

**Interbasin Compact Committee
Gunnison Basin Roundtable Meeting**

**Holiday Inn Express
Montrose, Colorado
August 3, 2009**

Voting Members Present:

Thomas Alvey	North Fork WCD
Mike Berry	Tri-County WCD
Allen Brown	Hinsdale County
Greg Clifton	Ouray Municipalities
Tim Decker	Montrose County
Cary Denison	Ouray County
Steve Glazer	Environmental
Austin Keiser	Grand Mesa WCD
Wendell Koontz	Delta Municipalities
Frank Kugel	At-Large Member
Rachel Kullman	Montrose Municipalities
Dixie Luke	At-Large Member
Dick Margetts	Local Domestic Water Supplier
Tyler Martineau	Gunnison Municipalities
John McCLOW	House and Senate Ag Committees, CWCB Liaison
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
Dennis Steckel	Gunnison County
Bill Trampe	Colorado River Water Conservation District

Voting Members Absent:

Rick Brinkman	Mesa Municipalities
Marc Catlin	At-Large Member
Henry LeValley	Crawford WCD
Olen Lund	Delta County
Neal Schwieterman	Recreational
Ken Spann	Upper Gunnison River WCD
Vacant	Saguache County

Liaisons and Non-Voting Members Present:

Sharon Dunning (Assistant Recorder), David Graf (CDOW), David Kanzer (Non-voting Member).

Public: Denis Reich (CSU Extension), Jacob Bornstein (CWCB), Alexander Lundy (Student/Wild Earth Guardians Volunteer/Interested Public).

Welcome

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

Michelle welcomed two new Roundtable members: Tim Decker (Montrose County Representative) who replaces Jim Hokit, and Allen Brown (Hinsdale County Representative) who replaces Ralph Grover.

Roll Call

Following roll call it was declared that there was a quorum present.

Approve Agenda

Steve Glazer requested an addition to the Agenda regarding an update to the status of the Clean Water Restoration Act.

Tom Alvey made a motion to accept the amended Agenda. Frank Kugel seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Approve June 1, 2009 Minutes

Steve Glazer suggested a change to the title for Agenda item number 1. The Agenda item reads "Non Consumptive Needs Assessment Committee" and should be changed to read only "Needs Assessment Committee."

John McClow requested that Keith Catlin's name be removed from the list of voting members and as the CWCB Voting Member. This position is actually as a Liaison, and John is now the CWCB Liaison.

John McClow also requested elimination of "no IBCC members present" from the end of the Report from the IBCC Representatives.

Ron Shaver made a motion to accept the June 1, 2009 meeting minutes with amendments. Dixie Luke seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Report from the IBCC Representatives

Bill Trampe said that he attended the IBCC meeting in Crested Butte on July 20. There was not a lot to report from the meeting. The morning session was a standard update on the IBCC, mainly addressing the Reserve Account, and status for the coming year. There was an update on the status of Phase I of the water feasibility study. Everything appears to be on track and on time.

The afternoon session was spent trying to continue to scope out Phase II of the water management study, and a lot of time was spent discussing what should be included in the model for that process. Bill pointed out that the meeting was not very well attended by Western Colorado members.

Ron Shaver made a motion to ratify Bill Trampe's IBCC report. Tyler Martineau seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

George Sibley directed a question to the Roundtable regarding the Roundtable's responsibility to the IBCC in forwarding concerns of the Basin to the IBCC/CWCB. John McClow responded that concerns can be taken to the IBCC at any time. The group agreed to talk to Todd Dougherty on this subject in October.

Report from the Educational Committee

George Sibley said that he and Michelle Pierce had attended meeting in Frisco with the other educational liaisons to see the status of the educational process. They received the results of the survey that was done, and the results would be discussed later in the Agenda. Also to be discussed is where the Roundtable should go with both Roundtable and public information education in the future. George and Michelle agreed that it was a good meeting.

Report from CWCB Representative

John McClow attended the CWCB meeting in Crested Butte on July 21 and 22.

The first morning was spent with the Water Resources Review Committee. This Committee is made up of five Representatives and five Senators from both parties, and is designed to manage the water bills from the legislature. Water legislation and the budget were the topics for discussion. Due to the pending deficits there is a project shortfall of almost a billion dollars over the next 2 fiscal years. The Board recommended unanimously to the committee to leave the Roundtable process intact by allowing some funding both for operations and the reserve account, however, all budgets are being slashed.

The results of what has been completed so far on Phase I of the Colorado Water Availability Supply Study was presented. Accomplishments to date include collecting data and assembling the existing materials and putting them into a single database. Some preliminary analysis has been done, but results are pending.

Eric Hecox gave an update on the Water Supplies Strategy report.

Bill Trampe said that Roundtable representatives were generally positive about the Roundtable process, and Michelle Pierce added most everyone thinks there is validity in the Roundtable process.

- 1. Non-Consumptive Needs Assessments – Watershed Flow Evaluation Tool.** Jacob Bornstein of the CWCB presented information regarding the Non-Consumptive Watershed Flow Evaluation Tool and the results of the related pilot studies. Jacob discussed the next steps for the Non-Consumptive Needs Assessment, and stated that Phase II would begin about this time next year.

Steve Glazer stated he would take the lead and meet with the Needs Assessment Committee to come up with a recommendation for how to proceed with the use of the flow evaluation tool for the Non-Consumptive Needs Assessment.

- 2. Consumptive Needs Assessments – Gunnison Basin Roundtable Needs Assessment Task Order Final Report.**

Tyler Martineau circulated via email a final draft of the Needs Assessment Task Order Report, of the task orders that were funded with the HB 1400 money. Tyler stated that the Needs Assessment Committee recommends that the Roundtable adopt the final draft of the report subject to Dave Kanzer's recommendations and any additions. He also stated that the CWCB was asking the Roundtable to approve the report.

Tyler Martineau made a motion to approve the final report of the Gunnison Basin Needs Assessment Tasks Orders subject to additions and corrections provided by Dave Kanzer, and provided the report is kept open for any future additions and corrections as time goes by. Ron Shaver seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Steve Glazer invited new member Tim Decker to join the Needs Assessment Committee, and Tim accepted.

- 3. Public Education, Participation and Outreach Workgroup – Education Liaison Workshop, July 9, 2009 in Frisco.**

George Sibley presented the results of the PEPO's educational survey that was taken in January, which were presented at the July workshop. George requested that the Roundtable members review the priorities of future educational activities and update the survey priorities area. Members can email the completed survey back to him.

One area that was identified as lacking was public participation and it has been determined that education needs to be made part of the process. George announced that Rachel Kullman is now helping on the Educational Committee.

The October meeting presentation will be on the BLM's Resource Management Planning process and the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act.

4. Colorado Decision Support System Training – Monday August 31, 2009, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Denver.

Michelle Pierce asked the Roundtable members for two volunteers to attend an overview training meeting on the Colorado Decision Support System (CDSS) tools. Dave Kanzer and Frank Kugel volunteered to be the GBRT representatives at the meeting, and will report back to the Roundtable.

5. Project Screening Committee – Membership.

Michelle Pierce inquired on current membership for the Project Screening Committee. The list of members includes: Frank Kugel, Rachel Kullman, Tom Alvey, Ron Shaver, and Marc Catlin. Tom Alvey is the new chair for the committee, replacing Ralph Grover.

6. Clean Water Restoration Act. Steve Glazer gave an update to the status of the bill. He said an amended version of the bill had been submitted to the Senate, which brought back all of the exemptions that were given to agriculture, silviculture and ranching in the 1977 version of the bill. The amended bill also added two more exemptions – water within wastewater treatment facilities and prior converted croplands.

Next Meeting

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

Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Roundtable, the meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Mike Berry, Recorder

Action Items

Steve Glazer will meet with the Needs Assessment Committee to come up with a recommendation for how to proceed with the use of the flow evaluation tool for the Non-Consumptive Needs Assessment

Roundtable members are requested to review and update the PEPO educational survey priorities area and email the completed survey back to George Sibley who will compile the results and report on them.

Dave Kanzer and Frank Kugel will plan to attend the Colorado Decision Support System Training meeting on Monday August 31, 2009, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in Denver.