

**Interbasin Compact Committee  
Gunnison Basin Roundtable Meeting**

**Holiday Inn Express**

**Montrose, Colorado**

**September 8, 2008**

**Voting Members Present:**

Rick Brinkman	Mesa Municipalities
Bud Burgess	Grand Mesa WCD
Marc Catlin	At-Large Member
Greg Clifton	Ouray Municipalities
Carey Denison	Ouray County
Steve Glazer	Environmental
Ralph Grover	Hinsdale County
Frank Kugel	At-Large Member
Rachel Kullman	Montrose Municipalities
Henry LeValley	Crawford WCD
Dixie Luke	At-Large Member
Olen Lund	Delta County
Tyler Martineau	Gunnison Municipalities
Michelle Pierce	Hinsdale Municipalities
Hugh Sanburg	Industrial
Ron Shaver	At-Large Member
George Sibley	At-Large Member
Ken Spann	Upper Gunnison River WCD
Dennis Steckel	Gunnison County

**Voting Members Absent:**

Thomas Alvey	North Fork WCD
Mike Berry	Tri-County WCD
Jim Hokit	Montrose County
Hank Hotze	Recreational
Tom Kenyon	Mesa County
Wendell Koontz	Delta Municipalities
Flynn Mangum	Saguache County
Dick Margetts	Local Domestic Water Supplier
John McClow	Chairs of the House and Senate Ag Committees
Chuck Mitisek	Ute Water Conservancy District
Steve Shea	Agricultural
Bill Trampe	Colorado River Water Conservation District

**Liaisons Present:**

David Graf	Division of Wildlife
Dennis Murphy	US Bureau of Land Management
Curtis Swift	CSU Extension Agent

**Liaisons Absent:**

Phil Boawn	US Army Corps of Engineers
Keith Catlin	Colorado Water Conservation Board
Eric Hecox	Manager, Office of Interbasin Compact Negotiations
Wayne Schieldt	Division of Water Resources - Division 4
Gary Shellhorn	US Forest Service
Harris Sherman	Executive Director, Dept. of Natural Resources
Jay Skinner	Division of Wildlife
Ed Warner	Reclamation
Vacant	US Fish and Wildlife Service

**Non-Voting Members Present:**

Sharon Dunning	Assistant Recorder
David Kanzer	Colorado River Water Conservation District

**Non-Voting Members Absent:**

Michael Gross	Gunnison Basin Advisor - CDM
Steve Harris	Southwestern WCD
Jay Winner	Arkansas Basin

**Public:** Bob Hurford (DWR), Sue Morea (CDM), Hal Simpson (CDM), Randy See (Senator Ken Salazar), Peter Nichols (Attorney, Arkansas Basin Roundtable), Peter Burkman (USGS).

**Welcome**

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Chairperson Michelle Pierce.

**Roll Call**

Following roll call, it was declared that a quorum was not present.

**Approve Agenda**

There was no quorum present to approve the Agenda.

**Approve August 4, 2008 Minutes**

There was no quorum present to approve the August 4, 2008 Minutes.

### **Report from the IBCC Representatives**

IBCC Representative Marc Catlin reported on the last IBCC meeting held on August 27-28, 2008 in Palisade. Marc said that the meeting was well attended, and many Roundtable members from the Denver area were present. The IBCC is in the process of putting the final touches on the visioning package to send out to the Basin Roundtables in order to give the opportunity for feedback from the Roundtables.

### **Report from the Educational Committee**

George Sibley presented a publication to the Roundtable members prepared by Colorado State Extension Service that summarizes the IBCC process as well as Colorado Compacts and the legislation processes. These publications are available for distribution through the CSU Extension.

George invited any members to participate with the IBCC Education Working Group in planning for outreach to make the Roundtable process more visible.

Dixie Luke inquired about the Forest Service presentation. This presentation is rescheduled for December and will be primarily about Aspen decline.

David Kanzer announced the upcoming River District Water Seminar at the Two Rivers Convention Center in Grand Junction on Friday, September 19, 2008. An agenda was provided to the Roundtable members. The theme for this seminar is the Intra-State River Compact and how it would work.

#### **1. Presentation by Arkansas Basin**

Attorney Peter Nichols made a presentation on alternatives to permanent dry up of agricultural lands by using water leasing programs. Mr. Nichols discussed how this was working in the Arkansas Basin.

#### **2. Consumptive Needs Assessment Task Order**

Hal Simpson discussed their progress to more accurately depict per capita use of water in the Gunnison Basin. He indicated that there was not much response to requests for input. They contacted water providers and made the changes to the table in the report. The findings were that the SWSI numbers were mostly larger than the actual numbers.

#### **3. IBCC Visioning Process**

Sue Morea, CDM, presented the draft IBCC Vision and Strategies document. The document was discussed, and changes were requested. Sue requested any other comments from the Roundtable members be sent to her for the mid-October IBCC meeting.

**4. Other**

Ken Spann indicated that the Agricultural Water Shortage Subcommittee will be preparing and submitting a project proposal to the Roundtable for funding. Ken provided two documents: an Agricultural Water Shortage Subcommittee Report, and a Work Plan developed by Hal Simpson of CDM. The proposal will be requesting Basin funding due to the rapid startup of the project. The Upper Gunnison Water District will be the formal applicant and administrator for handling of the funds. The objective of this project is to get and develop the data needed to fill in the gaps on water shortages in the Needs Assessment data for the entire Gunnison Basin.

The Agricultural Water Shortage Subcommittee will meet with both the Needs Assessment Committee, and the Project Screening Committee, in preparation for submitting the project proposal.

**Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Gunnison Basin Roundtable will be October 6, 2008.

**Adjourn**

There being no further business to come before the Roundtable, the meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

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Mike Berry, Recorder

**Action Items** (September 8, 2008 meeting)

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