

**Interbasin Compact Committee
Gunnison Basin Roundtable Meeting
Holiday Inn Express
Montrose, Colorado
August 3, 2015**

Voting Members Present:

Thomas Alvey	North Fork WCD
Mike Berry	Tri-County WCD
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
Wendell Koontz	Delta Municipalities
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
Neal Schwieterman	Recreational
Ron Shaver	At-Large Member
George Sibley	At-Large Member
Ken Spann	Upper Gunnison River WCD
Bill Trampe	Colorado River Water Conservation District
Adam Turner	Local Domestic Water Supplier
Martha Whitmore	Ouray County

Voting Members Absent:

Rick Brinkman	Mesa Municipalities
Frank Kugel	At-Large Member
Henry LeValley	Crawford WCD
Steve Shea	Agricultural
Steve Snyder	Saguache County
Stan Whinnery	Hinsdale County
Rufus Wilderson	Gunnison County

Liaisons and Non-Voting Members Present:

Sharon Dunning (Assistant Recorder), Bob Hurford (DWR Liaison), David Kanzer (At Large), Jedd Sondergard (BLM Liaison).

Public: Brent Newman (CWCB), Greg Johnson (Wilson Water Group), Eric Hecox (SMWSA), Michael Dale (NPS), Hannah Holm (Water Center at CMU), Brent Gardner-Smith (Aspen Journalism), Julie Nania (HCCA), Steve Schrock (No Chico Brush), Fritz Raish (public – Ag interests), Dan Sullivan (public – farmer Hotchkiss), Eric Kuhn (CRWCD), Vernon Nutter and Kenneth Nelson (North Delta Irrigation), Bill Tiedje (Ouray County Plaindealer).

Welcome

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

Roll Call/Introductions

Following roll call the meeting was declared to be one person short of a quorum. Shortly after the meeting began more members arrived and it was declared a quorum was present.

Approve Agenda

Tom Alvey moved to approve the Agenda as circulated. Marti Whitmore seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Approve June 1, 2015 Meeting Minutes

The following changes were requested to the Minutes:

- Page 3, where it stated the CWCB's next meeting would be in July. The incorrect information was removed from the minutes.
- Page 4, Kannah Creek should be Young's Creek.
- Page 4, where it stated Jason Ullman is representative. The incorrect information was removed from the minutes.

Neal Schwieterman moved to approve the June 1, 2015 minutes as amended. Ron Shaver seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Report from the IBCC Representatives

Bill Trampe reported that the IBCC met two weeks ago. It was a relatively short meeting centered on the acceptance of the Conceptual Framework document. Several roundtables had objections to language in the document and changes were made. One roundtable then rejected the new language, but they are close to a resolution. The rest of the IBCC endorsed the document and said to pass it on to the CWCB.

There was also discussion about where funding will come from for the water plan and the future of the roundtables.

Marti Whitmore moved to ratify the IBCC representatives' report. Cary Denison seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Report from the Educational Committee

George Sibley said there will be one more attempt to educate people in the basin about the Colorado Water Plan. George has created another insert for the publications in the basin. The CWCB has given \$6,500 for outreach and education work. He and Hannah are working on a grant also. It will cost \$3,500 to \$5,000 to get the insert into all the newspaper publications in the basin. George stated he this will be a better way to get to more people than another round of public meetings.

George requested that roundtable members please look at the insert and give any feedback for improvement. He wants to get it to the papers in late August. This will give plenty of time to be distributed and comments gathered by the September 17 public comment deadline.

Report from the CWCB Representative

John McClow reported the CWCB met July 15-16 in Ignacio, Colorado on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, where they had a joint meeting with the Tribal Council of two tribes on matters of mutual interest and to encourage their greater participation on the input on the water plan. It was a very productive meeting with some very candid conversation.

There were reports given on the progress of developing comments to the 2nd draft of the water plan. There were presentations from several people, all but one of those emphasizing conservation as an important element of the plan. They also spent a significant amount of time reviewing a recreational in-channel water right application from the town of Glenwood Springs, which after extensive review the board found the application did not meet 2 of 3 required tests.

The board also accepted the staff's recommendation to accept the recommendation of the IBCC to include the draft Conceptual Framework in this draft of the Colorado Water Plan.

The CWCB will meet in September in Montrose.

1. Request for Participation in WSRA Proposal for WISE Conjunctive Use Infrastructure

Eric Hecox, Executive Director of the South Metro Water Supply Authority, gave a presentation on the WISE Conjunctive Use Project. They are preparing a WSRA application and are requesting the Gunnison Basin approve \$10,000 from Basin funds to show support.

Eric discussed what they're doing to solve problems in their area. The funds would be for water treatment to allow conjunctive use of surface and groundwater. Support of this project will help solve major M&I gaps. Other benefits include forest restoration in Grand and Summit counties, and funding of watershed projects.

Hugh Sanburg moved to approve the request for \$10,000 from Gunnison Basin Roundtable funds for participation in the WISE Project. John McClow seconded. Bill Nesbitt voted no, and was asked to write a minority report. The motion carried.

2. Gunnison Basin Implementation Plan

John McClow led a discussion on a proposal for additional planning and technical support work on the BIP. There is approximately \$60,000 left over from budgeted funds. This is an action item to approve or amend and approve the scope of work.

Wilson Water Group has been requested to give a proposal for this additional work. Greg Johnson summarized the scope of work proposed by Wilson Water Group, which was generated from a list of things that were discussed at one time or another.

Roundtable members discussed the additional tasks proposed for the BIP, and which tasks would be the best. Tom Alvey suggested the tasks be a Grand Mesa storage assessment and a review of the Colorado Water Plan.

Tom Alvey moved to approve \$40,000 total for this phase of additional work on the BIP; \$30,000 for Grand Mesa preliminary storage assessment, and \$10,000 for Colorado Water Plan review and meeting coordination management. Marti Whitmore seconded. John McClow amended the motion to include Wilson Water Group be contracted to do the work. Tom Alvey agreed, and the motion carried.

3. IBCC Draft Conceptual Framework

The Roundtable members were to review and discuss a document dated 7/13/2015 for a conceptual framework. John McClow stated the draft circulated is not current and he went through the changes that have been made. This is an action item for the roundtable to endorse the inclusion of this draft in the Colorado Water Plan.

Marti Whitmore stated her concern with principle #1 and how can it not include no possibility of eminent domain being invoked. John stated others have brought this up as well, and this is a draft, and not intended to be a complete conversation.

Hugh Sanburg moved to support the draft Conceptual Framework to be included in the Colorado Water Plan. Tom Alvey seconded.

Ken Spann moved to amend the motion to include a comment with the approved motion that says assuming the hydrologic risk does not include the use of eminent domain on the western slope. Allen Distel seconded. Both the motion and the motion to amend carried unanimously.

4. Colorado Water Plan

Gunnison Basin Roundtable has not yet formally submitted any comments on the Colorado Water Plan. Michelle Pierce stated this agenda item is to discuss whether the roundtable wants to submit comments, and if so, how it will be done by the September 17 deadline.

John McClow stated the BIP subcommittee's idea is to have Greg Johnson read the new draft and flag any changes that appear to be significant and inconsistent with the Gunnison Basin's position or of interest to the basin. Greg will then circulate those changes to the roundtable members by email. The Gunnison Basin members will then comment on how we should respond to those changes. This will have to work without having a September meeting and will be left to BIP committee to put together. John provided a redline version to Greg that shows all the changes to the draft. Roundtable members agreed to this plan. Greg said he will have something to the Roundtable in a couple of weeks.

5. WSRA Project Update

Cary Denison gave a project funding update on the North Delta Ditch Company. Two representatives, Ted Nelson and Phil Nutter, were present at the meeting and answered some questions from the roundtable members. The project was completed the 1st week of July of this year.

6. Gunnison Basin Roundtable Membership

The terms of all roundtable members will expire in October. Michelle Pierce discussed the process for re-establishing roundtable membership.

All appointed members (municipalities, conservancy districts, etc.) will need to be either reappointed or replaced by those entities by October 5. The ten At-Large members will need to reapply directly to the roundtable for re-appointment.

Michelle announced that she is letting her term expire and is resigning her roundtable seat. The roundtable will need to find a new Chair. Michelle said she will create the agenda and chair the meeting on October 5.

Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Gunnison Basin Roundtable will be at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, October 5, 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

Greg Johnson, Wilson Water Group to read and flag any changes to the draft Colorado Plan that are of interest to the roundtable, and will circulate those changes to the roundtable members. Members are to comment on the changes to the BIP subcommittee, and the BIP subcommittee will put them together and submit the changes.

All members need to have letters to Michelle Pierce to reapply or be reappointed to the Roundtable by October 5.