

**Interbasin Compact Committee  
Gunnison Basin Roundtable Meeting  
Holiday Inn Express  
Montrose, Colorado  
August 1, 2016**

**Voting Members Present:**

Thomas Alvey	North Fork WCD
Mike Berry	Tri-County WCD
Kathleen Curry	Upper Gunnison River WCD
Cary Denison	Environmental
Allen Distel	Bostwick Park WCD
Cindy Dozier	Hinsdale County
Joanne Fagan	Ouray Municipalities
Steve Fletcher	At-Large Member
Ray Hanson	Delta Municipalities
John Harris	Montrose Municipalities
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
Greg Peterson	Saguache County
Mark Roeber	Delta County
Hugh Sanburg	Industrial
Neal Schwieterman	Recreational
Ron Shaver	At-Large Member
Steve Shea	Agricultural
Bill Trampe	Colorado River Water Conservation District
Adam Turner	Local Domestic Water Supplier
Martha Whitmore	Ouray County
Rufus Wilderson	Gunnison County

**Voting Members Absent:**

Bruce Bair	At-Large Member
Rick Brinkman	Mesa Municipalities
John Justman	Mesa County
Henry LeValley	Crawford WCD
Dan Murphy	Hinsdale Municipalities

**Liaisons and Non-Voting Members Present:**

Sharon Dunning (Assistant Recorder), David Graf (CPW Liaison), Hannah Holm (CMU Water Center), Bob Hurford (DWR Liaison), Dave Kanzer (At-Large, CRD Liaison), Jedd Sondergard (BLM Liaison).

**Public:** Jason Ullman (CDWR – Division 4), Jeff Derry (CSFS), Michael Dale (NPS), Beth Karberg (Salinity Program, CO Dept Ag), Ken Spann (Private Citizen), Brent Gardener-Smit (Aspen Journalism), Eric Kuhn (CRWCD), John Carron (Hydros Consulting, Inc.).

### **Welcome**

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

### **Roll Call/Introductions**

After roll call a quorum was declared to be present.

### **Approve Agenda**

Neal Schwieterman moved to approve the agenda as presented. Ron Shaver seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

### **Approve June 6, 2016 Meeting Minutes**

Neal Schwieterman requested a typographical correction to the minutes on page 3, under educational committee, 3rd line “The Committee has not yet to discuss....”.

Ron Shaver moved to approve the June 6, 2016 meeting minutes as corrected. Bill Nesbitt seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

### **Report from the IBCC Representatives**

Bill Trampe said there has not been an IBCC meeting since the last Roundtable meeting. The next IBCC meeting is scheduled for August 17 in Denver. The IBCC is supposed to take action on the funding proposal from CWCB staff.

### **Report from the Educational Committee**

Marti Whitmore reported the CWCB has approved the use of the 2016 budget of \$6,500 for a website. They have hired a contractor from Grand Junction to build the website and a mock-up is now available. Dave Kanzer presented the mock-up to the Roundtable. The web address will be Gunnisonbasin.org or Gunnisonriverbasin.org, they have acquired both. Dave asked for feedback and input on the design of the website. Marti said they now need people to provide articles, commentary, pictures, events, etc.

The River District is managing this project. There will be some other partners providing funding as well. A subcommittee is being created to review and approve content and they are looking for more volunteers.

### **Report from the CWCB Representative**

John McClow stated the CWCB met early last month in Steamboat Springs. The staff reported on progress made on implementing the State Water Plan. They had a presentation listing all things staff have accomplished or assisted in accomplishing since November. John was impressed with the amount of progress made so far.

The staff discussed the funding plan for the State Water Plan. They will be conferring with the IBCC on August 17, and in September will present their proposal for the completed funding plan, which John outlined at the previous Roundtable meeting. September is also the annual financial meeting where they will do financial planning for the coming year.

The Water Supply and Reserve Fund Criterion Guidelines was discussed and the staff presented some suggestions for revising the guidelines. These revisions will be finalized at the September meeting. There is a committee that will be meeting this Friday to talk about staff revisions and recommendations. A lot of them are administrative changes, but a few are specific changes that John would like feedback on:

- 1) Matching requirements - Currently there are no requirements, but staff has suggested 25% be required on Basin applications and 50% on State applications, but part of the State matching requirements can be from the Basin funds. There is also provision for in-kind for matching requirements.

Some Roundtable members felt this requirement will have an impact that will be significant and will limit some applicants who have fewer resources available.

- 2) Currently criteria guidelines require a 6 month report, every six months. This has been loosely enforced in the past, and the board would like to make it an absolute requirement. It is also suggested that there are some specific items to put on the reports. If reports are not filed funding can be held until the report is filed.
- 3) Staff suggested that we consider requiring request for proposals for grants exceeding \$100,000. The board's consensus was this would make it nearly impossible due to timing. There is one exception, and that is if the Roundtable is seeking funding for its own use.
- 4) A requirement that Roundtables revise their bylaws to specifically require anyone proposing a project to recuse themselves from the vote.
- 5) Make it official that any work Roundtables do on their BIPs, with grants they have received for that purpose, will be incorporated into the formal guidelines.

The new guidelines will be accepted at the September meeting and the staff suggests they go into effect immediately.

Three grant requests from the Gunnison Basin were approved.

Staffing update: Brent Newman and Tom Browning have resigned. Carlee Brown has been hired to replace Ted Kowalski.

**1. Joint West Slope Basin RT Risk Study Update – John Carron and Eric Kuhn**

Eric Kuhn from the CRWCD and John Carron from Hydros Consulting Inc. gave an update on the Joint West Slope Basin Roundtables Risk Study. The Joint Roundtable Risk Study was proposed by the four west slope basin Roundtables after the December 2014 joint meeting. At that meeting they discussed the 7 points, called the framework, which has now been included in the State Water Plan. Two of the points are really relevant to the study, 1) if there is a new TMD it cannot operate in a way that will increase the risk to existing uses, and 2) we would develop a collaborative effort to avoid a future compact deficit.

There has been a lot interest in this study state-wide. It was managed through a technical committee consisting of members from each of the Roundtables. Now they are reporting back to the Roundtables.

John discussed contingency planning, the risk to the basin as a whole, to the other basins, and to Colorado, as well as next steps, recommendations, and the compact problem and how to avoid it.

**2. Center for Snow Avalanche Studies – Jeff Derry**

Jeff is the Director for Center for Snow Avalanche Studies, which is based out of Silverton, Colorado. They are in a high-elevation study basin at the headwaters of the San Juan Mountains. They have several stations where they do snowpack research. The data is used for snowmelt and river forecasting. They are requesting \$2,500 from each of the four west slope Roundtables to support dust-on-snow research for a 3-year period.

**3. WSRA Grant Request – Tom Alvey**

Tom presented the grant request from Center for Snow Avalanche Studies for \$2,500 from Basin funds to help support dust-on-snow research data for snowmelt and river forecasting for the next 3 years. They are asking for a total of \$10,000 from the four west slope Roundtables, and \$145,000 from State funds. The project screening committee is recommending approval of this grant request.

Bill Nesbitt moved to approve the request from the Center for Snow Avalanche Studies for \$2,500 from Basin funds. Neal Schwieterman seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

**4. Discussion of Cap for GBRT Grant Requests – Tom Alvey**

Tom stated the Project Screening Committee is open to suggestions; they have not discussed this topic since the last meeting. He asked for any input on what the staff is recommending.

Bill Trampe was concerned about whether all projects should fit within our BIP. Other concerns were about awarding small grants for maintenance rather than larger grants for capital improvements.

**5. GBRT BIP Phase 2 Study Update – Frank Kugel**

Frank gave an update on the status of Phase 2 of the BIP. Frank said there was a small balance left over in the budget, so they had Greg Johnson do some work. He has put together a framework and some mapping tools for developing management plans.

The mapping software works with Google Earth, and is in the form of .kmz files that were developed for most of the basins in the Gunnison basin. These are overlays that show tier projects. Frank said the files are available to anyone and he can distribute the files of interest upon request from him or Hugh Sanburg.

**6. Lake O Update – Joanne Fagan**

Joanne gave an update and presentation regarding the Lake Otonawanda project. The purpose was to increase the capacity of the lake and install a new outlet works.

**7. Capital Cost Deduction Discussion**

Kathleen Curry stated the advocating for legislation to straighten out the capital cost deduction issue is not a function of the Roundtable so she didn't move forward on that topic.

Hugh Sanburg suggested talking to other entities represented at Roundtables. If others are interested they should contact Kathleen.

**Other Business**

None.

**Next Meeting**

The next regular meeting of the Gunnison Basin Roundtable will be at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, October 3, 2016, at the Holiday Inn Express in Montrose.

**Adjourn**

There being no further business to come before the Roundtable, the meeting adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

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Mike Berry, Recorder

**Action Items**

None.