

**HB 1177 Southwest Basin Roundtable
Minutes
March 11, 2009 - Durango**

Members present:

Mike Preston	Jim Siscoe
Pat Greer	Chuck Lawler
John Porter	Russell Kennedy
Ken Beegles	Jim Fisher
Chuck Wanner	Jack Rogers
John Ey	Tim Hunter
Bruce Smart	Jerry McCaw
Steve Harris	Bruce Whitehead

Guests included:

Denise Rue-Pastin	Tyler Scherd
John Whitney	Scott Brinton
Pete Kasper	Greg Johnson
Pat Page	Erin Wilson
Dennis Miller	Mat Brown
Eric Bikis	Blaine Dwyer
Amy Kraft	Mike Cantebury
Ken Curtis	Trent Taylor
Janet Wolf	Carrie Lile
Mike Barber	Tami Sheldon

Chairman Mike Preston called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

Mike asked the members and guests to introduce themselves and to fill out the sign-in sheet. A quorum was not present at the beginning of the meeting. Later, enough members had joined to meet a quorum.

Administrative Reports

Review & Approve Minutes

The minutes of January 14, 2009 were approved as corrected.

Roundtable Education Survey

Completed surveys were turned in to Denise Rue-Pastin. Those who didn't turn in their surveys can email them to Denise Rue-Pastin (Water Information Program) at water@frontier.net.

Officer & IBCC Representatives Reports

There has been no IBCC meeting since our last roundtable.

Community Meetings Non-Consumptive Needs Assessment

Chuck Wanner reported that four public meetings were held and all pretty well attended. He thanked the roundtable members for their support. Comments were collected and will be added to the maps. The next step is to determine quantitative aspects.

Colorado River Water Availability Study (CRWAS)

Blaine Dwyer (Boyle/AECom) led the presentation and was joined by Matt Brown and Erin Wilson. The purpose of the study is to evaluate current use of Colorado River Compact water within the State of Colorado (Phase 1) and project future water demand (Phase 2). The focus of this presentation is to explain the modeling system and data for Phase 1. Phase One of the study will look at current water supply infrastructure, current perfected water rights and current levels of consumptive use. Phase Two of the study is not yet funded and will be used to provide future projections. There was consensus that SWRT send a letter to Senator Isgar encouraging the funding of Phase II this year. Members were instructed to review model briefs and bring any “basin wide” issues to Mike P. Any individual issues can be sent to the people below:

Blaine Dwyer	303 987-3443	blaine.dwyer@aeeco.com
Matt Brown	303 987-3443	Matthew.brown@aeecom.com
Erin Wilson	303 455-9589	wilson@ircwe.com

Projects/Methods to Meet Water Supply Needs

Greg Johnson, CWCB, water supply projects and methods staff member gave an update on the needs assessment project. Action items: review and update IPPs and base options. Mike will resend the worksheet to members for input.

Water Supply Reserve Account Requests

Mike reported that Southwest Basin Roundtable balance is currently \$243,000.

Application – Red Mesa Dam & Reservoir

Dennis Miller, URS Corp., presented the proposal for the Red Mesa Reservoir and Ditch Company. The basin level request is for \$29,000 grant to do an Incremental Damage Analysis and Emergency Action Plan. It is expected that the IDA report will serve as the basis for hydrologic and hydraulic design of required spillway improvements. RMD&R are cost sharing in the amount of \$3000 for this work. Ken moved that the Basin approve this request. John seconded the motion. The motion passed with general consensus. (At this point, enough members had joined to form a quorum).

Concept – Animas Watershed Project Needs Assessment

Janet Wolf made a presentation for the Animas Watershed Project. The funds request would be used to develop a Needs Analysis Plan that would be used for:

- 1) Data collection (upgrade collection techniques from CO to meet NM's)
- 2) Public Outreach

Input was given to improve application detail.

Concept – La Plata West Water Association Rural Water System

Tom Brossia gave an update on the intake structure progress and hopes to have a request for the May meeting to help fund construction of a road. The project has already received \$100,000 from the Basin Fund and \$1,000,000 from the State fund which are considered as caps on amounts recommended by the Southwest Basins Roundtable. Unless there is a change in policy this project is maxed out for WSRA funding from the Roundtable.

Next meeting and events:

May 13 Cortez/DWCD Office 2:30/3:00

July 8 Durango Rec Center 2:30/3:00

Sept 9 Cortez/DWCD Office 2:30/3:00

April 3 SWCD Spring Seminar 8:30 – 4:00, Doubletree

Mike adjourned the meeting at 6:20 p.m.