

# OPPORTUNITY FOR ENGAGEMENT

## South Platte Basin Roundtable

The South Platte Basin Roundtable (SPBRT) was established through the Colorado Water for the 21st Century Act to facilitate discussions on water management issues and encourage locally driven collaborative solutions. To this end, the SPBRT is seeking passionate, professional, and committed individuals to serve as representatives on the roundtable. The SPBRT consists of up to 56 voting members who collectively represent the rich diversity of the watershed.

### Background

Colorado's growth and development as a state are intertwined with water. Development and management of water is complex, controversial and at times contentious. Decisions regarding water have become increasingly complex as Colorado has experienced both unprecedented population growth and a greater emphasis on multiple uses of this precious resource.

To facilitate discussions on water management issues and encourage locally driven collaborative solutions, nine basin roundtables were established by the Colorado Water for the 21st Century Act. These roundtables represent each of the state's eight major river basins and the Denver metropolitan area.

The basin roundtables bring more than 300 citizens into water discussions across the state. The broad-based, collaborative nature of this process is reflected in the basin roundtable membership – a set of designated members, 10 at-large members, non-voting members, agency liaisons and the CWC Board member from each basin.

### Time Commitment

The SPBRT membership generally meet once a month, the second Tuesday of the month at 4:00 PM in Longmont CO, at the SW Weld County Building. Meetings occasionally take place in other locations within the South Platte Basin to allow for diverse public participation. Meetings generally adjourn around 8:00 PM. In addition to the regular monthly meeting of the full membership, members are encouraged to be part of standing or temporary committees.

### Membership

The membership of the SPBRT includes representatives from a range of interests/organizations. This notice is seeking volunteers to fill vacant positions. Both open positions are voting positions.

- 1) At-Large Position Representing Local Domestic Water Provider Interests

### Applying to be a Member

If you are interested in applying for the vacancy, please submit the following information to Garrett Varra, SPBRT Chair at [gvarra@varracompanies.com](mailto:gvarra@varracompanies.com). All information is due by July 15th, 2020.

Nominations should include:

1. A letter of interest noting skills/background offered to the roundtable. The letter could demonstrate the support you could provide the category you are applying for--for example how you might "represent" and coordinate with similarly focused stakeholders.
2. A professional resume including your primary residential address.
3. A letter of recommendation from others in the water community (to show support for the category you applied for). More than one is desired.

Please do not hesitate to contact Garrett Varra with any questions.

# **South Platte Basin Roundtable Selection Process for At-Large Voting Representatives**

## **Nominating Committee**

The South Platte Basin Roundtable (SPBRT) has established a nominating committee which is open to current roundtable members. Among other tasks, the nominating committee is established to review applications for at-large vacancies to the roundtable, select 3 candidates for each vacancy, and forward application materials to the SPBRT for their final selection of at-large members to the SPBRT.

## **At-Large Vacancy Announcement**

When an at-large vacancy occurs, the vacancy will be announced at the next SPBRT regular scheduled meeting by the chair. The announcement will also be emailed to the SPBRT membership and interested parties contact list as maintained by the SPBRT recording secretary and staff of the Colorado Water Conservation Board. SPBRT members are also encouraged to pass along the notice of vacancy.

## **Membership Application**

Anyone who meets the criteria of the specific at-large membership vacant seat and who is interested in serving on the SPBRT can apply to the nominating committee within 30 days of the vacancy announcement via an application to the SPBRT chair that includes the following items:

1. A letter of interest noting skills/background offered to the roundtable. The letter could demonstrate the support the applicant could provide the category they are applying for--for example how they might "represent" and coordinate with similarly focused stakeholders.
2. A professional resume including the applicant's primary residential address.
3. A letter of recommendation from others in the water community (to show support for the applicant in the category they applied for). More than one is desired.

## **Selection Process**

After the 30 day application deadline, the nominating committee will review applications and meet to determine which at-large candidates are qualified for the seats in which they applied.

If there are four (4) or more applicants for any given vacant seat, the nominating committee will choose the top three (3) qualified applicants, and forward such information including a summary of each applicant to the SPBRT prior to the next regularly scheduled SPBRT meeting. If there are three (3) or less qualified applicants for any given vacant seat, the nominating committee will forward information on all qualified applicants to the SPBRT prior to the next regularly scheduled SPBRT meeting.

All qualifying applicants will then attend the next regularly scheduled SPBRT meeting to brief the SPBRT on their qualifications. The SPBRT will discuss and vote to select each vacant at-large position.

### **At-Large Membership Criteria**

There are 10 at-large member positions on the SPBRT appointed by the roundtable members. SPBRT members occupying a specific at-large seat (listed below) must meet the qualifications of that at-large membership position. In addition, all at-large members must be appointed by the entity they represent and must reside within boundaries of South Platte Basin Roundtable.

Environmental (1) – Shall represent environmental interests and shall be selected from nominees submitted by one or more regionally, state-wide, or nationally recognized environmental conservation organizations that have operated in Colorado for at least five years.

Agricultural (1) – Shall represent agricultural interests.

Recreational (1) – Shall represent recreation interests.

Local Domestic (1) – Shall represent local domestic water provider interests.

Industrial (1) – Shall represent industrial interests.

Water Rights (5) Shall own adjudicated water rights, including owners of shares in a ditch or reservoir company or their agents, or shall have a contract for water with the Federal Bureau of Reclamation or their agents.