

**Interbasin Compact Committee
Gunnison Basin Roundtable Meeting**

Holiday Inn Express

Montrose, Colorado

February 2, 2009

Voting Members Present:

Thomas Alvey	North Fork WCD
Mike Berry	Tri-County WCD
Rick Brinkman	Mesa Municipalities
Keith Catlin	CWCB Member (liaison)
Marc Catlin	At-Large Member
Greg Clifton	Ouray Municipalities
Carey Denison	Ouray County
Steve Glazer	Environmental
Ralph Grover	Hinsdale County
Austin Keiser	Grand Mesa WCD
Wendell Koontz	Delta Municipalities
Frank Kugel	At-Large Member
Rachel Kullman	Montrose Municipalities
Henry LeValley	Crawford WCD
Dixie Luke	At-Large Member
Olen Lund	Delta County
Dick Margetts	Local Domestic Water Supplier
Tyler Martineau	Gunnison Municipalities
John McClow	Chairs of the House and Senate Ag Committees
Chuck Mitisek	Ute WCD
Michelle Pierce	Hinsdale Municipalities
Tim Pollard	Mesa County
Hugh Sanburg	Industrial
Ron Shaver	At-Large Member
Steve Shea	Agricultural
George Sibley	At-Large Member
Ken Spann	Upper Gunnison River WCD
Bill Trampe	Colorado River Water Conservation District

Voting Members Absent:

Vacant	Montrose County
Vacant	Recreational
Flynn Mangum	Saguache County
Dennis Steckel	Gunnison County

Liaisons and Non-Voting Members Present:

Sharon Dunning (Assistant Recorder), Dennis Murphy (BLM liaison), Gary Shellhorn (Forest Service liaison), David Graf (DOW liaison), Dave Kanzer (non-voting member).

Public: Sarah Sauter (Uncompahgre Watershed Partnership), Todd Doherty (CWCB), Dennis Reich (CSU), Jeff Litteral (citizen), John Almy (USFS), Ken Nelson (North Delta Ditch), Vernon Nutter (North Delta Ditch), Eric Kuhn CRWCD, Randy See (Senator Salazar's Office).

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 present.

Approve Agenda

Michelle Pierce announced a change to the Agenda; Nicole Rowan from CDM was not present as planned, but Todd Dougherty of the CWCB was attending and would fill in for Nicole on the discussion of the Non-Consumptive Use maps.

Another addition to the Agenda would be a discussion regarding John McClow and his bid for the Gunnison Basin seat on the Colorado Water Conservation Board.

Michelle welcomed new members Austin Keiser, who replaces Bud Burgess (Grand Mesa WCD), and Tim Pollard, who replaces Tom Kenyon (Mesa County).

Tom Alvey made a motion to accept the Agenda with the amendments, and Bill Trampe seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Approve December 1, 2008 Minutes

Hugh Sanburg pointed out that Austin Keiser's last name was misspelled on the last page of the minutes.

Ron Shaver made a motion to accept the minutes with the change, and Frank Kugel seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Report from the IBCC Representatives

Bill Trampe said that there had been no meeting since the last GBRT meeting. The next IBCC meeting is scheduled for March 16 in Longmont. He told the members to check the website for the Agenda to that meeting, which would be a continued discussion on funding issues and the vision work.

Bill mentioned he had spoken with Alex Davis, Assistant Director (Water) for DNR, regarding issues in conflict with the State. Bill stated that either Alex or Harris Sherman would like to come to the GBRT meeting. Michelle Pierce indicated she had not heard from either of them yet.

Bill mentioned that the Front Range water issues were intensifying as well as their demands on the Western Slope water. He also mentioned that there was a legislative proposal to deny the use of water for oil shale production as a beneficial use.

Marc Catlin quoted from the Headwaters publication “unless the Front Range gets help from the West Slope they won’t be able to continue Agriculture.” He added that what is accepted practice now may not be in the future.

Ken Spann made a motion to ratify the report from the IBCC representatives. The motion was seconded by Olen Lund, and passed unanimously.

Report from the Educational Committee

George Sibley said that he had spoken with the people who were collecting the survey and they indicated they would be visiting the Roundtable in a couple of months with their information.

George also indicated that Dave Kanzer as well as Sonja Baca from the Selenium Task Force could speak to the Roundtable regarding selenium issues in March or April. The Roundtable agreed to this idea.

1. **Colorado River Compact** – Eric Kuhn of the Colorado River Conservation District gave a presentation updating the Roundtable on efforts to develop plans to deal with potential Colorado River Compact curtailment in the Upper Colorado River Basin and the State of Colorado.
2. **Non-Consumptive Needs Assessments** – Todd Doherty of the CWCB presented the most current versions of the Non-Consumptive Use maps. He indicated that he plans to work on finalizing the maps. Purpose for the maps was to identify needs priorities.

Many members voiced concern as to what the maps would ultimately be used for. One member was particularly concerned that there was no longer a Recreational Representative on the Roundtable and felt that a new Recreational member should be found before the maps were finalized. It was also felt that the lack of the flow evaluation tool information makes it harder to finalize the map.

It was decided that the Roundtable would invite Todd Doherty back for the March meeting, Michelle Pierce would issue advertisement for a new Recreational Representative for the Roundtable as soon as possible, and the Needs Assessment Committee would meet again after that new member was elected.

Tyler Martineau made a motion that the Needs Assessment Committee meet to formulate a discussion on policy issues, and that Todd Doherty and CDM would continue to refine the mapping. Dixie Luke seconded. There were two negative votes, and Michele Pierce declared the motion carried by majority vote.

Tyler requested that the Needs Assessment Committee meet at 2:00 p.m. on the day of the next Roundtable meeting at the Uncompahgre Valley Water Users Office.

3. **Meeting Truancy** – An informal discussion was held concerning truancy for several members of the Roundtable. With the exception of Hank Hotze who has resigned, all other members on the truancy list were in attendance. No action was taken.
4. **Roundtable Meeting Schedule** – Hugh Sanburg headed the discussion of the idea of modifying the monthly meeting schedule. A group of committee members came up with the following suggestions:
 - Schedule nine (9) meetings per year.
 - If a meeting was scheduled on other than the first Monday of the month, it would NOT be mandatory.
 - September and July would be two of the meetings dropped from the schedule, since they were most often missed.

John McClow made a motion that the Roundtable adopt a 9 meetings per year schedule, and that the January, July and September meetings be the ones dropped from the schedule. Steve Shea seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

5. **Selenium Reduction** – Michelle Pierce suggested that since there will be educational presentations in March and April, those presentations will replace the Selenium discussions to which there was no objection.
6. **Other**

John McClow told the group that he has applied for the Gunnison Basin seat on the Colorado Water Conservation Board, and requested that the Roundtable endorse him and that the Chair write a letter to that effect to the Governor.

Ralph Grover moved to make it a motion that the Roundtable endorse John McClow's application to the Gunnison Basin seat on the Colorado Water Conservation Board, and that the Chair write a letter to that affect. Greg Clifton seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Dixie Luke asked if letters of support from organizations that are represented on the Roundtable would be of some benefit, to which John McClow responded affirmatively. Michelle Pierce agreed to send out the contact information of where to send the support letters.

Bill Trampe – Discussed several things that he asked the Roundtable members to think about:

- Pre 1922 water rights and what we can do
- Incremental development on West Slope of the Colorado River vs. 1 or 2 large properties
- Photo documentation

Ralph Grover – Announced that he has updated the Roundtable’s budget, and discussed what funds were available for approved projects. The CWCB is currently withholding approval of all projects being considered at this time, and only basin funded projects are being considered at the moment. Ralph stated that the biggest impact will be on the Agricultural Water Needs Assessment. Ralph encouraged Roundtable members to contact legislators for their support of future funding.

Todd Doherty said that any combined state and basin funded project proposals were not being considered, and recommended that any projects that were submitted for a combination of state and basin funding be split or separated if possible. Furthermore, the State will only consider projects that have statewide benefits for funding, and the statewide account has been deferred until September.

Discussion continued and ultimately it was decided that Ralph Grover would meet with each of the three affected applicants regarding splitting their proposals to State and basin accounts. Ralph will make a recommendation to the Roundtable at the March meeting based on the interests of the applicants, and will be in contact with Todd to be sure that the applications for basin funds are acceptable to be considered at the March 17 CWCB meeting.

Frank Kugel – Announced the Colorado Water Resources and Power Development Authority approved 11 grants for hydropower feasibility studies including Taylor Park Hydro which is sponsored by the Upper Gunnison River WCD, Uncompahgre Valley Water Users Association, and Gunnison County Electric Association.

Hugh Sanburg - made a motion for the Roundtable to send a letter to Keith Catlin thanking him for his service on the CWCB board. Ralph Grover seconded. Approval was made by general consensus.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Gunnison Basin Roundtable will be March 2, 2009.

Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Roundtable, the meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Mike Berry, Recorder

Action Items (February 2, 2009 meeting)

Michelle Pierce will advertise for a new Recreational Representative for the Roundtable.

The Needs Assessment Subcommittee to meet at 2:00 p.m. on the day of the next Roundtable meeting.

Michelle Pierce will write a letter of endorsement for John McClow to the CWCB. Michelle Pierce will supply Roundtable members with information on where to send letters of support for John McClow's application from the organizations represented by members of the Roundtable.

Michelle Pierce will forward letter of thanks to Keith Catlin for his service to the CWCB Board.