

Southwest Basin Roundtable

July 10, 2013

Present:	Mike Preston	Steve Harris	Bruce Smart
	Chuck Wanner	Ann Oliver	Gary Kennedy
	Don Schwindt	Gerald Koppenhafer	Ed Zink
	Steve Fearn	John Porter	John Taylor
	Rod Proffitt	Carrie Lile	Celine Hawkins
	April Montgomery	Jenny Russell	Peter Mueller
	Tim Pierce	John Ey	Greg Boysen
	Tim Hunter	Bruce Whitehead	
Guests:	Craig Godbout	Jacob Bornstein	Linda Bassi
	Brandy Logan	Jeff Baessler	Todd Street
	Ed Tolen	Denise Rue-Pastin	Jay Skinner
	Tony Gyrzick	Jacquelyn Jampolsky	Roy Smith
	John Mittenry	Don Magnuson	Matt Azhocar
	Ken Curtis	David Brown	Kate Greenberg

Chairman Mike Preston called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. Introductions were made. Mike thanked Jane Maxson on behalf of the Roundtable for her assistance over the last six years.

Administrative Reports

Approve Minutes

Minutes from 1-09-13 and 4-17-13 were approved.

Roundtable Vacancies

Mike announced two vacancies: one at-large seat and an environmental seat. These will be advertised in regional papers and the election will be held at the September meeting. There are several “appointed” seats that are vacant. Appointments must come from the represented entity; they can e-mail or mail a letter to Mike Preston. Mike introduced Greg Boysen from the City of Durango who is representing La Plata County Municipalities, replacing Jack Rogers. The membership list will be updated and distributed.

IBCC

Bruce Whitehead described the work being done at IBCC regarding the development of the State Water Plan. IBCC will begin to meet bimonthly through the development of the plan. The draft of the plan is due the end of 2014, and the final plan due the end of 2015. Steve Harris has been working on the conservation subcommittee – they need to come up with new conservation ideas. To date, they’ve focused on standard conservation measures to help minimize agricultural dry-up in the Platte and Arkansas basins. Another new supply subcommittee was created with IBCC members. Mike Preston, April Montgomery, Steve Harris, and John Porter met with Eric Kuhn and Dan Burke from the Colorado River District. The River District has developed a spreadsheet model that helps evaluating risk of additional depletions out of the Upper Colorado River Basin. They would like to present the model to our Roundtable some time before the end of the year. Jacob Bornstein, CWCB, reported that there are four major activities taking place now: CWCB work towards the Colorado Water Plan, the Roundtable basins’ implementation plans, work of the IBCC, and the new update to SWSI. The IBCC is finishing up the no/low regrets action plans and determining what their next responsibility will be. He shared that

Greg Johnson and Todd Dougherty are no longer with CWCB. Director Jennifer Gimbel has been replaced by James Eckland.

WSRA Basin Roundtable Fund Balance

The new balance is \$395,213 after accounting for the \$30,000 approved for the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe Water Conservation and Management Plan.

Instream Flow Proposal, Dolores River below San Miguel Confluence

Linda Bassi (CWCB Stream and Lake Protection Section Chief) introduced Jeff Baessler, who made a presentation about the instream flow proposal on the Dolores River that included an overview of the instream flow timeline and process. They did modeling on the Dolores River water availability. He answered questions. Roy Smith and Matt Azhocar from the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and Jay Skinner from Colorado Parks & Wildlife presented the details. They passed out a map and explained that most of the water comes from upstream sources, which includes eight miles in Montrose County and the remainder in Mesa County. Copies of the presentation will be sent to Mike Preston.

Basin Implementation Plan over next 12 months

The Basin Implementation Plan was the subject of workshop earlier that day. Mike Preston proceeded to summarize discussion at the workshop and give an overview of work required for the upcoming year.

To comply with the Colorado Governor's Executive Order to develop a statewide water plan, the Roundtable is tasked with creating a Basin Implementation Plan that will be incorporated into the Colorado Water Plan. The plan must address water supply gaps in consumptive, municipal and industrial (M&I), irrigation and non-consumptive uses. Mike proceeded to outline the complexity of the Southwest Basin. The focus of the Roundtable's work should be to identify Identified Projects and Processes (IPPs) that are most critical to meeting the future needs of each sub-basin and addressing water supply gaps. The four "legs of the stool" to addressing water supply gaps that the Roundtable will be looking at include: IPPs, conservation, new supply and agricultural dry up.

This work will require an aggressive agenda and timeframe. The bi-monthly meeting schedule is listed below. In January 2014 drafting of the Basin Implementation Plan begins. By March 2014, work will begin at the strategy level, including identifying measurable goals and outcomes. In May 2014, the draft will be reviewed. The goal is have a finalized draft by July 2014 to be incorporated in the first draft of Colorado Water Plan, which will come out December 2014. Jacob added his perspective. Steve Harris is tasked with revisiting the IPP list, which he reported needs significant work. Some IPPs are no longer relevant and others have been completed. Mike described the budget, personnel and extra hours necessary to meet the Basin Implementation Plan deadlines. The scope of work needs to be prepared by mid-August to get funding from the CWCB. Mike suggested using Ann Oliver and Carrie Lile to coordinate and implement scope of work. Chuck Wanner presented a draft scope of work. There are five deliverables: 1) compile data, including IPPs, 2) coordinate between sub-basins (workshops), 3) coordinate with CWCB and CBM, 4) gap preparation work and 5) prepare implementation strategies.

Bruce Smart moved and Chuck Wanner seconded the motion to appoint Ann Oliver and Carrie Lile to complete technical work related to the draft scope of work. Discussion occurred. It was decided that the committee charged with developing a draft scope of work (with tasks and budget) will be comprised of Bruce Whitehead, John Porter, Peter Mueller and Chuck Wanner. Potential contractors Ann Oliver and Carrie Lile will sit in on meetings. The original motion was revised. Ed Zink moved and it was seconded to authorize the committee to develop a scope of work and budget now (which will be circulated),

negotiate with potential contractors and write the CWCD grant application to submit. There was general consensus.

Upcoming Events

New 2013-14 Meeting Schedule

Sept 11, 2013	Cortez
Nov 13, 2013	Durango
Jan 8, 2014	Cortez
Mar 12, 2014	Durango
May 14, 2014	Cortez
Jul 9, 2014	Durango

Spotlight on WRSA-Funded Projects

La Plata West Water Authority

Jeff Shamburg of Bartlett & West Engineers gave a presentation on work that has been accomplished and what is planned for the future.

Mike Preston adjourned the meeting at 6:00 pm.