

## HB 1177 Southwest Basin Roundtable Minutes

### January 13, 2010 - Cortez

#### **Members Present:**

Jenny Russell	Fred Kroeger
Tim Hunter	Jim Siscoe
Steve Harris	April Montgomery
Hal Pierce	Jason Wells
Bruce Smart	Raymond Keith
Steve Fearn	Gerald Koppenhafer
John Porter	Mike Preston
Chuck Wanner	Peter Ortego
Chuck Lawler	John Ey
Carrie Weiss	Jack Rogers

#### **Guests Included:**

JR Berry  
Michael Canteburry  
David Vackar  
Russ Howard  
Rege Leach  
Megan Maloney

Mike opened the meeting at 2:56 p.m. and members & guests introduced themselves.

### **Administrative Reports**

#### **Review & Approve Minutes**

The minutes of Nov. 11, 2009 were accepted as corrected.

#### **Officer & IBCC Representatives Reports**

At the December meeting, the IBCC began sharing details regarding strategies on how to meet M&I water demands for 2050. Based on differing variables, the amount of water needed runs from 750,000 af to 1.5 million af. There are 3 main variables:

- Use IPPs (Identified Projects & Processes)
- Conservation & more efficient reuse of water
- Additional water from the Colorado River

The more IPPs that can be developed, the less ag land dry-up will be needed.

***NOTE: If your project is not on the IPP list, you won't be qualified to receive state money.***

Steve Harris added that reuse is becoming more of interest and is a complicated issue. The next IBCC meeting is March 5. John added that there might be legislation to do away with IBCC. The data is available on the IBCC website:

<http://cwcb.state.co.us/IWMD/COsWaterSupplyFuture/CosWaterSupplyFuture.htm>

A water availability study update was given at the last meeting. It was hoped that the report would show what amount of water is remaining to be developed. However, the entire presentation was on the impact of global warming in 2070. Phase II, which is just beginning, will answer more of the questions of how much water will be left to be developed. Steve asked CWCB to send demographers to our March

meeting to explain how they came up with the population figures. That report is available on IBCC website.

April reported from the CWCB. She reported that she stressed the concern this roundtable has on how preliminary report data is used in decision-making and court decisions. CWCB Staff are working on disclaimers in the reports. They will also help set up side meetings to discuss these issues for Archuleta County. She also reported that CWCB will reimburse roundtable members who have to travel more than 50 miles round-trip, if they aren't getting paid by their jobs to attend the roundtable meetings. Mike distributed the forms. The 2010 State budget process will be again looking at taking CWCB funds. She encouraged members to review the Water Availability Study.

#### **SWRT Basin Roundtable Fund Balance**

Effective Dec. 1, the current balance is \$19,854 (after the Norwood funding). We're the only basin whose projects received \$3 million of state-level money.

#### **Election work for March meeting**

Mike distributed an updated membership list. There are quite a few vacant seats—they are "salmon" colored on the list. Those highlighted in green are representatives that haven't been active. Chuck Wanner is exiting his seat as "Environmental Representative". It was suggested that Mike Preston talk to the green highlighted people, letting them know elections will be this Fall and ask them if they want to continue on the board. Mike will contact Larry Deremo, Monte Naslund and Mark Ragsdale. April will contact Mary Helen de Koevend and Dave Andrews (SMWCD) regarding Kay Hartman's seat. Status of these seats will be reviewed again at the March meeting. The salmon and green highlighted seats that are or become vacant will be filled with an election in the Fall. It was suggested that we would advertise vacant seats in early August in appropriate newspapers and hold elections at the September meeting. Carrie said she would contact Archuleta County regarding a vacant seat. Officer elections and IBCC representative elections occur every two years and will be held at the March meeting.

#### **Non Consumptive Use – Mapping**

Jim Siscoe gave a presentation on the work he plans to do on Geo Data Base mapping. He'll use Access software—the advantage is that the software is easily accessible and user friendly, requiring no knowledge of GIS, and doesn't require much storage space. The State wants to build an SQL for the data. After demonstrating the program, Jim agreed to finish loading the current data over the next several months, including the public comments at meetings and IP&Ps. There is a question on how to maintain the database in the future. SWCD will consider options for maintenance. Jenny offered to approach San Miguel County's GIS department regarding maintenance. Jim's completed database will be shared on CDs to members. It would be desirable to have the database available to members on the internet at some time in the future. The Roundtable agreed to use Basin Funds of up to \$5,000 to pay Jim for his work on this project if other funds are not available from State funds. Mike said he would talk to Greg Johnson and Eric Hecox about

#### **IP&Ps for Updated Needs Assessment**

Mike reported that IPPs should be submitted to the State by the end of the month. Steve Harris will send the format he's used to the other members. Inputs are to be sent to Eric Hecox and/or Greg Johnson with CWCB, copy Mike Preston and Jim Siscoe. Mike will ask Greg to consolidate input from SWRT members to produce one report that will come back to SWRT for review. It was suggested that the non-consumptive information be taken back to the public to gather info about IP&Ps that might exist or be under consideration.

### **2050 Population & M&I Water Use projections**

The State demographer will attend the March meeting to discuss population decisions. The Roundtable will determine if they want to comment formally about the use of projections in venues such a court decisions after hearing from the demographer.

John Porter encouraged members to review the ballot initiatives because they could have a huge impact on all districts and enterprises.

### **Upcoming Events**

- Southwest Basins Roundtable meeting – March 10, Durango  
(Elect Officers, IBCC representatives)
- April 2 SWCD Water Seminar, 8-4, Doubletree, Durango
- Remaining 2010 Roundtable schedule
  - May 12 Cortez
  - July 14 Durango
  - Sept. 8 Cortez – Roundtable vacancies election
  - Nov 10 Durango

Mike adjourned the meeting at 5:39 p.m.