approval Meeting	September	March

Action: Add to RT agendas to reinvigorating committees to join and help with Andrea Cole as presenter.

Action: Find information as an example on the Do It Yourself (DIY) BMP on turf replacement.

Action: Find list of approved RT projects to help define projects that haven't yet been initiated.

Meeting adjourned 9:41 am.
