

Interbasin Compact Committee Gunnison Basin Roundtable Meeting

Holiday Inn Express

Montrose, Colorado

April 5, 2010

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
Rachel Kullman	Montrose Municipalities
Henry LeValley	Crawford WCD
Dixie Luke	At-Large Member
Olen Lund	Delta County
Tyler Martineau	Gunnison Municipalities
John McCLOW	House and Senate Ag Committees, CWCB Liaison
Michelle Pierce	Hinsdale Municipalities
Hugh Sanburg	Industrial
Neal Schwieterman	Recreational
Ron Shaver	At-Large Member
Steve Shea	Agricultural
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:

Allen Brown	Hinsdale County
Tim Decker	Montrose County
Cary Denison	Ouray County
Wendell Koontz	Delta Municipalities
Frank Kugel	At-Large Member
Dick Margetts	Local Domestic Water Supplier
Chuck Mitisek	Ute WCD
Vacant	Mesa County
Vacant	Saguache County

Liaisons and Non-Voting Members Present:

Sharon Dunning (Assistant Recorder), David Graff (CDOW Liaison), David Kanzer (At Large), Gary Shellhorn (U.S. Forest Service).

Public: Dennis Reich (CSU Extension), Dan Crabtree (Reclamation), Ed Warner (Reclamation), Todd Doherty (CWCB), Nicole Rowan (CDM), Hal Simpson (CDM).

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 the membership was one member short for a quorum. As another voting member arrived, a quorum was declared present.

Approve Agenda

Michelle Pierce announced some additional Agenda items: 1) Joint Basin Roundtable Meeting scheduled for May 10, 2010 in Grand Junction and; 2) “State of the Gunnison River” meeting is May 3, 2010, at 7:00 p.m., after the GBRT meeting.

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

Approve March 1, 2010 Meeting Minutes

Neal Schweiterman made a motion to accept the Meeting Minutes for the March 1, 2010 meeting. Thomas Alvey seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Report from the IBCC Representatives

Bill Trampe reported on the last IBCC meeting was held on March 5, 2010 in Denver. The IBCC continues to work on the portfolio situation, and discussed the results of the breakout groups from the previous meeting in December, in an attempt to find any commonalities from those groups. Various groups had similar thinking: maximize conservation, develop the IP&Ps and stay away from agricultural transfers as much as possible.

Bill told the IBCC that the West Slope communities value their lifestyle and these lifestyles are product of the water to a certain degree. Projects to supply water to the East Slope should be put on the table and discussed in an open public forum with all stakeholders participating.

The State Demographer was at the IBCC meeting to make the same presentation given to the GBRT. There was some discussion on the Water Availability Study, but nothing new. At the end of day they discussed water supply reserve account and criteria guidelines. The committee that reviews this process annually made recommendations to change those guidelines as follows:

- Grant applications for State account money will require a letter of endorsement from another Roundtable, or be tied to the completion of IP&P.
- Grant applications for basin account money will be tied directly to Needs Assessment.

Hugh Sanburg made a motion to ratify Bill Trampe’s IBCC representative report. Dixie Luke seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Report from the Educational Committee

George Sibley began his report by asking the Roundtable how the members might be educated on the Colorado River Water Availability Study (CRWAS). There is a 90 day review period, which makes the comment period over at about mid-June.

George suggested that volunteer Roundtable members read sections of the CRWAS to examine specific items of importance to the Gunnison Basin Roundtable and the Western Slope, and report on it at the next meeting. He stated that the Roundtable is going to live with this study for a long time, and feels it is important to know the content. He says it is a fairly technical document and is a good study, fundamentally. One objective will be to get all of the questions out on the table for discussion and he gave some examples.

Several members volunteered to help George review the CRWAS. Those members are: Rachel Kullman, David Kanzer, Ken Spann, Steve Glazer, John McClow, and Marc Catlin. George Sibley will send an email and contact everyone.

Report from CWCB Representative

John McClow reiterated that the March CWCB meeting was cancelled, however, a special meeting was conducted via telephone. At that meeting it was decided to earmark \$36 million in severance tax over the next three years for the purpose of exercising the State's option on about 10,000 acre feet of water in the Animas/La Plata project. The purpose at this point was only to get the item into next year's budget for planning for the severance tax revenue.

The next CWCB meeting will be May 17, 2010.

1. SWSI II Update – Todd Doherty, Colorado Water Conservation Board.

Todd Doherty from the CWCB, along with Nicole Rowan and Hal Simpson from CDM, presented a SWSI II update, including future agriculture demands for the Gunnison Basin and the State as whole, modeling by water district and economic factors.

2. Joint Meeting with Arkansas Basin Roundtable – Establish Agenda for Joint Roundtable Meeting

The Gunnison Basin Roundtable members discussed and agreed to meet with the Arkansas Basin Roundtable Executive Committee to establish an agenda for the joint meeting scheduled for June 7, 2010 in Salida. Michelle Pierce agreed to contact everyone and arrange the meeting.

3. Non Consumptive Needs Assessment – Draft List of Major Stream and Lake Segments Management Strategies

Steve Glazer circulated and asked for feedback on the report "Draft List of Major Stream and Lake Segments Management Strategies" compiled by the Needs Assessment Committee for the 21 Critical Segments identified in the Gunnison Basin's non-consumptive needs assessment. The Roundtable reviewed and discussed the report.

Todd Doherty requested a meeting with the Needs Assessment Committee to work on Phase II, and the Committee agreed to meet with Todd at 3:00 on May 3rd, before the regularly scheduled GBRT meeting. Todd agreed to set up the meeting.

4. Gunn-Ark Project – Educational Presentation

George Sibley made an educational presentation on the history of the Gunn-Ark project to the Roundtable members.

5. Project Proposal – Leroux Creek Water Users Association for Hanson Reservoir Outlet Rehabilitation, \$50,000.

Tom Alvey stated that the Project Screening Committee recommended approval for \$50,000 of basin funds to fund this project for Leroux Creek Water Users Association to replace the outlet structure at the Hansen Reservoir.

Dixie Luke made a motion for the Roundtable to approve the Hansen Outlet Rehabilitation Project for \$50,000 from Basin Funds. Ron Shaver seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Michelle Pierce stated she would send a letter to Todd Doherty regarding this project funding.

6. Joint Meeting Grand Junction – Grand Vista Hotel – Members were requested to make suggestions for the agenda of this meeting.

There will be a meeting of the West Slope Roundtables on May 10, 2010 at the Grand Vista Hotel in Grand Junction from 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The main item of discussion will be the Colorado River Water Availability Study. Additional agenda ideas that were suggested include water banking, selenium, and pre-1922 priority water availability.

7. “State of the Gunnison River” Meeting

A “State of the Gunnison River” Meeting is scheduled for May 3, 2010, after the GBRT meeting, at 7:00 p.m. Suggested topics for the meeting include a selenium update, Black Canyon Operations information, and the impacts of dust on the snow pack.

8. Marc Catlin – Passing of two Important Individuals to Colorado

Marc Catlin informed the Roundtable the loss of two important and notable individuals in the water business in Colorado—Ray Wright and Doug Shriver. Marc suggested that the Gunnison Basin Roundtable send a letter to their families and the Water Conservation District in recognition of these two individuals. There was a general consensus in agreement.

Marc Catlin agreed to provide Michelle Pierce with a draft letter, and Michelle will finalize and send the letter.

9. Meetings on May 3

Due to three meetings being held on May 3, there was a quick discussion to have the Needs Assessment Committee meet from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m., the regular Gunnison Basin Roundtable be moved to meet from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., and the State of the Gunnison River meeting start at 7:00 p.m.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Gunnison Basin Roundtable will be at 5:00 p.m. on May 3, 2010.

Adjourn

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'MB', is written above a horizontal line.

Mike Berry, Recorder

Action Items

George Sibley will email Members who have agreed to work on reviewing the Colorado River Water Availability Study for presentation at the next Roundtable meeting.

Michelle Pierce will contact Arkansas Basin Roundtable and arrange a meeting between respective Executive Committees to set an agenda for the joint Roundtable meeting scheduled for June 7, 2010 in Salida.

Gunnison Basin Needs Assessment Committee to at 3:00 on May 3, 2010 to work on Phase II of the Needs Assessment effort.

Michelle Pierce will send a letter to Todd Doherty regarding approval for Basin funding of the project for Leroux Creek Water Users Association to replace the outlet structure at the Hansen Reservoir.

Marc Catlin will provide Michelle Pierce with a draft letter recognizing Ray Wright and Doug Shriver. Michelle will finalize and send the letter.