

**Interbasin Compact Committee
Gunnison Basin Roundtable Meeting
Holiday Inn Express
Montrose, Colorado
December 5, 2011**

Voting Members Present:

Thomas Alvey	North Fork WCD
Mike Berry	Tri-County WCD
Rick Brinkman	Mesa Municipalities
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
Wendell Koontz	Delta Municipalities
Frank Kugel	At-Large Member
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
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
Rufus Wilderson	Gunnison County

Voting Members Absent:

Allen Brown	Hinsdale County
Rachel Kullman	Montrose Municipalities
Henry LeValley	Crawford WCD
Ron Shaver	At-Large Member
Vacant	Mesa County
Vacant	Saguache County

Liaisons and Non-Voting Members Present:

Sharon Dunning (Assistant Recorder), David Graf (CDOW Liaison), Bob Hurford (CDWR Liaison), David Kanzer (At Large), Gary Shellhorn (USFS), Denis Reich (CSU Extension Liaison).

Public: Jason Ullman (Ass. Div. IV Engineer), Hannah Holm (Colo. Mesa University Water Center), Todd Doherty (CWCB), Susan Morea (CDM), Jennifer Bock (High Country Citizens Alliance), Jedd Sondergard (BLM).

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.

Approve Agenda

Two additions to the agenda were requested: High Country Citizens Alliance report on Riparian Assessment (Steve Glazer), and Flaming Gorge Task Force (Ken Spann). It was also requested that the order of the IBCC and CWCB reports be reversed.

Neal Schwieterman made a motion to approve the modified Agenda. Bill Nesbitt seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Approve November 7, 2011 Meeting Minutes

Neal Schwieterman made a motion to accept the minutes. Frank Kugel seconded, and the motion carried.

Report from the CWCB Representative

John McClow reported that the CWCB Board met for 2.5 days from November 14–16. The first day of the workshop was devoted to the Colorado Water Availability Study Update and discussion of water right acquisition to support the Colorado River Cooperative agreement. They were given an update on the Colorado River Basin Study that the Bureau of Reclamation is conducting, which is now going to the options and strategies phase. There will be a public Webinar on December 6 regarding the progress of this study, and they will be seeking public input on supply and demand scenarios and the options and strategies phase.

The CWCB Board also looked at revisions to the water supply reserve account guidelines. The only significant revision was a new requirement that for any state-wide funded application it must have at least 5% of the total project cost come from Basin funds. There was also an update on the progress of the Flaming Gorge Task Force.

The main thing the Board discussed was non-reimbursable investments, i.e., the money that the Board asks the legislature to appropriate each year to the projects. The Colorado River Water Availability Study was discussed at length. They decided to request an appropriation worth \$2,000,000 in the projects bill that would be used to pursue the Colorado Water Availability Study, specifically including risk assessment/risk management. In order to define the scope of work in this study, they plan to get as much input as possible from the IBCC and the Basin Roundtables, in order to develop the scope of work as carefully as possible and to try to meet everyone's expectations. The CWCB staff prepared a risk management document discussing what risk management is, how it operates, what the risks are in the Colorado River. John will email this document to anyone who wants it.

Report from the IBCC Representatives

Bill Trampe attended the IBCC meeting on November 30. He said it was a good meeting that covered a lot of information. The first item of business was to talk about the portfolios for which some Roundtables are further along than others.

There was also a long discussion about Public Education and Public Outreach (PEPO) activities and improving the process. Olen Lund added that PEPO has now gone beyond educating just the Roundtables and IBCC members to make them better members, and now is looking to educate the public.

Bill said they talked about the Phase II report study and risk management. He mentioned eight general issues that the state has identified needing to be addressed on how we develop the risk management portfolio or process. He wants to see a process where all eight factors can be implemented to allow us to develop the Colorado River but yet have a system in place that would allow us to curtail diversion and consumption when we get to the point of overdevelopment.

Olen Lund also attended the meeting on November 30. He added that there was discussion about developing the process for risk management before a second phase of the Colorado River Water Availability Study. Phase I of the Study asked how much water we have. The portfolio tool will evaluate the quantity needed and risk management for when we run out of water.

There was some discussion about the “toilet resolution” regarding Denver Water’s pitch to the IBCC to support the legislation for conservation with reduce flow toilets. Some raised the question how would that affect sewer systems? Others seemed more concerned about conservation than the consequences.

Rick Brinkman also attended the November 30 meeting.

Hugh Sandburg made a motion to ratify the IBCC Representatives’ report, Ken Spann seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Report from the Educational Committee

George Sibley attended the PEPO meeting that was held just before the IBCC meeting. They spent most of the time talking about 2012 affairs and the touring display they are trying to get together. There was a brief discussion about the summit meeting, and there should more information about it at the February meeting.

Michelle Pierce stated that she and a few other Roundtable members attended the Ag Seminar in Loveland on December 1st. Michelle said she enjoyed it and felt the presentations were excellent.

1. Riparian Assessment –

Steve Glazer and Jennifer Bock from High Country Citizens' Alliance gave a presentation titled "Assessment of Riparian and Aquatic Habitat Associated with the Upper Gunnison River", Gunnison County, Colorado. The report is available on the UGRWCD website.

At the end of the presentation Steve Glazer announced his retirement from the UGRWCD and his seat as the Environmental Representative on the Gunnison Basin Roundtable as of the February meeting. The Roundtable discussed Steve's replacement to the vacancy. Tom Alvey suggested that the position be advertised just like any other appointment, and that it should be advertised promptly to get an appointment made. Michelle stated she will advertise for the position, and John McClow will send Michelle the statutory requirements for the position.

Michelle Pierce read a Resolution regarding Steve Glazer (Resolution attached). Frank Kugel made a motion to accept the resolution. Bill Nesbitt seconded, and the motion carried.

2. Project Proposal

George Sibley introduced Hannah Holm from the Water Center at Colorado Mesa University. They are applying for \$19,500 from water supply reserve account to support the launching of a two year public education and outreach program for the Gunnison Basin Roundtable Education Program.

Tom Alvey stated that the Project Screening Committee recommends approval of the proposal. The only reservation they have is that the number of articles stated in the proposal may be too ambitious, and the committee thinks some ambiguity should be left in the level of commitment.

John McClow thinks it is a great proposal, but also stated it may be a little too ambitious. With regard to presentations there already is an outreach/traveling road show committee that plans to continue. He also suggests coordination with other traveling committees to make sure they are all giving a consistent message. John stated we need to have a plan for the editorial process and for engaging people who are specialists on the selected topics.

Dixie Luke suggested creating a slogan and/or logo to attract attention so people will recognize the articles.

Hannah Holm can be reached by email at hholm@coloradomesa.edu or Hannah@mesacountywater.com.

Tom Alvey made a motion to approve the application from the Colorado Mesa University for \$19,500. Bill Nesbitt seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

3. Statewide Portfolio and Tradeoff Tool

Cary Denison stated that Sue Morea (CDM) and Todd Doherty (IBCC) facilitated the Statewide Portfolio and Tradeoff Tool with the sub-committee before the regular Basin Roundtable meeting. They have come up with 3 or 4 portfolio scenarios, which they then discussed with the Roundtable members.

The Subcommittee will meet again on December 16 via a Webinar to develop the portfolios in more detail. Hopefully the portfolios will be ready for the February Roundtable meeting. Todd Doherty stated he would send out information on the Webinar.

Todd Doherty announced that the Roundtable Summit has been scheduled for March 1st in the Denver area. The purpose this year will be to share the work that has been done so far in the Roundtables with the portfolios and tradeoffs. There will also be some sessions on specific topics that haven't been determined yet. Then in late May or early June at the IBCC meeting they will look at the various Roundtable portfolios for integration. Sue Morea discussed where some of the other Roundtables are at with the portfolio tool, and some common elements that have been seen. Bill Trampe asked that the Roundtable seriously consider their input to this effort.

John McClow mentioned that Governor Hickenlooper has instructed the Director of the IBCC and the Director of the CWCB to come up with a State Water Plan. John stated that's where this is all going, so we should get involved and make some serious suggestions.

4. Flaming Gorge Task Force – Ken Spann

Rick Brinkman and Ken Spann will attend the first meeting December 13 at 1:00 in Denver.

Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Gunnison Basin Roundtable will be at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, February 6, 2012.

Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Roundtable, the meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.



Mike Berry, Recorder

Action Items

Michelle Pierce will advertise for the vacated position of Environmental Representative, and John McCLOW will send Michelle the statutory requirements for the position.

The Statewide Portfolio and Tradeoff Tool subcommittee will meet again on December 16 via webinar to develop the portfolios in more detail. Todd Doherty will send out information on the webinar.

Rick Brinkman and Ken Spann will attend the first Flaming Gorge Task Force meeting on December 13 at 1:00 in Denver.

Resolution

concerning the service of Steve Glazer to the Gunnison River Basin

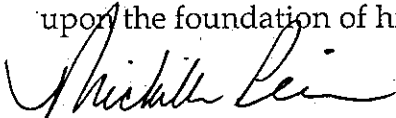
WHEREAS Steve Glazer has diligently served as the Environmental Representative for the Gunnison River Basin Roundtable since the Roundtable's beginning; and

WHEREAS Steve Glazer took a leadership role in developing the Gunnison River Basin Roundtable Nonconsumptive Use Plan which will be foundational to future water planning in and for the Gunnison River Basin; and

WHEREAS Steve Glazer had dedicated the past quarter-century to a self-education in the culture and workings of water in Colorado, attending countless meetings and reading extensively, to the point where he has become one of the most generally knowledgeable and accessible resources on Colorado and western water issues; and

WHEREAS Steve Glazer has dedicated much of his time and energy to conserving and improving the water resources of the Gunnison River Basin, through helping to found, and participating in, organizations like the Selenium Task Force and the Coal Creek Watershed Coalition;

THEREFORE BE IT AND IT IS RESOLVED, that on this occasion of Steve Glazer's retirement from the Gunnison Basin Roundtable, said Roundtable representatives express our deep gratitude to Steve for his service to the Roundtable and to the Gunnison River Basin, and our hope that we can and will carry forward and improve upon the foundation of his good work in the future.



Michelle Pierce, Chair
Gunnison Basin Roundtable