

Rio Grande Basin Roundtable Education Action Plan (2011-2012)

Background Information:

Article VII of the Interbasin Compact Committee (IBCC) by-laws address the formation of workgroups to assist it in its deliberations and functions. The Public Education, Participation, and Outreach (PEPO) workgroup is charged with creating a process to inform, involve, and educate the public on the IBCC's activities and progress of the interbasin compact negotiations, and create a mechanism by which public input and feedback can be relayed to the IBCC and compact negotiators. It is the only workgroup written into the legislation (C.R.S. 37-75-106).

In 2010-2011, the PEPO Workgroup will assist the basin roundtables in strengthening their education and outreach activities. By the end of 2011, each roundtable is expected to have a functioning Education & Outreach Committee tasked with creating an Education Action Plan (EAP). The EAP will detail the educational goals and tasks most effective for the basin roundtable. It will identify roundtable member education activities that promote a well-informed and high-functioning basin roundtable. It will also define public participation objectives and appropriate implementation methods.

In 2010, the Colorado Foundation for Water Education (CFWE) will work with the Rio Grande Basin Roundtable by providing assistance in forming or strengthening an Education & Outreach Committee and creating their Education Action Plan (EAP). To assist the basin roundtables in implementing their completed EAPs, the Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCBC) has created an application-based education fund. All basin roundtables with a completed EAP will have the opportunity to apply for up to \$1,800 in state funds per year for action plan implementation.

Sub-Committee Members. All roundtable members are encouraged to provide input and suggestions to the sub-committee. The sub-committee seeks to represent fully the agricultural, municipal, and industrial interests of the basin. The names and affiliations of current and contributing Rio Grande Basin PEPO Sub-committee members are:

1. Mike Gibson. *Chair, Rio Grande Basin Roundtable, San Luis Valley Water Conservancy.*
2. Judy Lopez. Ed Liason – Member, *Rio Grande Basin Roundtable, Rio Grande Conservation and Education Initiative.*
3. Rio de la Vista. Vice Chair *Rio Grande Basin Roundtable, Director RIGHT.*
4. Dale Pizel. Member *Rio Grande Basin Roundtable*
5. Ralph Curtis. Citizen, Former Manager Rio Grande Water Conservation District

Annual meeting plan for Sub-Committee:

The sub-committee will meet quarterly at a time that is sufficient for members. Members agree to meet more if needed to complete a project. The sub-committee will make efforts to structure its meetings to occur in the month following regularly scheduled IBCB meetings, so as to maximize the transfer of information between the PEPO Workgroup and the Roundtable.

Educational Priorities & Implementation. The ultimate goal of the Rio Grande Basin PEPO Sub-Committee is to have greater participation by all interests in the roundtable process.

Implementation and Progress of the 2010-2011 EAP :

Table 1. Specific education and outreach goals of the Rio Grande Basin PEPO Sub-Committee. Focus on “high priority” topics for personal and roundtable education needs (Roundtable Educational Needs Survey (admin. Jan. 14, 2009; presented Sept. 9, 2009).				Progress of 2010-2011 Objectives
OBJECTIVE	TASKS	LEAD(S)	TIMELINE	
<u>TOPIC 1: Outreach.</u> Deliver informative article to the newspaper monthly (written by RT members) on topics that are of Importance to the RT.	Article Writing	Judy, Rio, Chair, Board	Jun 2010	These have been done periodically, the meeting notice has been placed and a variety of articles have been written and shared though not in the paper but via list serve.
<u>TOPIC 2: Water Education for RT</u> Develop and present an educational program for Roundtable members	Survey members for interest in water topics (e.g., nutrient standards, wetlands, recreational uses)	Judy	Oct. 2010	We have been contentions to have a wide variety of speakers on water related topics at each meeting.
	Develop curriculum; set date(s) & location(s) with feedback from Roundtable	PEPO	Nov.-Dec. 2010	We also purchased a presentation board that highlights events in the basin and has been used at speaking sessions and basin exchanges like the summit.
	Find speakers to deliver presentations (CSU-P, CWI, CDPHE,	PEPO Sub. RT Chair	Jan.-Jun. 2011	

	Develop materials and work examples for program	PEPO Sub	Feb.-Mar. 2011	
	Conduct program and evaluate how materials will be used	PEPO Sub	Pending RT Decision	
TOPIC 3: <i>Public ED</i> Program	Get a camera, Microphone and Tripod to tape speakers and create public ed archive	Judy	April 2011	We have purchased the equipment and lined out its use and are getting ready for taping sessions in 2012.
Develop Program	Develop curriculum; set date(s) & location(s) [†] with feedback from Roundtable	PEPO Sub. Chair	Feb.-Mar. 2011	
	Work with landowners, presenter and schools.	PEPO Sub	Apr. 2011	
	Find speakers to deliver presentations (CWI,)	Judy, PEPO Sub Chair	Apr. 2011	
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<u>TOPIC 1: Outreach.</u> Deliver informative presentations throughout basin	Presentations	2012 Liaison for Basin, ED Liaison, PEPO Sub.	Nov 2011-Jun 2012	
	Purchase “Water 2012” Statewide presentation board.	Ed Liaison	Nov 2012	
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	Find speakers to deliver presentations (CSU-P, CWI, CDPHE, CW Congress, CFWE)	Judy RT Chair	Jan.-Jun. 2012	
	Develop materials and work examples for program that Complement Water 2012 goals and objectives	Judy, PEPO Sub	Feb.-Mar. 2012	
	Conduct and film programs so that an accurate archive is created.	Judy		

