

**Interbasin Compact Committee
Gunnison Basin Roundtable Meeting
Holiday Inn Express
Montrose, Colorado
October 7, 2013**

Voting Members Present:

Thomas Alvey	North Fork WCD
Mike Berry	Tri-County WCD
Jennifer Bock	Environmental
Rick Brinkman	Mesa Municipalities
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
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
Ron Shaver	At-Large Member
Steve Shea	Agricultural
Steve Snyder	Saguache County
Ken Spann	Upper Gunnison River WCD
Bill Trampe	Colorado River Water Conservation District
Adam Turner	Local Domestic Water Supplier
Martha Whitmore	Ouray County
Rufus Wilderson	Gunnison County

Voting Members Absent:

Tim Decker	Montrose County
John Justman	Mesa County
Rachel Kullman	Montrose Municipalities
Henry LeValley	Crawford WCD
Chuck Mitisek	Ute WCD
Neal Schwieterman	Recreational
George Sibley	At-Large Member
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).

Public: Zach Smith (Colorado Water Trust); Cary Denison and Jesse Kruthaupt (TU); Hannah Holm (CMU Water Center); Elizabeth Koebele (CU Boulder); Terry Dalpiaz, Vernon Nutter and Ken Nelson (North Delta Irrigation); Greg Johnson (Wilson Water Group).

Welcome

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Chairperson Michelle Pierce.

Roll Call/Introductions

Michelle Pierce welcomed new member Marti Whitmore, who replaces Cary Denison as representative from Ouray County.

Following roll call it was declared that a quorum was not present, but eventually a quorum was declared present.

Approve Agenda

Michelle Pierce stated the Annual Meeting would be added as Item 7 to the Agenda.

Tom Alvey made a motion to accept the amended Agenda. Ron Shaver seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Approve September 9, 2013 Meeting Minutes

A correction was requested on page 2 where Greg Johnson should be listed as affiliated with the Wilson Water Group.

Frank Kugel made a motion to accept the September 9, 2013 minutes as amended. Bill Nesbitt seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Report from the IBCC Representatives

Bill Trampe and Olen Lund attended the IBCC meeting in Denver on October 1. Olen Lund stated that future gaps identified in the past are showing up faster than anticipated. There was a comment at the meeting about agricultural shortages not necessarily equating to gap. We need to be able to identify what type of gap to be able to prioritize. Olen stated that the meeting was discouraging overall with regard to risk management.

Bill Trampe made a recommendation that members take some time to familiarize themselves with the no/low regrets documentation, as it may become part of state water plan. The general philosophy of the IBCC right now is to plow ahead with new supply development from the Colorado River. Bill states that this is bothersome because they will not move forward with risk management. We need to continue to work on risk management to try to avoid curtailment.

John McCloy stated that he is not quite as pessimistic on the risk management issues. A compact curtailment is not a likely event in the next 7-10 years. Risk management will be part of this deal.

Ron Shaver made a motion to ratify the report by the IBCC representatives. Wendell Koontz seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Report from the Educational Committee

George Sibley was not in attendance.

Hannah Holm said that they anticipate a renewal of the grant from the Walton Family Foundation. She is currently working on public outreach and education as it relates to the basin implementation plan, and is also on the team for the Colorado Basin that is doing outreach and education there.

Hannah has provided a draft PowerPoint presentation that she put together for anyone who has 10 minutes on any agenda. The presentation has about 8 slides and is intended to show what is going on and our role in it. She tried to build mechanisms for public feedback. A survey is included to get feedback for how it could be used and how it could be improved.

Hannah also announced that they do have a draft program put together for the Upper Colorado River Basin Water Conference at CMU on November 6 and 7.

Report from the CWCB Representative

John McCloy sent his report by email to the Roundtable members. There were no comments on John's report.

1. Gunnison Basin Flow Study

Chris Menges from American Whitewater gave a presentation called "Gunnison River Flow Study 2013". The organization has been updating the report since the beginning of the year. The report gives results and provides recommendations. American Whitewater is asking the Roundtable to integrate the information into the BIP report and for our consultant, Wilson Water Group, to work with them.

Roundtable members encouraged Chris to keep working and to stay engaged with the Roundtable. Jennifer Bock stated that she would like to include the data from Whitewater as well as other recreational interests in the narrative.

2. Colorado Water Trust

Zach Smith gave an overview of the Colorado Water Trust and their water leasing program. The organization created in 2001 is not an advocacy group. Their board is made up mostly of water attorneys and engineers. They work almost exclusively within the state's instream flow program.

The Colorado Water Trust negotiates voluntary market-based instream flow transactions with private water right owners. They work with a willing partner who is able to sell portions of their water right, and has an interest in keeping that water in the river.

3. **Relief Ditch Diversion Project**

Cary Denison gave an update to the Roundtable members on the Relief Ditch Diversion project. Cary's presentation included photos that show the progress of the project. The project is for removal of a dam on the Gunnison River in the Gunnison Gorge National Conservation area upstream from Austin. They started construction on the project in November of last year. They plan to finish the project in November of this year as well as address a few other issues downstream. The project was accomplished within budget.

4. **Gunnison Basin Implementation Plan**

Michelle Pierce stated that a question was brought up by Greg Johnson of the Wilson Water Group as to their role in helping us through our goals. A suggestion was made to have the BIP subcommittee take care of this. There was no objection from the Roundtable members.

5. **Gunnison Basin Implementation Plan**

Michelle Pierce asked the Roundtable if there was fair representation on the Basin Implementation Plan (BIP) Committee. Both Marti Whitmore and Jennifer Bock asked to be added to the list of members. The members of the committee now consists of: Rick Brinkman, John McClow, Michelle Pierce, Steve Fletcher, Joanne Fagan, Bill Trampe, Tom Alvey, Marti Whitmore, George Sibley, and Jennifer Bock, and is chaired by Frank Kugel. The Roundtable agreed that this was a fair representation for members of this subcommittee.

The Roundtable discussed the BIP subcommittee's structure and responsibilities in the development of the BIP. It was suggested that the subcommittee report back to the Roundtable at every meeting with a placeholder on the agenda. There should be some authority given to the BIP subcommittee so it is able to consult and authorize or make requests from the consultant in order to be reactive and responsive.

Ken Spann made a motion that the aforementioned committee members, under the chairmanship of Frank Kugel, be authorized to guide and direct the BIP consultant, Wilson Water Group; and to manage its studies and work on behalf of the Roundtable, and to report monthly to the Roundtable on progress. Ron Shaver seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

6. **Gunnison Basin Implementation Plan**

The Roundtable continued to review and discuss the three draft documents submitted by John McClow, George Sibley and David Kanzer.

John McClow stated that what he did in his document was to expand on the committee's original discussion based on the conversation from the last Roundtable meeting. This is a second draft of the document called Principles, Policies, Priorities. If it is appropriate, this information should now be put into the Goals and Measurable Outcomes framework document by George Sibley. Frank Kugel requested that George Sibley be added to the list of BIP committee members.

Discussion continued and many items were brought up. Ultimately it was decided to turn it over to the BIP subcommittee and have them report back to the Roundtable with suggestions.

7. Annual Meeting – Election of Officers

John McCloy made a motion to elect the existing slate of officers by acclamation. Ron Shaver seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Next Meeting

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

Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Roundtable, the meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.



Mike Berry, Recorder

Action Items

BIP subcommittee to work on draft documents and report to the Roundtable with suggestions.