



# Arkansas Basin Roundtable

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WATER FUTURE

## ROUNDTABLE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES

January 10, 2018

### Executive Committee Present

Mark Shea - Vice Chair Cons  
Terry Scanga – IBCC  
Jean Van Pelt – PEPO

Alan Hamel – CWCB  
Jim Broderick - Past Chair  
Jack Goble - CWCB

Jeris Danielson - IBCC  
Chelsey Nutter – Ch NAC

### Executive Committee Absent, Excused

Sandy White  
Al Tucker

SeEtta Moss  
Brett Gracely – VC NAC (resigned)

### Guests Present

Gary Barber  
Ben Wade  
Lisa Patton

Jay Moore  
Carol Ekarius  
Jay Winner

Tim Canterbury  
Elise Bergsten

**Greetings and Introductions:** Mark asked if there were changes to the agenda. Jean Van Pelt suggested that the Roundtable meeting be moved to the day prior to the Water Forum again and be held in La Junta. The Forum would host for free as far as venue rental cost. Executive Comm members were in consensus that this is a good idea. The Forum will be held April 11 and 12, shifting the meeting to Tuesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>. Brett Gracely has resigned from CS Utilities, making several sub-committee positions available. The committee should take this up in February.

**Minutes/Notes Approval Previous Meeting:** Mark called for approval of the November 2017 Executive Committee Meeting Notes. Meeting Notes were approved by consensus.

### **Reoccurring Matters:**

- **CWCB – Jack Goble/Ben Wade:** February 1<sup>st</sup> is the deadline for remaining grant applications for this year. The CWCB was informed in mid-December that the Severance Tax Fund has been more heavily impacted by the court case than expected, which will have significant impacts, especially to Tier 2 programs, including WSRA funds. It's possible that no new funds will be available next year. WSRF are typically released in July, January, and April. This April's distribution may be less or may be delayed into future years. January's funds have been distributed. Significant cuts to the Projects Bill are expected. Colorado Water Fund balances are as follows after January's CWCB meeting:  
Agricultural: \$48,000  
Storage: \$1,400,000  
Supply and Demand Gap: \$356,000  
Environment/Recreation: \$154,000  
Conservation & Land Use: \$716,000  
Engagement & Innovation: \$129,000  
Applications are due by Feb 1<sup>st</sup>, meaning that today's applications are the last that will come to the RT for approval this round.

Andy Moore retired at the end of December (our manager for the Ark DSS). Ben will email the exec committee with an update when he knows more.

Mara McKillop will go to part time for several months. Fulltime status ends this week. Ben will take over PEPO duties for now, as well as the Engagement & Innovation category.

- **IBCC – Jeris Danielson:** Jeris reported that the IBCC had a productive meeting on November 30<sup>th</sup>. It was a planning meeting, focusing on what IBCC should be looking at in the next 12 months.
  - Colorado River issues looked at.
  - Briefing on CO River Risk Study. Phase 1 is done, moving into Phase 2. No idea when phase 2 will be completed.
  - HB 16-1256 Storage sites on South Platte.
  - Letter to candidates outlining water issues around the state.
  - Conceptual Framework continued-aiming to identify a project of statewide significant through the roundtables
  - Funding for projects (allocation of WSRF among the basins)
  - Discussed the sheparding of water down the Colorado River to Lake Powell. They want to maintain a balance between Lake Powell and Lake Mead.
  - If you go to the IBCC website, you can see the meeting summary.
- **PEPO – Jean Van Pelt:**
  - Monthly report emailed to you last week
  - Was able to purchase some copies of Citizen’s Guides, available for lending.
  - Forum and PEPO plan to partner with WECO on a Water Fluency Program, to be held in Pueblo this year.
  - Today’s speaker had to postpone, and will come back, but we may exhaust funding sources in the next few months.
  - Documentary: has been submitted to PBS, who is working on narration. Working on outreach plan. Will be shown at the DARCA conference and at the Water Forum.
  - Education/Action: Huerfano Collaborative Storage Project, tour of the Lower Valley on Feb 21, Lower Ark Water Management Plan.
- **FUTURE PROGRAMS – Mark Shea, Discussion and suggestions**
  - Projects that have been funded and completed.
  - Drought
  - CO River update from the AG office and CWCB
  - Arkansas Basin water rights overview
  - Storage and flow management

#### **Sub-Committee reports, as necessary**

- **Needs Assessment, Chelsey Nutter**
  - We will be providing letters of support for 3 projects:
    - Education program for CS Utilities
    - CSU-study
    - PPRWA site-specific efficiency app

Chelsey asked that the Exec Committee hold off on filling Brett’s NAC position. Chelsey has been working closely with Gary Barber, and thinks that continuing that dynamic rather than having a vice-chair is the best way forward.
- **BIP Coordinator – Gary Barber:**
  - 2018 work plan has been submitted to Sandy and AI, including:
    - Keep supporting the rural areas, support non-consumptive, complete the cycle.
    - Are we now at an evaluation and reflection period?
    - Projects database – coordination with SWSI

- BIP will be revised in a couple of years. Time to revisit where we are as a basin.
- Master Needs List Mapping.

Mark suggests everyone look at the work plan, get input to him this month, back for approval in February.

- **Ph II Risk study – Ben:**

- Still in data analysis mode, doing simulations, looking at State Mod. SWSI info will need to be incorporated into their study.

## **ARWC BOARD MEETING**

- **ARWC Ethics Policies: Review for IRA 1023 Submission – Lisa Patton**

- Non-Discrimination
- Harassment
- Sexual Harassment
- Whistleblower Policy
- Conflict of Interest Policy
- Annual Conflict of Interest Statement

*A motion for approval was duly made, seconded and approved unanimously.*

Members discussed the possibility of setting up a monthly conference call for the ARWC board, which would get most discussion out of the way prior to the board meeting. Members were in consensus that it would be better to conduct all business at the meeting for the time being.

Members also discussed a policy for letters of support asked for from ARWC (not for CWCB/WSRF). Okay for staff to approve, or would these need to come to the board? Some are time-sensitive. This will be discussed again in future, but in the meantime these requests will be brought to the board.

Meeting adjourned @ 12:00 pm

Next meeting scheduled is February 14, 2018, at Pueblo Community College

Submitted by Al Tucker, Recorder

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**Committee membership:** Sandy White (C), SeEtta Moss (VC-NonC), Mark Shea (VC-Cons), Al Tucker (R), Alan Hamel (CWCB), Jeris Danielson (IBCC), Terry Scanga (IBCC), Jim Broderick (past C), Chelsey Nutter (Ch-NAC), Vacant (VC-NAC), Jean Van Pelt (PEPO), Jack Goble (CWCB)

**Additional distribution:** Ben Wade (CWCB staff), Gary Barber (BIP Coord), Carol Ekarius (ARWC Coord), Elise Bergsten (Secy)