

SPBRT Roundtable Meeting Summary

Tuesday, September 12, 2023

Time: 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm

HYBRID: LIVE & VIRTUAL

Live

Southwest Weld County Building

4209 Weld County Road 24 1/2, Longmont, CO 80504

Roundtable Voting Members in Attendance: Adam Gates, Allyn Wind, Bruce Gerk, Daylen Figs, Cory DeAngelis, Donnie Dustin, Garrett Varra, Jim Hall, Jim Yahn, Joe Frank, John Kolanz, Julia Gallucci, Kevin Ross, Kent Swedlund, Kirk Vincent, Larry Rogstad, Lisa Leben, Loretta Daniel, Lynda James, Patrick Wells, Richard Elsner, Scott Griebing, Sean Chambers

Roundtable Non-voting Members in Attendance: Casey Davenport

Guests: James Ries, Jon Harley, Justin Kurth, Matt Cook, Katharine Cody, Mary Lobato, Noelle Fillo, Darren Beck, Keely Murphy, Drew Matsushima, Jody Shaddock-McNally, Phil Brink, Ken Curtis, Heather Justus, Abigail Frische, Andy Nicewicz, Quint Redmond, Kyle Whitake

CWCB: Rebecca Mitchell, Amy Ostdiek, Emily Zmack, Robert Sakata, Jackie Daoust, Jeff Rodriguez, Diane Kielty

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

The meeting was called to order at 4:06 pm.

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

It was moved by Garrett Varra to approve the agenda as presented and it was seconded by Kirk Vincent. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Approval of [SPBRT Meeting Summary July 11, 2023](#) (Sean Chambers - 2 min.)

It was moved by Garrett Varra to approve the July 11, 2023, SPBRT Meeting Summary with the addition of discussion on the State-Wide Commercial, Industrial, and Institutional Water Efficiency Program guidance document and it was seconded by Scott Griebing. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Public Comment (3 min.)

None.

5. Advisory Council on Water, Congresswoman Brittany Pettersen's Office (Justin Kurth) (15 min.)

justin.kurth@mail.house.gov

A presentation was provided showing a map of Congresswoman Brittany Pettersen's district boundaries. The Congresswoman seeks to help support water efforts in the State. They are working to handle water issues in a bi-partisan manner. They are looking for support from RT members to participate in a Water Advisory Council with her office. They would like participants to engage in listening sessions to inform federal policy. Those interested in participating on the Water Advisory Council can contact Justin Kurth directly at, justin.kurth@mail.house.gov.

6. Interstate and Federal Water Information Team (Emily Zmack & Amy Ostdiek) (60 min.)

A presentation was provided on Colorado River updates, Law of the River overview, and ways to engage and support the Commissioner. Discussion followed. The presentation is available by request.

7. WSRF (Garrett Varra - 5 min.)

1. WSRF Update and SPBRT Funds Status CWCB Basin Account Funds

There is \$530,364 available for the next cycle. The reserves are not deducted from that amount.

2. WSRF Application Period is Open - Summary Proposal Deadline was September 1
 1. [Grants — The South Platte Basin](#)

Eight summary applications were received. The committee will review all applications. The committee has not met yet. The draft full application submittals are due on the CWCB portal on the 3rd Friday in October. A memo with recommendations will be provided at the October meeting.

8. **Open SPBRT Seats – [Announcement and Selections Notification](#) (Garrett Varra – 15 min.)**

1. Open At-large seats – Deadline November 1st. The seats have been announced on the South Platte Basin website.
 - i. Local Domestic Water Provider Representative (At Large)
 - ii. Industrial Representative (At Large)

Interested applicants should send the required applicant documents to Garrett Varra, gvarra@gmail.com. Information on how to apply is here, [Microsoft Word - Nominating Committee process Adopted May 2015 SPBRT Meeting \(spacespace.com\)](#)

9. **Committee Updates (25 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 Davenport - 5 min.) (*No Meeting*) PEPO is printing more bandanas and the SPB water fact sheet with an update having recommended revisions. Casey shared a Republican River Fact Sheet. It needs to be updated. PEPO is working with the Republican River on the update. Casey asked for feedback on updates from the RT membership. PEPO coordinators will be meeting in Avon in October during the SCW Conference. Coordinating with the other RTs is a priority. The C-9 Summit will be another opportunity for PEPO coordinators to share ideas.
2. Environmental/Recreation Committee (Larry Rogstad – 5 min.) (*No Meeting*) David Nickum set up a field trip to the Eleven-mile Canyon area where a small dam is being decommissioned. It provided an opportunity for people to see the work on the ground.
3. M&I Committee (Jim Hall – 5 min.) (*No Meeting*) The committee is looking for a new chair.
4. Colorado River Committee (Sean Chambers & Kyle Whitaker – 5 min.)
 1. Joint committee opportunity call for interested parties – Alex Davis on the MRT is reaching out to the SPBRT for interest in having a joint Colorado River committee.

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

The next IBCC meeting will be during the C-9 Summit.

11. **CWCB Update (25 min.)**

1. CWCB Staff Report (Jeff Rodriguez – 10 min.)
C-9 Summit RSVP: <https://forms.gle/mkn2mSLWrgxJFKZe6> - It will be held at the Westin Hotel in Westminster. This will be an all-day event from 8:00 am – 5:00 pm with a dinner reception from 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm.

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>

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

The CWCB staff will be taking the CWCB Stakeholder Guide on the road. In the past it has been referenced as the Basin Roundtable Handbook.

2. CWCB Director Report (Robert Sakata - 15 min.) [Sakata CWCB Report to SBRT 9-12-2023](#)

The Board appointed Lauren Ris as the Executive Director of the CWCB.
The meeting next week is in Salida and will focus on efforts on finance.

12. Round Table Member Comments (5 min)

- ASO flights has applied for additional funding. They thanked SPBRT for all its support.
- February 2024 SPBRT Meeting will be held at Northern Water. There has been talk of moving the live meeting to different locations. The Republican Basin extended an invitation.
- The Water Committee had a meeting today and out of that came sixteen potential pieces of legislation.

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

Colorado Water Conservation Board Basin Roundtable Meetings

[Metro roundtable - 9/14/2023](#)

[Arkansas basin roundtable - 9/13/2023](#)

[Colorado basin roundtable - 9/25/23](#)

[North Platte basin roundtable - TBD](#)

[Southwest basin roundtable - 10/26/2023](#)

[Rio Grande basin roundtable - 9/12/2023](#)

[South Platte basin roundtable -9/12/2023](#)

[Yampa/White basin roundtable - 9/13/2023](#)

[Gunnison basin roundtable - 9/18/2023](#)