

**Interbasin Compact Committee
Gunnison Basin Roundtable Meeting**

**Holiday Inn Express
Montrose, Colorado
June 1, 2009**

Voting Members Present:

Thomas Alvey	North Fork WCD
Mike Berry	Tri-County WCD
Rick Brinkman	Mesa Municipalities
Marc Catlin	At-Large Member
Greg Clifton	Ouray Municipalities
Steve Glazer	Environmental
Austin Keiser	Grand Mesa WCD
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
John McCLOW	Chairs of the House and Senate Ag Committees
Chuck Mitisek	Ute WCD
Michelle Pierce	Hinsdale Municipalities
Hugh Sanburg	Industrial
Neal Schwieterman	Recreational
Ron Shaver	At-Large Member
George Sibley	At-Large Member
Dennis Steckel	Gunnison County

Voting Members Absent:

Keith Catlin	CWCB Member (Liaison)
Cary Denison	Ouray County
Ralph Grover	Hinsdale County
Wendell Koontz	Delta Municipalities
Dick Margetts	Local Domestic Water Supplier
Tim Pollard	Mesa County
Steve Shea	Agricultural
Ken Spann	Upper Gunnison River WCD
Bill Trampe	Colorado River Water Conservation District
Vacant	Montrose County
Vacant	Saguache County

Liaisons and Non-Voting Members Present:

Sharon Dunning (Assistant Recorder), Bob Hurford (Colorado Division of Water Resources), Dennis Murphy (BLM Liaison).

Public: Tim Decker (Public), Dan Crabtree, Ed Warner and Steve McCall (USBOR), Randy See (Senator Bennett Regional Representative), Jim Pokrandt (Colorado River Water Conservation District), Nolan Doesken (Colorado State University), Alex Davis (Assistant Director – DNR), Gaspar Perricone (Senator Udall).

Welcome

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chairperson Michelle Pierce.

Roll Call

Following roll call, it was declared that a quorum was not present. However, eventually enough members arrived to complete a quorum.

Approve Agenda

At the time the Agenda item was read, there were not enough members present to approve the Agenda.

Approve May 4, 2009 Minutes

Frank Kugel mentioned that Cary Denison's name was misspelled. Tyler Martineau suggested that the words "major streams and segments map" replace the wording "new map" in the motion by Ken Spann, to make it very clear which map was adopted. George Sibley suggested that the summary prepared by Hal Simpson regarding the presentation given to the Roundtable in May by he and Todd Dougherty on water supplies strategies be attached to the minutes. John McClow will send summary sent to Mike Berry for inclusion in the minutes.

Frank Kugel made a motion to accept to the minutes of the May 4 meeting as amended. Ron Shaver seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Report from the IBCC Representatives

There was no report from the IBCC Representatives as there had been no IBCC meeting and neither IBCC representative was present to report.

Report from the Educational Committee

There was nothing to report from the Educational Committee.

1. Non-Consumptive Needs Assessments – Update from NCNA Committee.

Tyler Martineau reported that Austin Keiser, Tom Alvey, and others, have completed their investigations on the consumptive needs, and now that information needs to be incorporated into the consumptive needs assessment. The task of identifying deficiencies in the consumptive needs assessment will now have to be addressed, and the Needs Assessment Committee would like to meet with Hal Simpson and CDM. Tyler asked for the support of the Roundtable for the Committee to meet with CDM. There were no objections from the Roundtable members.

Tyler made special mention that the needs assessment work has been a team effort, and more of a job than was originally anticipated, and gave credit to Marc Catlin, Steve Glaser, Dixie Luke, Neal Schwieterman, Ron Shaver, Ken Spann and others that put their efforts into the needs assessment.

Tyler stated that the map that had been approved at the previous meeting did not take into account that the Dominguez area had been enacted into law as a wilderness area, and consequently the approved map did not show this wilderness area. He asked the Roundtable members if they wanted to approve an update to the map with this change, which was only an oversight. Dixie Luke made a motion to approve the amended non-consumptive needs major streams and segments map to include the Dominguez wilderness area. Ron Shaver seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

2. Clean Water Restoration Act – Update Hugh Sanburg.

Hugh Sanburg provided a brief informational update on the proposed changes to the Clean Water Restoration Act, Senate Bill 787. Hugh stated that this bill has been around for a number of years, and it is generally believed that it has improved water quality nationwide. Hugh suggested that all members take a look at the proposed changes to the bill for unintended consequences. Senator Udall opposes the bill in its current form, and Senator Bennett's office did not offer their position on the bill. Most likely there will be a compromise bill.

3. Blue Mesa Reservoir – Discussion with Alex Davis, Assistant Director for Water, Colorado Department of Natural Resources, Potential Blue Mesa Contract for Water.

Alex Davis said that the Bureau of Reclamation is considering a contract with the State of Colorado for the purchase of up to 200,000 acre feet of water from the Aspinall unit, if there is a valid use for this water. She mentioned that Blue Mesa Reservoir is one of four reservoirs in the upper basin of the Colorado River that was built by the government to make sure that the upper basin states would be able to meet their compact obligations and to develop their Colorado River Compact entitlements. After closely watching the proceedings on the National Park Service litigation in the Black Canyon, and the Aspinall EIS, the DNR feels that this important reservoir not only be used for "non-state" needs, but that it is important to discover if the Aspinall unit could be used to benefit the entire State of Colorado. Alex stated that the next step is to talk to the stakeholders.

The "State of the River" Meeting sponsored by the Colorado River Water Conservation District followed the Roundtable Meeting.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Gunnison Basin Roundtable will be August 3, 2009.

Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Roundtable, the meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Mike Berry, Recorder

Action Items

John McClow to send Hal Simpson and Todd Dougherty's discussion summary from May 4, 2009 to Mike Berry to be attached to the May 4, 2009 minutes.