

# Metro Roundtable Meeting Summary

Thursday, February 8, 2024

**Start Time**  
**2:00 pm – 4:00 pm**

**Hybrid – Live & Virtual**

## **Members in Attendance:**

Alex Davis, Andrea Cole, Brian Tracy, Casey Davenhill, Cynthia Lane, Courtney Brand, David Nickum, David Kamin, Dawn Jewell, Emily Hunt, Greg Johnson, Heather Justus, Jarod Roberts, Jessica Brody, Jim Hall, Julie Tinetti, Kim Gortz, Lesley Sebol, Lisa Darling, Loretta Daniel, Rick Marsicek, Sam Caulkins, Sarah Klahn, Shaden Musleh, Susan Nedell

## **Guests:**

Don Baggus, Evan Goldstein, Brent Soderlin, Cora Weise Moore, Erik Jorgensen, Jamie Krezelok, Sean Flanagan, Lauren Berent Burgess, Sarah Dominick, Taylor Winchell, Matt Lindburg

## **CWCB:**

Russ Sands, Jeff Rodriguez, Jackie Daoust, Jenna Battson, Diane Kiely

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## **Metro Roundtable Business Meeting**

### **1. Welcome/Introductions (1 min.)**

The meeting was called to order at 2:03 pm.

### **2. Approval of [January 11, 2024, Meeting Summary](#) (1 min.)**

It was moved to approve the January 11, 2024, MRT Meeting Summary. Motion approved by acclamation.

### **3. Agenda: additions or changes (1 min.)** None

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

### **5. Open MRT Member Seats (10min.) (Lisa Darling) ([MRT Position Announcement](#))**

1. Open MRT Member Seats (Annual May Meeting New Member Selections) – There were two At-large seats filled in January. There have been additional letters of interest. The openings will be announced in March. Those standing for seats will be asked to present in April and a vote will take place in May at the Annual MRT meeting.

Breanna Gonzales has changed positions. She is now with CDPHE. It was suggested she be transitioned into an At-large seat given that she was elected to her seat.

A motion was made by Rick Marsicek to adjust Breanna Gonzales's representation from Recreation Representative to At-large and was second by Andrea Cole. The motion carried unanimously.

### **6. Urban Landscape Conservation Task Force (Jenna Battson) (15 min.)**

A presentation was provided. A funding summary was provided. The presentation is available by request.



ULC Task Force Final Report



Updated 2024 Exploratory Turf Analysis



2024 Climate Change in Colorado Report

- i. [Urban Landscape Report](#)
- ii. [Impact - Resource Central](#)

**7. Colorado River Committee (Alex Davis) (15 Min.)**

- 1. [Colorado River Drought Task Force Report](#)

The Task force was asked to address drought in the Colorado basin and how compact agreements could be met. The report includes recommendations, recommendations considered but not approved, and narrative. There was good participation with disparate interests. Many letters were received with valuable perspectives. You can find more information at, [CRDTF - Home \(crdroughttaskforce.com\)](#).

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

**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.](#)

**8. WSRF Committee (Kim Gortz & Sam Calkins) (5 min.)**

- 1. WSRF Balance Summary ([2023 Budget Summary MRT WSRF](#))

The Cycle 1 deadline is March 1<sup>st</sup> for proposal summaries.

**The WSRF 2024 Cycle 1 Proposal Summary Submission Period is OPEN.**

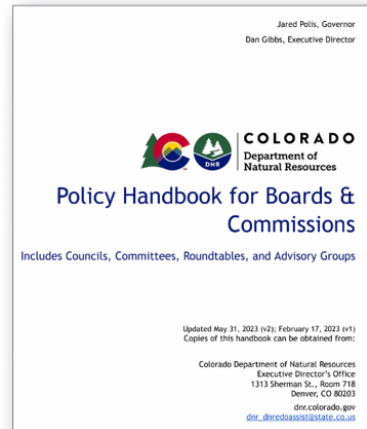
Please submit your Proposal Summary using the online form below.

Application Steps	Cycle 1 Deadlines	Cycle 2 Deadlines
Online summary proposal via <a href="http://www.southplattebasin.com/grants">www.southplattebasin.com/grants</a>	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

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

- 1. Jeff Rodriguez - 5 min.
  - i. CWCB Stakeholder Guidebook (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](mailto: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

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

## FEBRUARY CWCB UPDATES

### Colorado River Webinars

- Information on CWCB Calendar
  - 2/15 - 11:30 - 12:30
  - 3/19 - 11:30 - 12:30
  - 4/4 - 11:30 - 12:30

### CWCB Guide

- CWCB Staff will be going on the road to get roundtable feedback



### IBCC Meeting Events

- **First meeting**
  - 2/27
  - Golden
- **Regular Meeting**
  - 6/18
  - Durango
- **C9 Summit**
  - 10/1 - 10/2
  - Crested Butte

### Water Conditions

- Next meeting 2/20/24
  - 9:30 am
  - Virtual

### Reminders

- **CWCB Deadlines**
  - WSRF Deadline Apr. 1
- **Wildfire Ready Watersheds**
  - Accepting Applications
- **Technical Assistance & Local Capacity**
  - Accepting Application
  - Both Programs (ARPA Funds)
    - Contracted by 12/31/24
- **CWCB Reports**
  - ULCTF and BBC Turf Replacement Analysis
  - Climate Change in CO



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

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

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

Other CWCB Links:

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://wcb.colorado.gov/colorado-river-commissioners-corner>

Water Conditions Monitoring Committee Meeting Agenda:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1WEse6OLWObdDIOc4z0uaE8WbrPCoKF0KiicRkGQ248w/edit#heading=h.uizdthqups44>

2. Jessica Brody – 5 min.

There remain several action items to be concluded to finalize the Shoshone Bill.

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

The first 2024 IBCC meeting will be held February 27<sup>th</sup> in Golden. The second meeting is scheduled for June 18<sup>th</sup> in the Durango area.

**11. Committee Updates (20 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. Davenhill) (5 min.) (*No Meeting*)

## PEPO Update February 2024



### Coordination & Facilitation

See Colorado River Subcommittee presentation at <https://www.southplattebasin.com/roundtable-meeting-records>



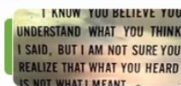
### Communication

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 Fishheds 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 Fishheds Collaborative.



### Project Management

Compile December through February activities for semi-annual report to CWCB.

2. Environmental/Recreation Committee (*D. Nickum*) (5 min.) (*No Meeting*) The Trout Unlimited Gala is coming up March 7<sup>th</sup>.
3. M&I Committee (*A. Cole*) (5 min.) (*No Meeting*) Scheduled to meet February 23, 2024, at 10:00 am.
4. Colorado River Committee met and had a presentation on the [Colorado River History & Operations Presentation, Northern Water, Kyle Whitaker, P.E.](#)

**12. Round Table Member Comments (5 min.)** None

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