

**Interbasin Compact Committee
Basin Roundtables**

Gunnison Basin Roundtable

Meeting Agenda

**February 4, 2013
Holiday Inn Express
Montrose, CO
4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

Call to Order
Roll Call/Introductions
Approve Agenda
Approve Minutes from 1/7/2013 Meeting (attached)
Report from IBCC Representatives (action item)
Report from Educational Committee
Report from CWCB Representative

- 1. IBCC Process & State Water Plan/SWSI** – CWCB Staff will be present to discuss these matters with the Roundtable Members.
- 2. IBCC Process** – West Slope Caucus, February 28, 2013 (see attached).
- 3. Project Proposal Modification** – Town of Ridgway, Lake Otonowanda Renovation Project, \$540,000 from Statewide Account funds & \$60,000 from Basin Account funds. The Roundtable members will review proposed changes to this project and consider approval of the modified application (see application forwarded via separate e-mail)
- 4. Colorado River Water Supply and Demand Study** – David Kanzer will present information related to this study and its findings.
- 5. Roundtable Membership** – Application to Fill At-Large Vacancy with Water Rights Ownership, Olen Lund (see attached).
- 6. Roundtable Membership & Attendance** – The Roundtable members will review and discuss continuing vacancies in membership, and quorum and voting requirements.
- 7. Meeting Schedule** – The Roundtable members will discuss a proposal to establish a bi-monthly meeting schedule for the Roundtable.

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Gunnison Basin Roundtable Meeting
Holiday Inn Express
Montrose, Colorado
January 7, 2013**

Voting Members Present:

Thomas Alvey	North Fork WCD
Mike Berry	Tri-County WCD
Jennifer Bock	Environmental
Rick Brinkman	Mesa Municipalities
Marc Catlin	At-Large Member
Cary Denison	Ouray County
Joanne Fagan	Ouray Municipalities
Austin Keiser	Grand Mesa WCD
Wendell Koontz	Delta Municipalities
Frank Kugel	At-Large Member
Rachel Kullman	Montrose Municipalities
Henry LeValley	Crawford WCD
Dixie Luke	At-Large Member
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
Ken Spann	Upper Gunnison River WCD
Bill Trampe	Colorado River Water Conservation District
Adam Turner	Local Domestic Water Supplier
Stan Whinnery	Hinsdale County
Rufus Wilderson	Gunnison County

Voting Members Absent:

Tim Decker	Montrose County
Olen Lund	Delta County
George Sibley	At-Large Member
Vacant	At-Large Member
Vacant	Mesa County
Vacant	Saguache County

Liaisons and Non-Voting Members Present:

Sharon Dunning (Assistant Recorder), Bob Hurford (DWR liaison), David Kanzer (At-Large), Gary Shellhorn (USFS liaison), Jedd Sondergard (BLM liaison).

Public: Jim Pokrandt (CRWCD), Camille Richard (Lake Fork Valley Conservancy, Nathan Henne (Town of Lake City), Colleen Hannon (Colorado Mountain College), Jesse Kruthaupt (Trout Unlimited), Steve Fletcher (UVWUA), Mike Drake (Public), Richard Vangytenbeek (Trout Unlimited), Dan Brauch (Colorado Parks & Wildlife), Jason Ullman (Division Engineers Office).

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 quorum was present.

Michelle Pierce introduced Stan Whinnery who is taking the place of Roundtable member Allen Brown. Michelle also announced that former Roundtable member Steve Glazer is very ill and passed a get well card around for signatures.

Approve Agenda

Michelle Pierce announced the following modifications to the Agenda:

- A report about an earlier meeting, Michelle Pierce
- 3a. Project Report for Lake Otanowanda, Joanne Fagan
- 9. Flaming Gorge Report, Ken Spann
- 10. Resignation of Roundtable Member Dixie Luke
- 11. Project Report on Relief Ditch, Cary Denison

Neal Schwieterman made a motion to accept the amended Agenda. Bill Nesbitt seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Approve November 5, 2012 Meeting Minutes

Frank Kugel requested a change on the 3rd page under the CWCB report, where LaPlata Water should be Animas-LaPlata Water.

Wendell Koontz made a motion to accept the November 5, 2012 amended minutes. Frank Kugel seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Report from the IBCC Representatives

Bill Trampe reported that there was a joint meeting with the CWCB on November 15. The morning session was a discussion about the about the water supply reserve account.

The meeting covered an overview approach to scenario planning. There was a lot of time spent discussing implementation of no-regrets. Bill conveyed his frustration with the lack of risk management and requested that the Roundtable readdress and stay focused on this critical issue.

Hugh Sanburg made a motion to ratify Bill Trampe's IBCC report. Cary Denison seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Report from the Educational Committee

Frank Kugel indicated that George Sibley was absent due to illness. Michelle Pierce gave his update. George says he finally has most of what he has for the newspaper insert magazine, but at this point is thinking that it might be best to hold that project until late March or April, when we will then know better what we are looking at for the rest of this water year, and last year's future is now a little out of date.

Austin Kaiser announced that the Grand Mesa Water Conservancy District along with the Colorado Mesa University is doing two public education meetings, one on the 29th in Orchard City, and another on the 31st in Cedaredge.

Frank Kugel mentioned that Hannah Holm sent over her PowerPoint presentation. Frank gave the presentation last Thursday and it was very well received. He says it is a good exercise and is looking to do more in our area.

Report from the CWCB Representative

John McClow stated that he co-chaired meeting and is equally as frustrated with the progress as Bill Trampe. He feels that the process has become bogged down in generalities, and currently doesn't have much hope for the process. John said that if the Roundtable wants the process to accomplish anything, that there needs to be more input from the Roundtable for Bill Trampe to take to the IBCC to move forward. It is important to let them know of the frustration.

After some discussion about drafting a letter and also having a western slope joint meeting, John McClow suggested developing some alternatives to make the process better, and stated he is willing to help.

Ken Spann made a motion that the Roundtable explores the possibility of having a joint Western Slope Roundtable meeting before the March 5th IBCC meeting, and that the focus of the meeting be an informative presentation on the Basin Study and the status of risk management strategies on the Colorado River. Bill Nesbitt seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Report from Michelle Pierce

Michelle Pierce discussed a meeting that took place before the Roundtable meeting with the agricultural representatives. The purpose of the meeting was to start a discussion about how we bring a conversation to the Roundtable about agricultural conservation and efficiencies. That same group will meet again before the regular Roundtable meeting in February, and hopefully will come out of that meeting with a plan to bring the topic up for discussion with the entire Roundtable.

1. **Project Proposal** – Colorado Open Lands, \$16,700 from Basin Account Funds and \$150,300 from Statewide Account Funds for Lake San Cristobal Inlet Preservation & Fishing Access Project

Tom Alvey pointed out that this proposal had been discussed at length at the November meeting. It had been decided that the Roundtable would be in support of the proposal if the applicants made some modifications. The applicants met that request and the screening committee recommends approval.

Dixie Luke made a motion to approve the project proposal from Colorado Open Lands for \$16,700 from Basin Account Funds and \$150,300 from Statewide Account Funds for Lake San Cristobal Inlet Preservation & Fishing Access Project. Neal Schwieterman seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

2. **Project Proposal** - Colorado Mountain College Center for Sustainable Agronomy, \$25,000 from Basin Account funds for Construction of Shade House and Nurseries

Tom Alvey stated that this is phase 2 of a project to construct a shade house and nursery to harden off plants being grown for revegetation and reforestation particularly in high altitude settings.

Screening Committee feels it is a worthwhile project and recommends a letter of support, but feels that project is not in line with the Gunnison Basin needs.

Wendell Koontz made a motion to accept the recommendation from Project Screening Committee to write a letter of support for the Colorado Mountain College Center for Sustainable Agronomy's application for funds to construct a shade house and nursery. Hugh Sanburg seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

3. **Project Proposal** – Lake Fork Valley Conservancy, \$28,975 from Basin Account Funds and \$260,111 from Statewide Account Funds, for Hinson Creek and Lake Fork Confluence Channel Improvement Project

Tom Alvey indicated that there was a lot of discussion regarding this project proposal, and the Screening Committee is divided, but thinks this is an excellent project. Concerns are the amount of funds requested, and also the level of matching funds. The Committee is split 3 ways, and the suggestions range from no funding, to funding a lower amount of \$20,000 with mandatory matching funds, to full funding. There is a consumptive and non-consumptive component, restoration and improvement to a historic diversion for Town of Lake City.

Camille Richard, project proponent, stated that this proposal addresses 2 key elements in the physical and chemical impacts to Hinson Creek. She stated that she has cut the budget from the original proposal by at least \$75,000, and asked for more suggestions for further cutting of the budget. She also stated that there is a lot of support from other agencies.

Tom Alvey made a motion to approve the project proposal from Lake Fork Valley Conservancy for \$28,975 from Basin Account Funds and \$260,111 from Statewide Account Funds, for the Hinson Creek and Lake Fork Confluence Channel Improvement Project. Jennifer Bock seconded. Chuck Mitisek was the only opposing vote, and the motion carried.

- 3a. **Update on Lake Otanowanda Project** – Joanne Fagan

Joanne discussed changes to project. She indicated that next month they will be bringing back a change for the direction of the project. The information on the proposed changes will be submitted to the Screening Committee by the 20th of the month.

4. **Update on Paonia Reservoir Project - Dixie Luke**

Dixie Luke gave an update of the status of this 2-phase project.

5. **Water Conservation Mini-Summit** – December 3, 2012 in Silverthorne. The Roundtable members will discuss the results of this meeting.

A summary of the meeting was circulated to the Roundtable members. Michelle Pierce stated that there was a lot of agreement on the need to implement basic levels of conservation across the board regardless of the size. Generally the members thought it was a worthwhile meeting, and that the Gunnison Basin Roundtable was well represented. Members thanked Michelle for her efforts to put the meeting together.

6. **Water Supply Reserve Account** – The Roundtable members will discuss the establishment of a deadline and other criteria for submission of applications for funding from the Water Supply Reserve Account to the Project Screening Committee.

Michelle Pierce stated that there is a need to establish a firm deadline for submission of applications. Tom Alvey agreed that it would be very helpful for the Screening Committee to have a deadline.

Mike Berry made a motion to establish a deadline for project proposals to be submitted by 4:00 p.m. on the 1st day of the month preceding the meeting at which the application will be considered. John McClow seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Michelle Pierce stated she will get the website updated.

7. **Resignation** – Marc Catlin

Bill Nesbitt made a motion to accept the resignation of Marc Catlin from the Gunnison Basin Roundtable. Steve Shea seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Members discussed ways to fill the vacant positions. At-Large positions require a call for letters of interest. Michelle will advertise in the larger papers in the Basin.

8. **Roundtable Membership & Attendance** – The Roundtable members will review and discuss continuing vacancies in membership and quorum and voting requirements.

Michelle Pierce stated that she has been unable to get appointees for Mesa and Saguache Counties. These vacancies affect the meeting quorum. It was discussed to drop the positions from the list, but decided that a final notification will need to be given before dropping the positions. The positions can be added back in the future if needed. Michelle will add a possible amendment to the bylaws on next month's agenda.

9. **Flaming Gorge Task Force** - Ken Spann

Ken Spann stated that there still needs to be some "Adult Conversation" about risk management. The first recommendation focuses on balanced Roundtable conversation about these issues. Unless risk management issues are dealt with, we cannot allow new supply development to move forward until we have assurances against the risk.

10. Update on Relief Ditch Project - Cary Denison

Cary Denison gave an update on the Relief Ditch project. The project is going quite well and still on schedule to be completed by March 15.

11. Resignation - Dixie Luke

Michelle Pierce read a letter of resignation for Dixie Luke. Dixie stated that she enjoyed working on the Roundtable. Michelle thanked her for her service to the Gunnison Basin.

Next Meeting

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

Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Roundtable, the meeting adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

Mike Berry, Recorder

Action Items

Michelle Pierce to contact Western Slope Roundtables regarding a possible joint meeting to discuss risk management issues.

Michelle Pierce to write a letter of support for the Colorado Mountain College Center for Sustainable Agronomy's application for funds to construct a shade house and nursery.

Michelle Pierce to get the website updated with information on new deadlines for project proposal submission.

Michelle Pierce to advertise in papers for vacancies on the Roundtable.

Michelle Pierce

Subject: FW: Letter to John Stulp

From: Jim Pokrandt [<mailto:jpokrandt@crwcd.org>]
Sent: Monday, January 21, 2013 2:25 PM
To: John Stulp; Gimbel, Jennifer; Mitchell, Becky
Cc: George, Russell; John McClow; Eric Kuhn
Subject: west slope caucus of IBCC, RT and CWCB

Dear Jennifer, Becky and John:

As you may have likely heard, there is momentum to hold a West Slope caucus of IBCC members, Roundtable chairs and CWCB board members who sit on the Roundtables. The idea arose at the January 7 meeting of the Gunnison Basin Roundtable (which I attended) and was supported by the Colorado Basin Roundtable. We appear to be heading to a meeting on either February 27 or 28 in the offices of the Colorado River District.

I wanted to be sure that you knew what was going on.

The catalyst for the never-been-held caucus is “frustrations” expressed about the IBCC process and a lack of what is perceived to be proper attention to hydrology and risk management issues when it comes to new supply planning. Another “frustration” relates to ag and the lack of acceptance of fallowing as a water source and the pitting of East Slope ag vs. West Slope ag. This is a Cliff Notes version.

At our January 15 CRD Board meeting, Jennifer gave a thoughtful overview of the IBCC process and the inherent frustrations that are a part of it – and how progress can actually be found on the heels of frustration. Jennifer used a coiled spring analogy where a process can seem to be going round and round, going nowhere, when there is a sudden spring forward. It was pretty good. She said that an assessment of the IBCC process was occurring at her level, as well, which I take to include Becky and John.

I’d like to think that the caucus, while spirited on by “frustrations,” will also be a chance to assess the IBCC process. I urged the idea of a caucus. It is important that we understand what the “frustrations” actually are and that we express them in a thoughtful, constructive way. Communications to organize the caucus will be coming from me. Russ George and John McClow are aware of these goings-on. Having secured their tentative availability, I will be proceeding with organization of the meeting.

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Rec'd 1-25-2013

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I am requesting appointment to fill the vacant statutory At-Large Agriculture Representative seat on the Gunnison Basin Roundtable (GBRT) that was recently vacated by the resignation of Dixie Luke. As you know, I have represented Delta County as a Delta County Commissioner since the inception of the GBRT, but since I was term limited out this past election cycle I no longer hold that position. The man who now holds that position, Mr. Mark Roeber, would like to take over the Delta County seat so I am applying for the vacant Agricultural Representative seat in order that I might open up that slot for him and yet continue to be on the GBRT.

Not only have I been a member of the GBRT since it inception, I am also one of the GBRT representatives to the Interstate Compact Committee. I am qualified to be the statutory At-Large Agricultural Representative by virtue of the fact I am part owner of a family farm in the North Fork Valley and specifically own water rights out of the North Fork River.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Olen Lund