

## **HB 1177 Southwest Basin Roundtable Minutes January 11, 2012 – Durango**

<b>Members</b>	Mike Preston	Peter Mueller	Don Magnuson
<b>Present:</b>	Ann Oliver	Wendy McDermott	Jim Fisher
	Jenny Russell	April Montgomery	Don Schwindt
	Bruce Smart	Tim Hunter	John Taylor
	Gary Kennedy	Rod Proffitt	Steve Fearn
	Tim Pierce	John Porter	Val Valentine
	Michael Canterbury	Chuck Wanner	Steve Harris
	Gerald Koppenhafer	Chuck Lawler	Ken Beegles
	Bruce Whitehead	John Ey	Jack Rogers
	Celine Hawkins		
<b>Guests:</b>	Warren Rider	Ed Tolen	Ted Kowalski
	Greg Johnson	Denise Rue-Pastin	Randy Carver
	Ken Curtis	Ted Kowalski	David Graf

Chairman Mike Preston called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m. Introductions were made.

### **Administrative Reports**

#### **Review & Approve Minutes - approved**

#### **Officer/IBCC Representative Reports**

John Porter announced that the Colorado Foundation for Water Education's summer "Headwaters" issue will focus on Southwest Colorado. The issue's focus is multi-use, multi-benefits, collaborative efforts, with a relatively long shelf life. An education subcommittee met before this meeting and discussed possible topics that include the following: ALP Project, Lake Nighthorse, Dolores Project, Ag irrigation, specialty foods, M&I, species, and recreation, San Miguel, Archuleta County, Lower Blanco Project, Pagosa Area & Sanitation District conservation program, water quality, SWCD, Water Information Program, and Southwest Basin Roundtable. John Porter will be calling entities for financial assistance to produce the edition. Members are encouraged to contact Denise Rue-Pastin if they have topic ideas.

#### **WSRA Basin Roundtable Fund Balance**

Mike reported that there is currently \$122,304 in the basin fund. Greg Johnson said CWCBC is expecting to make the January installment of \$82,000 to our basin. The state criteria have changed to require a matching basin grant (5% minimum) for state fund applications.

#### **New Project Exploration Committee**

Bruce Whitehead gave a brief history of this group. Southwest Basin Roundtable's representatives are Ann Oliver and Bruce Whitehead. Every roundtable will be represented. The first meeting in December 2011 was intended to establish the protocol. Inputs from all the roundtables through this committee will be incorporated and sent to IBCC. In addition to roundtable representation, two representatives each are being sought from the agriculture community, recreation community, and environment community. Ann and Bruce look to this roundtable for inputs throughout the process.

## **Election of Roundtable Officers at April 11 meeting**

Mike announced that elections for the following positions will be held at the April 11<sup>th</sup> meeting: Chair, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair, and two IBCC representatives. Nominations will be taken at the meeting and vote will be by secret ballot.

## **Colorado River Compact Issues & Studies**

Ted Kowalski, Section Chief, Interstate & Federal Section of Colorado Water Conservation Board, made a presentation, "Colorado River Issues, Studies, and Updates".

He highlighted the following:

1. CWCB's mission regarding compact entitled waters: For the purpose of aiding in the protection and development of the waters of the state, for the benefit of the present and future inhabitants of the state.
2. Colorado Basin Issues
  - Interconnection between the future of the upper basin and lower basin
  - Grand Canyon issues
  - International issues
3. Studies, studies, and more studies

## **Portfolio Alternatives**

Steve Harris announced that about 20 members gathered at a workshop to develop several portfolio alternatives scenarios. Greg Johnson, CWCB, described the different scenarios that were developed at the workshop. Three scenarios were selected for the members to choose from. Discussion occurred. This is a vehicle for us to provide input to the state on policy issue. CWCB will gather input and compare commonalities. After describing the three alternatives selected by those who attended the portfolio workshop, members identified their choices:

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#2      Tie for 1A2 and 1B2

These choices will be sent to the IBCC.

## **State-wide Roundtable Summit**

A State-wide Roundtable Summit will be held March 1<sup>st</sup> in Broomfield. There are some scholarships available. The main focus of the summit will be the portfolio. There are four goals for the summit: Explore the range of portfolios and commonalities; brainstorm common implementation; identify elements that require cross basin dialogue; promote long and short term efforts to implement consumptive and non-consumptive needs.

## **Input on IBCC Issues**

1. Should IBCC take a formal position on legislation? Input on "Toilet Bill" Water Conservation Legislation:  
Discussion occurred. There was general consensus that IBCC should not be developing or promoting specific legislation.

2. Non-consumptive basin roundtable process related to Southwest Basin Roundtable non-consumptive IPPs:

The Southwest Basin Roundtable has the same number of non-consumptive IPPs as consumptive. IBCC has encouraged the roundtables to initiate 3-5 projects. The Southwest Roundtable already has a process for considering funding and support for non-consumptive IPPs when proponents bring projects forward, and for adding new IPPs to the list. Discussion occurred. A meeting will be scheduled for the non-consumptive committee; all roundtable members are invited.

### **Upcoming Events**

Apr. 11	Cortez
Jul. 11	Durango
Oct. 10	Cortez
March 1	Statewide Roundtable Summit

### **Adjournment**

Mike Preston adjourned the meeting at 6:00 p.m.