

**Interbasin Compact Committee
Gunnison Basin Roundtable Meeting
Holiday Inn Express
Montrose, Colorado
April 6, 2015**

Voting Members Present:

Thomas Alvey	North Fork WCD
Mike Berry	Tri-County WCD
Rick Brinkman	Mesa Municipalities
Cary Denison	Environmental
Allen Distel	Bostwick Park WCD
Joanne Fagan	Ouray Municipalities
Steve Fletcher	At-Large Member
David Harold	Montrose Municipalities
John Justman	Mesa County
Jay Jutten	Montrose County
Austin Keiser	Grand Mesa WCD
Frank Kugel	At-Large Member
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
Mark Roeber	Delta County
Hugh Sanburg	Industrial
Ron Shaver	At-Large Member
Steve Shea	Agricultural
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
Martha Whitmore	Ouray County
Rufus Wilderson	Gunnison County

Voting Members Absent:

Wendell Koontz	Delta Municipalities
Henry LeValley	Crawford WCD
Neal Schwieterman	Recreational
Stan Whinnery	Hinsdale County

Liaisons and Non-Voting Members Present:

Sharon Dunning (Assistant Recorder), David Graf (CDPW Liaison)

Public: Patti Wells and Brent Newman (CWCB), Fritz Raish (Ranching public), Les Mergelman (Club 20), Sarah Sauter (WSCC), Aaron Derwingson (TNC), Richard Vangytenbeek and Jesse Kruthaupt (Trout Unlimited), Julie Nania (HCCA), Michael Dale (NPS), Greg Johnson (Wilson Water Group), Bill Tiedje (Ouray County Plaindealer), Beth Anderson (GMUG NF), Ben Stratton (USFS), Lesley Sebol (Colorado Geological Survey), David Romero (Montrose City Council)

Welcome

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

Roll Call/Introductions

Following roll call a quorum was declared to be present.

Michelle Pierce announced to members that tonight's meeting will end at 6:30 p.m. in order to set up for the public information meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Approve Agenda

Tom Alvey moved to approve the agenda as circulated. Ron Shaver seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Approve March 2, 2015 Meeting Minutes

Frank Kugel requested a correction to a misspelled name under the public section of the minutes.

Frank Kugel moved to approve the March 2, 2015 minutes as amended. George Sibley seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Report from the IBCC Representatives

Rick Brinkman reported there has been no IBCC meeting since the last Roundtable meeting. On March 11 Rick attended a meeting of the Conservation subcommittee. The discussion was centered on water conservation as it relates to the state water plan and how much water they think can be saved. They also discussed conservation standards for new projects as well as the definition of efficiency and how to communicate it to the rest of the state. The next meeting of the subcommittee will be on April 20.

Bill Trampe attended the meeting of the Ag Viability subcommittee the day after the state Roundtable meeting. They worked on a variety of issues. The subcommittee also met with members of the Colorado Ag Water Alliance and discussed a letter the Alliance has prepared to the CWCB regarding their concerns about how agricultural water is addressed in the State Water Plan and how to keep agriculture viable. The next meeting of the subcommittee will be next week via telephone.

John McClow attended a meeting with the Conceptual Framework subcommittee. John felt this meeting was very productive. The staff elected to address the 7 points. The discussions included a new environmental definition; the insurance policy conversation, which was replaced with the concept that new transmountain diversion would do no harm to existing uses; progress on an agreement on triggers; and a discussion on hydrologic risk. The next meeting of the subcommittee will be April 13 in Denver with the goal to present a revised Conceptual Framework to the IBCC, which would then go to the Roundtables again to seek statewide consensus on a conceptual framework for evaluating new TMDs.

Bill Nesbitt moved to ratify the IBCC representatives' report. Tom Alvey seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Report from the Educational Committee

Michelle Pierce would like to acknowledge the efforts that have gone into the educational meetings. There have been 14 meetings held, and 15 more to come after tonight. There have been close to 400 people that have participated. She thanked everyone who coordinated those meetings and those who helped to get the word out.

George Sibley also thanked everyone for their efforts to get the meetings together. They are still collecting letters and written responses to both the basin and state plans.

George said he and Hannah will be working on a grant application as soon as the plan is adopted in order to work with schools and others to get people to start thinking about water sooner in their planning processes. They would like to meet with all the people that are involved in the water education process around the basin within the next month or so.

Report from the CWCB Representative

John McClow said the CWCB met for a day and a half on March 18 and 19 at the new Department of Agriculture facility in Broomfield. The meeting included swearing in of directors and election of officers. There was an interesting presentation on agricultural efficiency in San Luis Valley. There were a lot of reserve account grants presented. In addition, they talked about the process of completing the 2015 final draft of the State Water Plan, and how that will be accomplished.

Report from the BIP Committee

Frank Kugel said he had nothing in addition to what will be covered in the agenda item.

1. **Urban Landscapes, Reuse and Abstention Agreement** – Patti Wells, General Counsel for the Denver Water Board and member on the Colorado Water Conservation Board.

Ms. Wells discussed the value of urban landscapes and how it is important to the quality of life for people who live in urban areas. She considers urban landscaping an agricultural crop with monetary value. Some benefits of urban landscapes are better air quality, energy savings from cooling effects of tree canopies, and protective surfaces for leisure activities. Having urban landscape is not wasteful but rather an investment and an

improvement to the environment. As far as water conservation is concerned, she said Denver Water promotes xeriscape, has rebates for efficient irrigation fixtures, and has other types of water conservation goals and measures as well. They have been very successful in their water conservation program.

Ms. Wells also spoke about water reuse and the Denver Water recycle plant, which supplies high quality non-potable water. She also described the WISE project in Douglas County and the abstention agreement.

2. **Gunnison Basin Implementation Plan** – Revised GBIP, Project List and Comments/Changes.

Frank Kugel said the comments are incorporated and Greg Johnson has assembled the document and will present it tonight. The committee is hoping for approval and adoption of the document at tonight's meeting. The Roundtable members reviewed and discussed the revised implementation plan, the project list and the comments and changes. Frank said there will be a last meeting next Monday at 10:00 a.m. at the Uncompahgre Valley Water Users office in Montrose to finalize the document. The GBIP will then be submitted to the CWCB by next week's April 17 deadline. All BIPs will be presented to the CWCB at their May meeting in Sterling.

Frank Kugel moved that the Gunnison Basin Roundtable approve the Gunnison Basin Implementation Plan with the revisions agreed upon tonight and forward it to the CWCB on April 17. Bill Nesbitt seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

3. **2015 Statewide Roundtable Summit** – Review and discussion.

This item was postponed and will be discussed at the next Roundtable meeting.

Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Gunnison Basin Roundtable will be at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, May 4, 2015, at the Holiday Inn Express in Montrose.

Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Roundtable, the meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.



Mike Berry, Recorder

Action Items

The Basin Implementation subcommittee to meet next Monday at 10:00 a.m. at the Uncompahgre Valley Water Users office in Montrose to develop the final version of the BIP, and then submit it to the CWCB by the April 17 deadline.