

**Interbasin Compact Committee  
Gunnison Basin Roundtable Meeting  
Holiday Inn Express  
Montrose, Colorado  
September 9, 2013**

**Voting Members Present:**

Thomas Alvey	North Fork WCD
Rick Brinkman	Mesa Municipalities
Tim Decker	Montrose County
Cary Denison	Ouray County
Allen Distel	Bostwick Park WCD
Joanne Fagan	Ouray Municipalities
Steve Fletcher	At-Large Member
Austin Keiser	Grand Mesa WCD
Wendell Koontz	Delta Municipalities
Frank Kugel	At-Large Member
Rachel Kullman	Montrose Municipalities
Olen Lund	At-Large Member
John McClow	House and Senate Ag Committees, CWCB Liaison
Bill Nesbitt	Gunnison Municipalities
Michelle Pierce	Hinsdale Municipalities
Mark Roeber	Delta County
Hugh Sanburg	Industrial
Neal Schwieterman	Recreational
George Sibley	At-Large Member
Steve Snyder	Saguache County
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:**

Mike Berry	Tri-County WCD
Jennifer Bock	Environmental
John Justman	Mesa County
Henry LeValley	Crawford WCD
Chuck Mitisek	Ute WCD
Ron Shaver	At-Large Member
Steve Shea	Agricultural
Stan Whinnery	Hinsdale County

**Liaisons and Non-Voting Members Present:**

Sharon Dunning (Assistant Recorder), David Graf (CDPW Liaison), David Kanzer (Non-Voting Liaison), Bob Hurford (DWR Liaison), Jedd Sondergard (BLM Liaison).

**Public:** Jason Ullmann (CDWR), Michael Dale (NPS), Greg Johnson & Erin Wilson (Wilson Water Group), Hannah Holm (Water Center @ CMU), Chris Menges (AW).

### **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 not present, but eventually a quorum was declared present.

### **Approve Agenda**

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

### **Approve August 5, 2013 Meeting Minutes**

Rachel Kullman stated that her name was spelled wrong on page 4, item 5. Tom Alvey stated that on page 3, item 3, the reference to \$500,000 having already been contributed to the project should read that \$500,000 is already budgeted to the project.

Tom Alvey made a motion to accept the August 5, 2013 minutes as amended. Bill Nesbitt seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

### **Report from the IBCC Representative**

Bill Trampe stated that there has been no IBCC meeting since the last Roundtable meeting. The next IBCC meeting is scheduled for October 1<sup>st</sup> in Denver.

### **Report from the Educational Committee**

George Sibley brought more handbooks for everyone to distribute. He said that there has been a good response so far from this publication. Now there needs to be some follow-up articles produced.

George announced an upcoming workshop on October 7, 2013, called “Valuing Colorado’s Agriculture” by the Colorado Agriculture Water Alliance and the Arkansas Basin Roundtable. It would be good to have someone from the Gunnison Basin Roundtable attend that workshop.

### **Report from the CWCB Representative**

John McClow stated that there has been no CWCB meeting since the last Roundtable meeting. The next CWCB meeting is scheduled for September 24-26 in Telluride.

**1. West Slope Principles**

Torie Jarvis of the Northwest Colorado Council of Governments discussed the NWCCOG's West Slope Principles for the Colorado Water Plan that they would like to have endorsed by the Gunnison Basin Roundtable. There was some discussion about which version of the document was being presented tonight, and several members said that they had not reviewed the most current version of the document. Tom Alvey stated that there are a lot of principles being discussed and that it is a little premature for our Roundtable to make the decision to endorse this document. No decision was made on the document tonight.

**2. Gunnison Basin Implementation Plan**

John McCLOW facilitated a discussion to review the initial draft Principles, Policies, Priorities. The Basin Implementation Plan Subcommittee created the draft based on discussion from the last meeting. John asked if there were any suggestions, ideas, or criticisms from the members on this document. The goal is to work toward making these part of the goals and measurable outcomes that are the first part of the basin implementation plan.

After a great deal of discussion on the matter, John re-stated that what is needed is to decide on goals with measureable successes. We need to decide what we think are desirable demand management strategies and recommend incentives to accomplish them. Give us a goal and tell us how you are going to meet it. John asked if everyone has seen the Principles, Policies, Priorities document, and if there is anything in it that document that anyone finds unacceptable, stating that we could convert it to goals pretty easily. No one objected.

Michelle Pierce stated that we will have this discussion again at our October meeting.

**3. Ouray County Water Users Association**

Cary Denison stated that a new organization called the Ouray County Water Users Association has recently been formed. The board has had its 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting and members are now voting on their bylaws. Cary is exploring whether there is a chance for a member from the association to have a seat on the Gunnison Basin Roundtable. John McCLOW stated that a member could have a seat on the Roundtable, but it would have to be an at-large seat. The membership of the roundtable is defined by the statute, which is very specific about membership. The only place the Roundtable has any flexibility is in the at-large memberships. So if a vacancy occurs, certainly someone from that organization can apply. There is not a designated seat for water users associations, the statute won't permit that.

**4. Relief Ditch Diversion Project – Project Update**

At the request of Cary Denison, this item was tabled to the next meeting.

**Next Meeting**

The next regular meeting of the Gunnison Basin Roundtable will be at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, October 7, 2013, at the Holiday Inn Express in Montrose.

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**Adjourn**

There being no further business to come before the Roundtable, the meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

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Mike Berry, Recorder

**Action Items**

None.