

**Interbasin Compact Committee
Gunnison Basin Roundtable Meeting**

Holiday Inn Express

Montrose, Colorado

February 1, 2010

Voting Members Present:

Mike Berry	Tri-County WCD
Allen Brown	Hinsdale County
Marc Catlin	At-Large Member
Greg Clifton	Ouray Municipalities
Tim Decker	Montrose County
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
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
Hugh Sanburg	Industrial
Neal Schwieterman	Recreational
Ron Shaver	At-Large Member
George Sibley	At-Large Member
Ken Spann	Upper Gunnison River WCD
Dennis Steckel	Gunnison County
Bill Trampe	Colorado River Water Conservation District

Voting Members Absent:

Vacant	Mesa County
Vacant	Saguache County
Thomas Alvey	North Fork WCD
Rick Brinkman	Mesa Municipalities
Cary Denison	Ouray County
Wendell Koontz	Delta Municipalities
Steve Shea	Agricultural

Liaisons and Non-Voting Members Present:

Sharon Dunning (Assistant Recorder), Bob Hurford (CDWR Liaison), David Kanzer (Non-voting Member), Gary Shellhorn (U.S. Forest Service).

Public: Carol DeAngelis (USBR), Tom Pitts (Water Consultant), Todd Doherty (CWCB), Steve McCall (USBR), Dan Crabtree (USBR), Mike Baker (Consultant), Keith Catlin (General Public), Patty Gelatt (USFWS), Sonya Chavez de Baca (Consultant), Rick Krueger (USFWS), Barb Osmundson (USFWS – Grand Junction), Scott Streit (Wells Fargo Bank), Don Coram (Cattlemans/Candidate State House Dist 58), Sarah Sauter (Uncompahgre Watershed Partnership, Dave Dearstyne (NRCS).

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

Frank Kugel made a motion to accept the Agenda. Ron Shaver seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Approve November 2, 2009 and December 7, 2009 Meeting Minutes

Hugh Sanburg made a motion to accept the Meeting Minutes for the November 2, 2009 and December 7, 2009 meetings. Ron Shaver seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Report from the IBCC Representatives

Bill Trampe reported that the IBCC had not met since the last report, and had nothing new to report. The next scheduled IBCC meeting is March 5, 2010.

Bill mentioned that the River District has communicated with the Front Range, as well as the Western Slope, to encourage risk management and how to go about creating a system for risk management as we move forward in coming years. The point is to try to find protection for the whole state and spread the risk, and not just put the risk on one entity or one geographic area.

Todd Doherty announced that Alexander Davis is now the Director of the IBCC. Jim Martin, the new DNR Director has delegated that authority to her. Todd further stated that they are looking at further refinement of the scenario where there is mid-supply mid-demand situations. At the Water Congress, Governor Ritter challenged the IBCC to make as much headway as possible through the rest of the year. There will be two additional IBCC meetings in 2010 totaling 6 for the year.

Report from the Educational Committee

George Sibley reported that the educational presentation for the meeting would be provided by Dave Kanzer.

Next month's education presentation will be to start to look at some other water quality issues that relate to the basin.

Report from CWCB Representative

John McCloy reported that the CWCB met the previous week in Denver. The CWCB took another look at the Colorado Water Availability Study, which is still not finished. The narrative report will probably be received within the next two weeks.

The main item of local interest is the appropriation of an instream water right on the San Miguel River, which was hotly contested. The board decided to postpone that appropriation for a year to give the parties an opportunity to do whatever planning is necessary to protect the upper part of the River.

1. Unraveling the Gordian Knot - Selenium in the Lower Gunnison.

Dave Kanzer of the Colorado River Water Conservation District organized a panel of speakers to explain the interrelated federal actions, studies, proposals, players and programs that have caused selenium to become a larger issue in the Lower Gunnison Basin. The speakers and their topics were:

- **Tom Pitts, P.E.:** The Upper Colorado River Endangered Fish Recover Program
- **Steve McCall, USBR:** Aspinall Unit Operation
- **Patty Gelatt, USFWS:** Endangered Species
- **Mike Baker, Consultant:** Gunnison Basin Selenium Management Plan

The presentations were followed by a discussion regarding what GBRT members can do to help address the selenium issue and develop a Selenium Management Plan.

Dave Kanzer announced the “Selenium Summit” meeting to take place at the Bill Heddles Recreation Center on February 18. The meeting would be all day starting at 9:30 a.m. Sonya Chavez de Baca had flyers for the program.

2. Agricultural Water Needs (2050) Assessment & Water Supply Analysis for the Gunnison Basin.

The Roundtable discussed whether to pursue this study or place the funds awarded to the project back into the Water Supply Reserve Account.

Ken Spann indicated that moving forward on the Needs Assessment and Supply Analysis was pending the results of the Water Availability Study, which were to have been finalized in November. With those results, the aforementioned study may or may not need to be done. Once the results of the Water Availability Study are available, it would be decided how to proceed.

George Sibley made a motion to defer the decision to move forward on the Water Needs Assessment and Water Supply Analysis study until the next meeting, pending receipt of the Water Availability Study results. The motion was seconded by Neal Schwieterman.

Bill Trampe was the only opposing vote, and the motion carried.

3. Water Supply Reserve Account Update, Consumptive Needs Assessments, etc.

Todd Doherty of the Colorado Water Conservation Board started his discussion by reporting that the CWCB was in the process of updating agricultural needs for 2050. He proposed creating a subcommittee to represent agriculture for the Gunnison Basin in more detail. The subcommittee is to meet just prior to April meeting, and Todd will coordinate the meeting. The volunteers for the Agricultural Subcommittee are: Ken Spann, Hugh Sanburg, Marc Catlin, Tom Alvey, and Dixie Luke.

In December, after the IBCC meeting, a subcommittee met regarding the Water Supply Reserve Account Grant program to talk about some changes. They elected to keep the 73/27 split between state-wide and basin accounts. Budget shortfalls will most likely decrease the funds significantly.

Todd had met with the State Demographer regarding the methodology behind the population forecasting. She has agreed to come to the March Roundtable meeting to present and field questions on methodology. She would like to have county officials from each county in the basin attend a pre-meeting as well. Todd said he would like to invite any major water providers to the pre-meeting.

Todd and Dave Kanzer had worked to fix a few discrepancies on the Task Order, which had been approved by the Roundtable back in August. Those discrepancies have been fixed, but a disclaimer was requested to be included. Todd indicated that he was uncomfortable as CWCB staff to write that disclaimer. However, he was fine including the disclaimer if the Roundtable wrote it. Dave Kanzer volunteered to draft disclaimer, and there were no objections from the Roundtable.

4. Gunnison Basin Roundtable Membership - Staggered Terms of Office.

Michelle Pierce stated that John McClow had brought to her attention that the By-laws call for “staggered terms” after the initial five year term of the charter members of the Roundtable.

John said that the By-Laws committee had discussed the issue informally and wanted to discuss it with the entire Roundtable. Members of the Roundtable that were appointed by Statute shall serve a five year term, except that terms following the initial term shall be staggered. Our By-Laws state that the initial term of all 32 members shall be five years. The Roundtable now needs to establish criteria for staggered terms for members.

Hugh Sanburg made a motion to have the By-Laws Committee draft a change to indicate that the terms be set at five years. The motion was seconded by Frank Kugel. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Non-consumptive Needs Assessment Meeting and Status Update

The Colorado Water Conservation Board has announced that a meeting will be held on February 10, 2010 at the Silverthorne Pavilion to help implement Phase II on the Nonconsumptive Needs Assessments.

Steve Glazer announced that he already had commitments before the meeting date was announced, and could not attend the meeting. Neal Schwieterman, however, would be able to attend and report back to the Roundtable. Steve encouraged anyone else on the Need Assessment Committee to attend if they were able to.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Gunnison Basin Roundtable will be March 1, 2010.

Adjourn

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

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Mike Berry, Recorder

Action Items

Todd Doherty to coordinate a meeting of the Agriculture Subcommittee. The meeting will be held just prior to the April Roundtable meeting.

Todd Doherty to arrange to reserve a room from 2-4, prior to the March Roundtable meeting for a pre-meeting with the State Demographer, county officials, and major water providers in the Gunnison Basin.

Dave Kanzer to draft a disclaimer regarding discrepancies on the Task Orders.

Hugh Sanburg to have the By-Laws Committee draft a change to the By-Laws to indicate that the terms be set at five years.

Neal Schwieterman will attend the Non-consumptive Needs Assessment Meeting at the Silverthorne Pavilion on February 10, 2010, and report back to the Roundtable on that meeting.