

**Public Education, Participation and Outreach Workgroup
Interbasin Compact Committee**

**Teleconference Meeting
December 16, 2010
1:00-3:00pm**

PEPO Workgroup Mission:

- 1. Create a process to inform, involve, and educate the public on the IBCC's activities and the progress of the inter-basin compact negotiations. This will be accomplished by communicating the vision, mechanics and relevance of the 1177 process to the general public, and securing and relying upon other groups whose focus is to provide water education to the public.*
 - 2. Create a mechanism by which public input and feedback can be relayed to the Interbasin Compact Committee and compact negotiators. This will be accomplished by encouraging participation of a broad range of stakeholders through Roundtable representatives.*
 - 3. Provide water education opportunities to Roundtable and IBCC members to help them make more informed decisions.*
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MEETING MINUTES

ACTION ITEMS UNDERLINED

I. Attendees:

Kristin Maharg, CFWE
Jacob Bornstein, CWCB
Jeff Devere, IBCC/Yampa/White
Deb Alpe, North Platte
Reagan Waskom, Colorado
Water Institute

Perry Cabot, Arkansas
Caroline Bradford, Colorado
George Sibley, Gunnison
Denis Reich, Colorado Water
Institute
Judy Lopez, Rio Grande

II. No one had any concerns on the 11/30/2010 PEPO meeting minutes

III. Statewide Roundtable Summit discussion

Kristin asked Jacob to inform the group of the process for revising the IBCC report, now called an "emerging framework." The subcommittee reports were edited at the December 1 IBCC meeting and the report is now submitted to the Governor and IBCC members. There will be another email to roundtable members later today and it will be posted on the website. Alex will be attending all nine roundtables in January or February with CWCB staff to discuss the report in detail. The IBCC will meet in February to go over their 2011 work plan and discuss how to be best prepared for the Summit. The Governor has theoretically been invited to both.

Kristin explained the components of the statewide memo to go out by early 2011:

- Basic agenda
- Logistics of attendance
- Registration
- Pre-summit expectations (i.e. discuss report at roundtable level, what they'd like to explore in the cross-basin tracks)
- Recordings of 12/01/10 IBCC meeting
- Draft report

Caroline would like to see the last two drafts of the report to observe how it's changed. George would be interested in this plus receiving the memo before the Gunnison's January 3 meeting. Kristin will have it ready to be sent out by late 2010. The recordings might not be ready by then, but he said it would be fine to include any drafts of the report if everyone would like those files.

Most roundtables are meeting in January and the rest in February. The Chairs and Education Liaisons are expected to make an announcement about the Summit and ask that members attend. Travel expenses will be paid for IBCC and PEPO members plus two additional roundtable members as needed. We also have \$2K in scholarships that could cover another ten or so members. Each roundtable will have to let their Chair know whose travel will be reimbursed or however would work best. The cost for the public to attend will be about \$25/person.

Kristin went over the goal and outcomes. George pointed out that if this is a grassroots process, shouldn't we be connecting the goals of the IBCC with the activities of the roundtables? A suggestion from Jeff is: Looking for consensus from the basin roundtables on the conceptual ideas from the emerging framework of the IBCC and providing opportunities for the roundtable to interact and learn from each other. Denis suggested in the spirit of moving the process forward, instead of reconciling the process, let's talk about how it's changed, why and what it means. The group agreed that the goal can be simplified to "continue connecting the activities and entities within the 1177 process." Perry thinks we're getting focusing on semantics so let's work on an overall scoping and the specifics will come in the discussion slots.

Jacob asked if everyone likes the gist of how the table discussions are set up. The group decided that the 8:30-9:30am slot needs to be longer with an additional 30 minutes for Q&A from the audience. This will help set up table discussions. If we have a PEPO and IBCC member at each table, one person moderates and the other person takes notes. George noted that it's a top-down morning so we could think about having a poster session during registration and breaks. Each roundtable can exhibit their work and talk to one another. Kristin thought this was a great idea but the Ed Liaisons will need to coordinate each roundtable pulling together work products between now and then. Jacob will talk to Viola about where to have the poster session & exhibits from BRTs at the Westin.

Jeff directed our attention to Q#2 in the 10am-12pm slot (How should the roundtables be involved in the statewide IBCC process?). He's not sure if we really have a statewide IBCC process. It reads like the IBCC understands what it's doing. George's interpretation of the legislation is that the IBCC was set up to discuss inter-basin negotiations. Jacob noted that the IBCC responded to the Governor's charge to set up a framework to pass on to the next Governor. IBCC accepted this charge and members were eager to get some work done. The question will be revised to "How this framework should be moved forward?"

The other discussion questions look great. Kristin asked if the group thinks we are we ready for Q#3 (involving the public). Yes, and we can include specific questions in the guided worksheet for moderators. The questions are presented in linear way and should be discussed at each table in order. The group decided to have this part of the agenda go for 1.75 hours with a break for 45 minutes. Lunch is time to have a little fun and we'll need to keep it at 1.5 hours.

Kristin asked the group how the afternoon should be structured, based on topics currently proposed. What level of intimacy do we want? We'll have 3-5 break-out rooms to use. Most people preferred break-outs rather than another plenary. Not every person needs to hear every talk. Roundtable will be spread out amongst break-outs to report back to each other. Jacob asked for other potential hot topics in the basins. Other examples could be: Super Ditch as a model approach; Sub-districts in Rio Grande; integrating between existing organizations and the roundtables; east vs. west – have we moved any closer together; take Yampa Task Force out for now.

It was noted that for the closing plenary, if the Governor doesn't attend for full day, he shouldn't give the closing thoughts. Perry will ask Jay Winner to ask Joe Garcia to participate. We will also be soliciting reception sponsors during the memo distribution – we need \$5 to \$7.5K and it can be an exclusive or joint sponsorship.

Kristin will send the revised agenda to PEPO out for final approval before it's distributed statewide.

The meeting adjourned at 2:40pm.