

Interbasin Compact Committee Gunnison Basin Roundtable Meeting

Holiday Inn Express

Montrose, Colorado

April 4, 2011

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
Tim Decker	Montrose County
Cary Denison	Ouray County
Joanne Fagan	Ouray Municipalities
Steve Glazer	Environmental
Austin Keiser	Grand Mesa WCD
Frank Kugel	At-Large Member
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
Bill Nesbitt	Gunnison Municipalities
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
Bill Trampe	Colorado River Water Conservation District
Adam Turner	Local Domestic Water Supplier

Voting Members Absent:

Wendell Koontz	Delta Municipalities
Rachel Kullman	Montrose Municipalities
Vacant	Gunnison County
Vacant	Mesa County
Vacant	Saguache County

Liaisons and Non-Voting Members Present:

Sharon Dunning (Assistant Recorder), David Graf (CDOW liaison), Dave Kanzer (At Large).

Public: Travis Smith (San Luis Valley Irrigation District, CWCB/IBCC), Rio de la Vista (Rio Grande Headwaters Land Trust & Vice Chair, Rio Grande Basin RT), Mike Gibson (San Luis Valley Water Conservancy District & Chair, Rio Grande Basin RT), Bob Halley (I-Guana Farm, Cedaredge), Jeff Sellen (Western State College–Colorado Water Workshop), David Brown (USGS), Frank Riggle (NRCS), Alaina L. Smith (Tetra Tech).

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.

Michelle Pierce announced that Roundtable member Dennis Steckel passed away on March 10, 2011. Michelle mentioned that in addition to seeking a new member to fill the Gunnison County seat, she would also make another attempt to fill the vacant Saguache and Mesa County seats as well.

Approve Agenda

Michelle Pierce announced that an addition to the Agenda will be an update on the Hartland Dam Project. Ron Shaver made a motion to accept the Agenda as amended. Bill Nesbitt seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Approve March 7, 2011 Meeting Minutes

Frank Kugel made a motion to accept the March 7, 2011 meeting minutes. Cary Dension seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Report from the IBCC Representatives

Bill Trampe stated that there had been no IBCC meeting since the two previous Gunnison Basin Roundtable meetings. Bill mentioned that some members of the IBCC struggled with the outreach effort in regard to the report to the Governor, and asked the Roundtable members if they feel they have had an adequate opportunity to respond to the report to the Governors. If not, what more needs to be done.

Report from the Educational Committee

George Sibley passed around a report that outlines and describes his ideas for developing strategies for addressing the gap. He feels that this should start with more education on what the specific problems are for each of the sub-districts of the basin. George suggests spending some time over the next few meetings on this topic. He asked that everyone study the report, which he will also send as an email to the members. Michelle Pierce stated she would put this topic on the Agenda for the next meeting.

George introduced Jeff Sellen of the Colorado Water Workshop.

Report from CWCB Representative

John McCloy sent out a written report for the last CWCB meeting, and asked if anyone had any questions. He announced that the grant for the subcommittee had been approved and that the subcommittee needs to get together and take the next steps.

Ken Spann announced that John McCloy is now the Vice-Chairman of the CWCB.

1. Rio Grande Basin Roundtable

Mike Gibson, Rio de la Vista and Travis Smith gave a presentation to the Roundtable regarding the challenges and opportunities in the Rio Grande Basin.

2. Agricultural Shortages – Report from Tom Alvey of the SWSI 2010 Gunnison Basin Subcommittee.

Tom Alvey stated that there had been two meetings of the subcommittee, one which included Todd Doherty and Nicole Rowan. There are no conclusions to this point and the committee is planning to meeting again before next GBRT meeting. The committee would appreciate any further input from the Roundtable members. They would like to come up with a list of possible solutions to the agricultural shortage, and they will be working on that for the next few weeks. They would like to look at it on a sub-basin approach so that each area that has shortages shown by the CDM report can come up with potential solutions to meet the shortages. Also, they will try to come up with a better overall description of the needs assessment for the Basin Summary report that CDM will provide.

Bill Trampe added that it is really important for everyone to take the time to figure if they agree or disagree with their sub-basin's agricultural shortage amount that is listed in the reports. If it is not correct, members need to give some input as to why and how to go about making it correct.

The topic will be included on the next Roundtable meeting Agenda.

3. Statewide Roundtable Summit

The Roundtable reviewed and discussed the report summarizing the results of the Statewide Roundtable Summit that was held in Westminster on March 3, 2011.

4. Non-Consumptive Needs Assessments – Draft Phase 2 Report.

Steve Glazer presented the revised introduction of the Draft Phase 2 Report with the previous comments from the Roundtable members incorporated. The draft had been forwarded to the Roundtable members. The members reviewed and discussed the draft report, and added further suggestions. Steve indicated he would add the suggested changes and circulate it again before the next meeting.

5. Response to Proposed IBCC Framework

Ken Spann presented a draft of the Gunnison Basin Roundtable response to the proposed IBCC Framework and members discussed the report and suggested changes. Ken asked for any additional comments to be sent to him, which he would incorporate and then distribute the revised draft to the members to allow for one last opportunity to make changes. Final changes will be incorporated before the next IBCC meeting to be used by the IBCC representatives at that meeting to pass along the position of the GBRT.

6. Four West Slope Roundtable Meeting

Michelle Pierce announced that there will be a combined meeting of the Four West Slope Roundtables on Thursday, May 26, 2011 at the Ute Water Conservancy District Office in Grand Junction. The Colorado River District is coordinating this meeting for the purpose of discussing a coordinated response to the IBCC vision, giving an update on the water bank/compact administration study, a briefing on the pending historic Denver Water-Colorado River Coalition agreement and more.

Michelle stated that she would forward information on this meeting as she receives it.

Bill Trampe added that several comments have been made to him that the Summit was very good, and that more of that interaction needs to occur. George Sibley said that he felt there should be a final sentence added to the letter that the Roundtable felt the Summit meeting was worthwhile.

7. Hartland Diversion Project – Cary Denison

Cary Denison discussed the status of the Hartland Diversion Project, and how the project has recently faced budget challenges that have caused delays. He stated that Michael Drake, the manager of the project, has resigned from Painted Sky. Cary has also resigned from Painted Sky to take employment with Trout Unlimited. Cary said that all the construction bids have come in over budget. Painted Sky was able to change the project to bring down the cost and is presently in negotiations with the lowest bidder, who also was the most technically qualified to do the project. Other components could also be changed to save costs if necessary. Cary stated that Painted Sky would like to come back to the Roundtable for more funding to cover the shortfall.

Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Gunnison Basin Roundtable will be at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, May 2, 2011.

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Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Roundtable, the meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'MB' followed by a stylized flourish.

Mike Berry, Recorder

Action Items

George Sibley will send out the electronic file of his report regarding his strategies to address the gap. Roundtable members are asked to comment on this document.

SWSI 2010 Gunnison Basin Subcommittee to meet to come up with a list of possible solutions to the agricultural shortage and come up with a better overall description of the needs assessment in the Basin for the Basin Summary report that CDM will be providing.

Steve Glazer will add the suggested changes to the Draft Phase 2 Report of the Non-Consumptive Needs Assessment, and circulate it again before the next meeting.

Ken Spann will incorporate new changes into the draft Response to the Proposed IBCC Framework and redistribute the draft to the Roundtable members.