

**Interbasin Compact Committee
Gunnison Basin Roundtable Meeting**

**Holiday Inn Express
Montrose, Colorado
October 4, 2010**

Voting Members Present:

Thomas Alvey	North Fork WCD
Mike Berry	Tri-County WCD
Rick Brinkman	Mesa Municipalities
Allen Brown	Hinsdale County
Marc Catlin	At-Large Member
Cary Denison	Ouray County
Joanne Fagan	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
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
Steve Shea	Agricultural
Ken Spann	Upper Gunnison River WCD
Dennis Steckel	Gunnison County
Bill Trampe	Colorado River Water Conservation District

Voting Members Absent:

Tim Decker	Montrose County
George Sibley	At-Large Member
Vacant	Local Domestic Water Supplier
Vacant	Gunnison Municipalities
Vacant	Delta Municipalities
Vacant	Mesa County
Vacant	Saguache County

Liaisons and Non-Voting Members Present:

Sharon Dunning (Assistant Recorder), David Graf (CDOW liaison), Bob Hurford (CDWR liaison), Gary Shellhorn (USFS liaison), Dennis Reich (CSU Extension liaison).

Public: Keith Catlin (UVWUA), Todd Doherty (CWCB), Mike King (Executive Director, DNR), Sue Morea (CDM), Jacob Bornstein (CWCB), J/W and Homer Heming (Valley View Irrigation Assn.), Adam Turner (Project 7 Water Authority), Jason Ullman (Asst. Div. IV Engineer), Bill Nesbitt (Public).

Welcome

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

Roll Call/Introductions

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

Chairperson Michelle Pierce welcomed Mike King, Executive Director of the Colorado Department of Natural Resources, Todd Doherty and Jacob Bornstein of the CWCB, and Sue Morea of CDM.

Michelle announced that two Gunnison Basin Roundtable members would not be returning: Tyler Martineau and Dick Margetts. Adam Turner was introduced as candidate for the Local Domestic Water Supplier previously held by Dick Margetts. Bill Nesbitt was present as candidate for the Gunnison Municipalities seat.

Approve Agenda

Michelle Pierce announced an addition to the Agenda. The IBCC requested feedback on the accuracy of the language used for the description of the Gunnison Basin, its priorities and success stories for the annual report. A copy was provided to the Roundtable members.

Dixie Luke made a motion to accept the amended Agenda. Ron Shaver seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Approve August 2, 2010 Meeting Minutes

Frank Kugel made a motion to accept the Meeting Minutes for the August 2, 2010 meeting. Allen Brown seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Report from the IBCC Representatives

Bill Trampe attended the IBCC meeting in August. He indicated that Director Mike King and his staff would make their report to the Roundtable, and that he would add to that report if necessary.

Bill added that they had a good discussion on a number of things at the IBCC meeting. The IBCC is working with several subcommittees whose tasks include the defining the state's role in supporting IP&P; what the state's role is in project development and in financing; work on conservation and water use in the future; and developing new supplies of water.

Bill stressed that the Gunnison Basin Roundtable needs to decide what it expects from this process. What can be given up and what does the basin want to keep? The time is approaching to make decisions.

The October IBCC meeting will be in Canon City.

Report from the Educational Committee

Rachel Kullman stated there was nothing to report.

Report from CWCB Representative

John McCloy reported that he had attended the CWCB meeting on September 13-15 in Grand Junction. The first part of the meeting was a workshop where the finance section presented revenue projections and the staff presented non-reimbursable project proposals. The total of the proposals for consideration was about \$3,000,000, and only \$300,000 was available, but could be accommodated by adjusting the growth rate of the construction fund.

The CWCB also approved a flood hazard mitigation plan for the state, and the Drought Management Response Plan. CWCB staff reported on the many comments that were received on the Colorado River Water Availability Study. The CWCB instructed their staff to prepare a second draft of the Phase I report in the form of a Record of Decision, where all comments would be responded to and corrections made where needed. They will also spend some more time on the results. Whether or not there will be a Phase II remains to be seen, and will depend on the satisfaction of the draft of the Phase I report.

Mike King, Executive Director of the Colorado Department of Natural Resources

Mike King, Executive Director of the Colorado Department of Natural Resources (DNR), stated that he had attended the IBCC meeting in Fort Collins, and his duty was to deliver the Governor's perspective on where the IBCC Basin Roundtable process is. The general feeling at DNR is that the Basin Roundtables are really beginning to get some traction, and that there are some fruitful discussions taking place. There is a tremendous amount invested in the RT's and the IBCC, and that this is an important process. It will be recommended strongly to the next administration that the Roundtable process continue.

1. **Overview of the 2010 SWSI Update** – Todd Doherty, CWCB Program Manager, Jacob Bornstein, CWCB and Sue Morea, CDM.

Todd Doherty reviewed several draft reports that have been released recently by the Colorado Water Conservation Board. They were hoping to get comments back by September 30, but are still urging anyone who has comments to forward ASAP.

Jacob Bornstein is accepting feedback on the NonConsumptive Needs Assessment report.

2. **Joint Meeting with Arkansas Basin Roundtable** – Report on September 10, 2010 Subcommittee Meeting.

John McClow reported on the Subcommittee meeting. He stated that notes taken at the last meeting were sent out to the Roundtable members. Also sent out was the consensus of acceptable uses for any contract in Blue Mesa.

The Subcommittee members discovered that there were a lot more complexities and issues with developing a contract for a specific quantity of water, and it would be better to focus on a contract for reservoir capacity. That capacity could be used for storage of senior water rights required as part of the water bank program that the Colorado River District and Southwest District have initiated. If that concept were acceptable to both roundtables they would take it to the BOR at the highest level and see if they would be willing to consider developing a contract on that basis. Question to the Roundtable: Do we feel that is an appropriate approach and would you support that means of addressing this issue?

The subcommittee discussed this issue with Jennifer Gimble and Alex Davis. They contacted other RTs and have provided information for discussion at the October 14 IBCC meeting.

Dixie Luke made a motion to support the process presented by the Gunnison and Arkansas Basin subcommittees. Neal Schweiterman seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

3. **Project Proposal** – Painted Sky Resource Conservation & Development, \$53,000 from Basin Account Funds for Continuation of Hartland Dam Removal Project. (See forwarded report and PSC recommendations from Tom Alvey).

Tom Alvey made a motion to approve the Hartland Dam Improvement Proposal for \$53,000. Frank Kugel seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

4. **Project Proposal** – Colorado State University, \$35,000 from Statewide Account Funds and \$77,000 from Basin Account Funds to Expand and Improve CoAgMet system.

Dennis Reich, CSU Extension Liaison, gave a brief overview of the proposed project and its benefits. Marc Catlin added that there would be an advantage in tracking local weather patterns. Steve Glazer discussed the 26% overhead that would go to CSU.

Ken Spann made a motion to approve the proposal on the condition that the overhead amount is adjusted to 10%, and the proposal amount reduced by that amount. Bill Trampe seconded, and the motion passed with two members, Dixie Luke and John McClow dissenting.

5. **Project Proposal** – Improvements/Upgrades to Sampson-Frazier Ditch. John Wertz presented the information on a proposal to upgrade the Sampson-Frazier ditch. Tom Alvey recommended that the group complete the WSR form and return to the Project Screening subcommittee. Homer Heming and John Wertz will prepare formal application.

6. **Gunnison Basin Roundtable Membership** – Reappointment of At-Large Members.

Marc Catlin – Application received.
Frank Kugel – Application received.
Dixie Luke – Application received.
Ronald Shaver – Application received.
George Sibley – Application received.
Steve Glazer (environmental) – Application received.
Hugh Sanburg (industrial) – Application received.
Neal Schweiterman (recreational) – Application received.
Steve Shea (Agricultural) – Application received.
Adam Turner (Local Domestic Water Supplier) – Application received.

Austin Keiser made a motion to appoint the ten At-Large members to the Gunnison Basin Roundtable. Carey Denison seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Neil Schweiterman made a motion to reappoint the IBCC representatives, Bill Trampe and Marc Catlin, for the Gunnison Basin Roundtable. Olen Lund seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

7. **Annual Meeting** – Election of Officers

Joanne Fagan made a motion to retain the current officers. Olen Lund seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

8. **Discussion on the Portion of Annual Report that Describes the Gunnison Basin**

Michelle Pierce passed out a copy of the portion of the annual report that describes the Gunnison Basin. The question to the Roundtable is whether the description is adequate. Some feedback has been received, and the Roundtable members discussed a few more changes, including adding information on the development of a selenium management plan, endangered fish habitat improvement, discussions exploring augmentation and water banking, and the problem of the basin's aging infrastructure. It was also requested to strike the second bullet pertaining to the upper basin.

Michelle indicated that the basin was also requested to identify a success story. Todd indicated he would need a photo with two or three sentences describing the project, sent within the next several days.

Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Gunnison Basin Roundtable will be at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, November 1, 2010.

Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Roundtable, the meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Mike Berry, Recorder

Action Items

Roundtable members to forward any feedback on the various reports presented by Todd Doherty within the following week.

Roundtable members to forward a success story and photo for the annual report ASAP.