

**Interbasin Compact Committee
Gunnison Basin Roundtable Meeting
Memorial Hall – 175 N. 1st Street
Hotchkiss, Colorado
August 6, 2012**

Voting Members Present:

Thomas Alvey	North Fork WCD
Mike Berry	Tri-County WCD
Jennifer Bock	Environmental
Allen Brown	Hinsdale County
Rick Brinkman	Mesa Municipalities
Cary Denison	Ouray County
Joanne Fagan	Ouray Municipalities
Wendell Koontz	Delta Municipalities
Frank Kugel	At-Large Member
Rachel Kullman	Montrose Municipalities
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
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:

Marc Catlin	At-Large Member
Tim Decker	Montrose County
Austin Keiser	Grand Mesa WCD
Ron Shaver	At-Large Member
Steve Shea	Agricultural
Vacant	Mesa County
Vacant	Saguache County

Liaisons and Non-Voting Members Present:

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

Public: Hannah Holm (Water Center at Colorado Mesa University), Dev Carey and Ralph D'Alessandro (Delta Conservation District), Mike Drake (self), John W. Hawkins (North Fork Water Conservation District), Tami Meck (Delta County Independent), Kenneth Nelson (North Delta Ditch), Kathleen Curry (self), Colton Vogler (self), Zach Thode (Rubicon Water), Thomas Veselka (Argonne National Laboratory), Jeffrey Ackerman (Western Area Power Admin.), Martha Moore (Colorado River District), Dan Crabtree and Ed Warner (USBR), Trey Denison (FMC&RC Superintendant), Barbara Galloway (ERD Resource Corporation Hydrologist), Shannon Hatch (Tamarisk Coalition), Stu Ferguson and Warren Wilcox (Gunnison County Commissioner Candidates), Mary Price (self), Marc K. Sites (self), John Harris (City of Montrose), Fritz and Cindy Raish (self), Don and Dianna Coram (State Rep District 58 & Aide), Mark Roeber (Delta County Commissioner Candidate), Philip Ceriani (Overland Ditch & Reservoir), Annette Aring (AMCI & DynDtek), Anna Santo (The Conservation Center – Paonia), Bill Houseweart (Fire Mountain Canal).

Welcome

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 p.m. by Chairperson Michelle Pierce.

Roll Call/Introductions

Following roll call it was declared that quorum was present.

All visitors were asked to introduce themselves.

Dixie Luke commented that all the tours were well received. Michelle Pierce thanked Dixie for her hard work putting together the day's events.

Approve Agenda

Bill Nesbitt made a motion to approve the agenda. Frank Kugel seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Approve June 4, 2012 Meeting Minutes

Bill Nesbitt made a motion to approve the June 4, 2012 minutes. Cary Denison seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Report from the IBCC Representatives

Bill Trampe said that Todd Doherty will be discussing what he would have to report, and he will add any comments he has to that report.

Report from the Educational Committee

George Sibley reported that he and Hannah Holm have been working on collecting articles for the publication and should have something together before the October meeting. Hannah said that there were enough people writing newspaper articles to publish one per week in the newspaper. They will now be calling on people to start setting up community presentations.

A water tour has been scheduled for September 25 in the Uncompahgre Valley. The tour will be looking at the South Canal and other details will be emerging shortly.

Report from the CWCB Representative

John McCloy attended the IBCC meeting on July 17-18 in Gunnison. A lot of administrative work and presentations were done at the meeting. The staff announced that they had published the final draft of the Municipal Water Efficiency Plan guidance document, which instructs governments on how to prepare a water efficiency plan.

Some other tasks that were accomplished was approval of the water supply reserve account grant from Leon Park Reservoir Company, the temporary lease of water for several entities was ratified, and the state signed a purchase agreement for purchase of approximately 10,000 acre feet of water.

The next IBCC meeting will be September 27-28 in Berthoud.

1. Scenario Planning and Adaptive Management and Projects and Methods

Implementation – Todd Doherty, Program Manager for the Water Supply Planning Section of the Colorado Water Conservation Board

Todd discussed the idea of a consumptive needs workshop, and that the CWCB will help with facilitating the workshop. No real interest was shown by the Roundtable members. Todd said it would be an option for the future if the Roundtable were interested.

The water supply account took a funding hit this year, and will only be getting about 30% or \$3.2 million this year, to be split among all Roundtables. Todd mentioned that there were other grant and loan programs for water restoration projects, and encouraged the Roundtable to consider those funding sources for projects as well.

Todd discussed the IBCC's work on scenario planning and adaptive management that consisted of taking the 30 to 40 mid-supply/demand scenarios developed by the nine Roundtables and consolidated them down to about 10 portfolios. The intention is to ultimately cut this number to 5 portfolios that represent possible future scenarios. The Roundtables will be seeing more about this in the next 3 or 4 months. Todd agreed to send a copy of his PowerPoint presentation to Michelle Pierce for circulation to the Roundtable members.

The next IBCC meeting will be in September. There are plans for a future joint IBCC / CWCB meeting and another Roundtable Summit sometime in 2013.

2. Project Proposal Reevaluation – Delta Conservation District, \$30,000 from Statewide Account Funds and \$4,600 from Basin Account Funds for North Fork of the Gunnison River Corridor Project.

Per the Roundtable bylaws, the Roundtable members reevaluated this project proposal that failed to gain Roundtable consensus at the June 4, 2012 meeting. Ralph D'Alesandro of the Delta Conservation District expanded a little on the project proposal.

Tom Alvey made a motion to approve the project proposal, and Bill Nesbit seconded. However, Dixie Luke, Hugh Sanburg, Bill Trampe, Olen Lund, Chuck Mitisek, and Ken Spann voted against the proposal, and the motion failed.

3. Water Conservation – Proposed Statewide Mini-Summit.

Chairperson Michelle Pierce reported on the last “All Chair Conference Call” and the tentative plans being made for a statewide mini-summit to further cross-basin dialogue regarding municipal and industrial water conservation issues.

The proposed mini-summit is planned for this fall, possibly in October. It was suggested that September is too soon and that the Roundtable should have its own discussion before the mini-summit. Michelle Pierce, Jennifer Bock and Ken Spann will get together to talk about the issue before the October Roundtable meeting. Michelle suggested members e-mail her, Jennifer or Ken with ideas for discussion at October meeting.

4. Metro Basin Roundtable Water Supply Paper – Proposed invitation to Metro Basin Roundtable to present information about this report.

The Roundtable members agreed that it would be a good idea to invite representatives from the Metro Basin Roundtable to attend a future meeting to present information about their Water Supply report.

5. Metro Basin Roundtable – Request for Support of the Chatfield Reallocation Project

Frank Kugel made a motion that the Gunnison Basin Roundtable write a letter in support of the Chatfield Reallocation Project. Neal Schwieterman seconded, and the motion carried unanimously. John McClow agreed to send Michelle Pierce a template form letter of support.

6. Western Resource Advocates – Reports on “Filling the Gap”.

The Roundtable members agreed to set aside time on a future agenda for a presentation on these reports.

John McClow stated that we should encourage anyone who wants to make a presentation to do so, but cautioned that these particular reports “suffer from a significant lack of credibility.” A number of (peer review) comments have been made about the accuracy of the information, and none of the comments were incorporated in the final reports.

7. Tamarisk Coalition – Shannon Hatch, Tamarisk Coalition Restoration Coordinator

Shannon Hatch gave an overview of the Tamarisk Coalition group and their projects and presented information regarding the work being done to implement collaborative, landscape-scale riparian restoration in the Grand Valley.

Shannon stated that the Tamarisk Coalition's grant proposal to the Colorado Roundtable was approved unanimously, and asked for a letter of support from the Gunnison Basin Roundtable.

8. Basin Roundtable Project Exploration Committee: Flaming Gorge – Report and Update, Rick Brinkman and Ken Spann.

Ken Spann reported that the committee had met in Longmont at noon on July 31. The focus was to try to identify what potential benefits might come from the Flaming Gorge project. Discussion centered on what the benefits might be, who would benefit, and who would pay for the benefits. There were several perspectives in the room among the various representatives of the Roundtables about what the benefits might be, and who would particularly benefit. Colorado Springs, in particular, is committed to finding a new source of water.

Ken stated that there is no single entity, private or public, that can afford this project. It would take State and Federal cooperation. Process questions need to be answered. At the next meeting they will start to generate their report to the CWCB.

Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Gunnison Basin Roundtable will be at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, October 1, 2012, at the Holiday Inn Express in Montrose.

Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Roundtable, the meeting adjourned at 4:53 p.m.



Mike Berry, Recorder

Action Items

Todd Doherty will send a copy of his PowerPoint presentation to Michelle Pierce for circulation to the Roundtable members.

Roundtable members should e-mail Michelle Pierce with ideas for discussion regarding the mini-summit on conservation.

John McClow will send Michelle Pierce a template form letter, and Michelle will write and send a letter of support from the Gunnison Basin Roundtable to the Metro Roundtable for support of the Chatfield Reallocation Project.