

**Interbasin Compact Committee
Gunnison Basin Roundtable Meeting**

**Holiday Inn Express
Montrose, Colorado
October 6, 2008**

Voting Members Present:

Thomas Alvey	North Fork WCD
Mike Berry	Tri-County WCD
Rick Brinkman	Mesa Municipalities
Bud Burgess	Grand Mesa WCD
Marc Catlin	At-Large Member
Greg Clifton	Ouray Municipalities
Steve Glazer	Environmental
Ralph Grover	Hinsdale County
Frank Kugel	At-Large Member
Rachel Kullman	Montrose Municipalities
Dixie Luke	At-Large Member
Olen Lund	Delta County
Dick Margetts	Local Domestic Water Supplier
John McCLOW	Chairs of the House and Senate Ag Committees
Chuck Mitisek	Ute Water Conservancy District
Michelle Pierce	Hinsdale Municipalities
Hugh Sanburg	Industrial
Ron Shaver	At-Large Member
Ken Spann	Upper Gunnison River WCD
Dennis Steckel	Gunnison County

Voting Members Absent:

Carey Denison	Ouray County
Jim Hokit	Montrose County
Hank Hotze	Recreational
Tom Kenyon	Mesa County
Wendell Koontz	Delta Municipalities
Henry LeValley	Crawford WCD
Flynn Mangum	Saguache County
Tyler Martineau	Gunnison Municipalities
Steve Shea	Agricultural
George Sibley	At-Large Member
Bill Trampe	Colorado River Water Conservation District

Liaisons Present:

Keith Catlin	Colorado Water Conservation Board
Wayne Schieldt	Division of Water Resources - Division 4
Gary Shellhorn	US Forest Service
Curtis Swift	CSU Extension Agent

Liaisons Absent:

Phil Boawn	US Army Corps of Engineers
David Graf	Division of Wildlife
Eric Hecox	Manager, Office of Interbasin Compact Negotiations
Dennis Murphy	US Bureau of Land Management
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: Todd Doherty (CWCB), Dennis Reich (CSU Extension), Bob Hurford (DWR), Randy See (Senator Ken Salazar).

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 and September 8, 2008 Minutes

There was no quorum present to approve the August 4, 2008 and September 8, 2008 meeting minutes.

Report from the IBCC Representatives

There was no report from the IBCC representatives.

Report from the Educational Committee

There was no report from the Educational Committee.

- 1. Project Proposal – Town of Ridgway, Water Rights Analysis and Needs Assessment for Lake Otonowanda Enlargement Project.**

Greg Clifton met with the screening committee in August where they exchanged ideas. The proposal was revised to enlarge the scope. The revised proposal will be seeking money from both the Statewide and Basin accounts.

2. Project Proposal – Upper Gunnison River Water Conservancy District, Agricultural Water Needs Assessment and Water Supply Analysis for the Gunnison Basin.

Ken Spann indicated that he had not finished the proposal. His tentative plan is have the proposal ready for the November meeting in order to receive approval in January for Basin funds.

Ralph Grover discussed remaining basin funds and whether any funds would be needed elsewhere. Steve Glazer said it was unknown whether any basin funds would be needed for non-consumptive needs assessment.

Ken Spann asked the Roundtable members if he should go after local expertise as opposed to using CDM or some other expert in the CSS model. Generally it was felt that developing local expertise was preferred. Ken requested two committee meetings over the next month.

3. Proposed Amendment 52 to Colorado State Constitution

Keith Catlin began the discussion by saying that there was already a shortage of money for water issues, and that Amendment 52 would affect what money was available for water conservation projects, and needed to be defeated.

In the absence of a quorum, John McClow and Greg Clifton agreed to draft a resolution to circulate to Roundtable members opposing Amendment 52. Michelle Pierce stated that she would circulate the resolution to the members via e-mail and would notify the members if and when she had received the 27 votes needed to pass it.

4. Project Screening Committee

Ralph Grover asked the Roundtable members if any new proposals would be submitted before the next meeting. There were no new proposals mentioned.

5. Water Project Consultations – U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and Selenium.

Steve Glazer discussed the selenium problem in the Gunnison Basin. He mentioned that there were parts of rivers that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service believe to have an excess of selenium that is affecting aquatic life. Agriculture is considered to be the cause of increased levels of selenium in water. New regulations will require more effort to reduce selenium in rivers.

More funding is required to take further steps to reduce selenium leaving the Gunnison basin. Steve mentioned that Marc Catlin had agreed to put together a proposal seeking SB 179 money for this purpose, and requested that the Roundtable support Marc's proposal. Marc detailed his proposal to the group. Dixie Luke mentioned that she would like them to look into whether severance tax money might be available for this project as well.

Ken Spann requested the selenium issue be put on the November meeting agenda.

6. Annual Meeting

There was no quorum present, so the annual meeting was postponed to the next meeting of the Roundtable.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Gunnison Basin Roundtable will be November 3, 2008.

Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Roundtable, the meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'MB', is written above a horizontal line.

Mike Berry, Recorder

Action Items (October 6, 2008 meeting)

John McCloy and Greg Clifton agreed to draft a resolution to circulate to Roundtable members opposing Amendment 52.

Ralph Grover and Marc Catlin will meet regarding a possible proposal for selenium reduction projects.