

**Interbasin Compact Committee
Gunnison Basin Roundtable Meeting
Holiday Inn Express
Montrose, Colorado
August 4, 2014**

Voting Members Present:

Thomas Alvey	North Fork WCD
Mike Berry	Tri-County WCD
Rick Brinkman	Mesa Municipalities
Tim Decker	Montrose County
Cary Denison	Environmental
Allen Distel	Bostwick Park WCD
Joanne Fagan	Ouray Municipalities
Steve Fletcher	At-Large Member
David Harold	Montrose Municipalities
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
Mark Roeber	Delta County
Hugh Sanburg	Industrial
Neal Schwieterman	Recreational
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:

John Justman	Mesa County
Henry LeValley	Crawford WCD
Chuck Mitisek	Ute WCD
Michelle Pierce	Hinsdale Municipalities
George Sibley	At-Large Member
Stan Whinnery	Hinsdale County

Liaisons and Non-Voting Members Present:

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

Public: Michael Dale (NPS), Gary Kraai (Crawford WCD), Trey Denison (NFWCD), Zach Thode (Engineer), Brent Newman (CWCB), Beth Karberg (Delta Conservation District), Tim Stroope (USFS), Sheridan Block (Ouray County Plaindealer), Steve Schrock (No Chico Brush), Aaron Derwingson (The Nature Conservancy), Jason Ullmann (DWR).

Welcome

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Vice-Chairperson Hugh Sanburg.

Roll Call/Introductions

Following roll call it was declared that a quorum was present.

Gary Shellhorn announced that he is retiring at the end of the month and that this will be his last meeting. Tim Stroope will be replacing him as the USFS Liaison. Ken Spann moved to acknowledge and thank Gary Shellhorn for his service as the Forest Service Liaison and express the roundtable members' unanimous best wishes for his retirement and their sincere thanks for his service. Bill Nesbitt seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Hugh Sanburg welcomed and introduced new roundtable member David Harold appointed to the Montrose Municipalities seat.

Approve Agenda

Hugh Sanburg said there was a request to add a discussion about the RCPP grant from the NoChicoBrush Group to the end of the agenda as item #4.

Neal Schwieterman moved to approve the agenda as amended. Tom Alvey seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Approve July 7, 2014 Meeting Minutes

Ron Shaver moved to accept the July 7, 2014 minutes as presented. Steve Fletcher seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Report from the IBCC Representatives

Bill Trampe stated that there has been no IBCC meeting since the last roundtable meeting. The next meeting will be at the end of September or early October. Olen Lund stated that he also had nothing to report.

Report from the Educational Committee

George Sibley was absent from the meeting and there was no Educational Committee report.

Report from the CWCB Representative

John McClow said that the CWCB met in Rangely for a couple of days. The presentations on the Basin Implementation Plans took up the majority of the first day. This Roundtable has done excellent work. There were no significant surprises in the presentations. One item he noted was that the South Platte basin contends at this point to include 150,000 acre feet per year of transmountain diversion as part of their Basin Implementation Plan, a number which they admit was hypothetical. Other than that the meeting was largely devoted to business items, i.e., loans, grants, and financial reports.

Report from the BIP Committee

Frank Kugel said that the BIP committee met two weeks ago to put final touches on the Basin Implementation Plan. Most of the comments received were addressed in the report. The Wilson Water Group did an excellent job and gave us a very good product. Unlike most Roundtables we did not ask for any additional money to complete the plan.

The Basin Implementation Plan was submitted on July 31 to meet the deadline for submittal for the Colorado Water Conservation Board. Prior to that the BIPs were presented at the CWCB meeting in Rangely. Frank felt that the presentation went well and the plan was well received.

That completes round one, but there are already revisions proposed for the project list. It is a living document and we have opportunities to make changes prior to the April 2015 final deadline.

1. Gunnison Basin Roundtable – Appointment of Environmental Representative

The Roundtable members voted on nominations submitted by Trout Unlimited for Cary Denison and High Country Conservation Advocates for Julie Nania.

Only appointed members can vote for this seat. After a tally of the votes Cary Denison was declared the new Environmental representative for the Roundtable.

2. IBCC Integrated Conceptual Agreement – Review and Discussion of the IBCC Conceptual Agreement.

Bill Trampe stated that everyone should have reviewed the document and he asked for suggestions on how the agreement can be improved. Members can email him or Rick with their concerns. The document will be put together by September.

Some concerns that were brought up during the discussion included:

- Triggers and language of the triggers
- Insurance and insurance policy
- Demand management
- Protecting existing, future, and agreed to uses

John McClow stated that there should be an effort to get western slope roundtables together to achieve consensus. Bill asked that comments be sent to him in the next couple of weeks.

3. **Statewide WSRA Grants** – Review and discussion of the new Supplemental Scoring Matrix Applied to Evaluation Criteria Tiers 1-3.

Tom Alvey said that this would be good for everyone on the Roundtable to look at. He feels the scoring matrix gives priority to projects with other funding. Tom thinks an important benefit should be to provide funding the projects without other funding. Also there is a push to get applicants to get loans as well as grants, which can be a hardship that favors richer applicants.

John McClow replied that the CWCB sees every application and reviews and ranks each one based on their merits. The scoring matrix was adopted at the June 24 meeting. Tom Alvey was asked if our Roundtable ranks the applications, to which he replied no we do not.

4. **RCPP Proposal** – NoChicoBrush Group

Dave Kanzer gave a status report on a proposal to the Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP), an element of the new farm bill. The River District is the lead partner and the facilitator for the proposal and project, but many entities helped Dave write the draft proposal. The proposal is being called “Modernizing Agriculture Management in the Lower Gunnison River Basin, A Cooperative Approach to Increased Water Use Efficiency and Water Quality Improvement”, also known as “The Lower Gunnison Project”. The objective is to help several water conservancy districts upgrade their infrastructure, and to increase agricultural water use efficiency. It is a \$20 million proposal that will be added to \$20 million match funding.

Dave stated that the proposal has made it through the first filter and they have been invited to submit a full proposal. They are asking for the Gunnison Basin Roundtable to write a letter of support that they can put into their full proposal to be submitted on October 2nd. They will also be asking for all counties and municipalities to put in letters of support.

Dave reiterated that the River District is just the facilitator and there will be no money coming through the River District. The board would rather the funds go directly to the beneficiaries. The River District will provide staff time to make sure the projects are in the right place doing the right thing. Admin fees are explicitly not allowed in the program.

Frank Kugel moved that the Gunnison Basin Roundtable issue a letter of support for the RCPP project with the condition that there is no commitment of future funds. Mike Berry seconded.

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Tom Alvey suggested that the restriction that there is no commitment for funds does not have to be included in the letter of support. Frank Kugel agreed to the modification to the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

Next Meeting

There will be no meeting in September. The next regular meeting of the Gunnison Basin Roundtable will be at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, October 6, 2014, at the Holiday Inn Express in Montrose.

Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Roundtable, the meeting adjourned at 5:26 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'MB' with a stylized flourish.

Mike Berry, Recorder

Action Items

Letter of Support for the RCPP proposal to be written by Chair or Vice-Chair to be included in the full proposal submittal on October 2, 2014.