Interbasin Compact Committee Gunnison Basin Roundtable Meeting

Holiday Inn Express Montrose, Colorado December 1, 2008

Voting Members Present:

Thomas Alvey
Rick Brinkman
Bud Burgess
Marc Catlin
Greg Clifton

North Fork WCD
Mesa Municipalities
Grand Mesa WCD
At-Large Member
Ouray Municipalities

Carey Denison Ouray County
Steve Glazer Environmental
Ralph Grover Hinsdale County
Tom Kenyon Mesa County
Frank Kugel At-Large Member

Rachel Kullman Montrose Municipalities

Henry LeValley Crawford WCD
Dixie Luke At-Large Member

Dick Margetts Local Domestic Water Supplier

Tyler Martineau Gunnison Municipalities

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 George Sibley At-Large Member

Ken Spann Upper Gunnison River WCD

Bill Trampe Colorado River Water Conservation District

Voting Members Absent:

Mike Berry Tri-County WCD
Jim Hokit Montrose County
Hank Hotze Recreational

Wendell Koontz Delta Municipalities

Olen Lund Delta County
Flynn Mangum Saguache County
Steve Shea Agricultural
Dennis Steckel Gunnison County

Liaisons Present:

Dennis Murphy US Bureau of Land Management

Liaisons Absent:

Phil Boawn US Army Corps of Engineers

Keith Catlin Colorado Water Conservation Board

David Graf Division of Wildlife

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
Curtis Swift CSU Extension Agent

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: David Stiller (NFRIA–North Fork Improvement Association), Randy See (Senator Salazar's Office), Sarah Sauter (Colorado Water Shed Assembly), Grady Hausler (self), Roy Mask (USFS), Jeff Crane (Colorado Water Shed Assembly), Nathan Fey (American Whitewater).

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 the meeting was several people short of a quorum; however, eventually enough members arrived to have a quorum.

Approve Agenda

Michelle Pierce announced an addition to the agenda to discuss the map for the Non-Consumptive Needs Assessment. The item will become item #3 on the Agenda.

The agenda was not moved and seconded, since there were not enough members at the beginning of the meeting for a quorum.

Approve November 11, 2008 Minutes

Hugh Sanburg made a motion to accept the Minutes of the November 11, 2008 meeting. Frank Kugel seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Report from the IBCC Representatives

Bill Trampe stated that the next IBCC meeting will be on December 12 at the Sheraton in Lakewood, Colorado. The agenda for the meeting is to work on the strategies that go with the goals and objectives of the visioning process. Bill didn't know if any comments had been made to the DNR staff on this process by any members of the Roundtable and that he had received nothing. Comments and suggestions are still welcome.

Report from the Educational Committee

George Sibley stated that there was nothing new to report. He planned to attend a public education and outreach meeting the following week in Denver.

- **1. State of Mountain Forests –** Roy Mask, U.S. Forest Service Entomologist and Head of the Forest Health Service Center in Gunnison made a presentation regarding current threats to the State's forests.
- **2. Project Proposal** Gary Hausler of the Upper Gunnison River Water Conservancy District made a presentation on the potential proposed Mississippi Importation Project. He requested Roundtable support for this project to the CWCB. Gary is making the presentation to other Roundtables as well, requesting their support for the project.
- **3.** Needs Assessments Maps for Non-Consumptive Needs Assessment Steve Glaser began the discussion regarding the maps for the subject assessment. Several Roundtable members felt that there was a problem with the location of the numbers on the map that specified certain attributes. Steve will inquire to CDM on the concern.

Steve Glaser made a motion that the Roundtable accept the map, for the time being, as the official map of the non-consumptive needs in the Gunnison Basin. Frank Kugel seconded, and the discussion continued on the inaccuracies of the map. Several attempts were made to restate the motion to indicate the map was not a final product.

Frank Kugel made a new motion restating the prior motion as follows: The Gunnison Basin Roundtable adopt the preliminary non-consumptive basin maps as a draft product for attributes and priorities. However, several members still took exception to the inaccuracies of the map, and the potential liabilities associated with those inaccuracies. Tom Alvey suggested that the Needs Assessment Committee further refine the attribute information and then bring another draft of the map to the Roundtable. Frank Kugel then withdrew his motion.

Steve Glaser asked the Chair to have CDM come and explain the map to the Roundtable.

Ken Spann made a motion to table the original motion by Steve Glaser and have the matter moved to the next meeting. Hugh Sanburg seconded. Tom Alvey asked if the Roundtable would consider moving the issue to the February meeting, and this request was accepted. The amended motion carried unanimously.

- **4.** Needs Assessments Proposed Technical Meeting Plan for 2009 (attached) Michelle Pierce spoke on the attached Proposed Technical Meeting Plan for 2009. Michelle also gave an overview of funding allocation modifications and new proposal requirements, which will include that proposals requesting state funds will now require a letter from the Chairperson tying the proposal to the basin needs assessment, progress reports on the project, and timing requirements on spending the funds.
- **5. Selenium Reduction Continued Discussion -** It was agreed to table this agenda item for the next meeting.
- **6. Bylaws Annual Review -** Hugh Sanburg reported that no changes would be made to the bylaws.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Gunnison Basin Roundtable will be January 5, 2009.

Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Roundtable, the meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

Mike Berry, Recorder

Action Items (December 1, 2008 meeting)

Michelle Pierce to ask CDM to come to GBRT meeting to explain the questions on the non-consumptive needs assessment map.