



Arkansas Basin Roundtable

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES

May 9, 2018, Pueblo Convention Center

Greeting and Introductions

Sandy White called the meeting to order at 10:36.

Members Present:

Jim Broderick
Jeris Danielson
Jack Goble
Terry Scanga

SeEtta Moss
Sandy White
Mike Weber

Chelsey Nutter
Mark Shea
Alan Hamel

Jay Moore
Carol Ekarius
Elise Bergsten
Bob Hamel

Nick Koch
Tim Canterbury
Gary Barber

Greg Felt
Lisa Patton
Ben Wade

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

- May 17th – there will be a RT Chair call regarding the agenda for the Joint Front Range Roundtable meeting
- June 13th joint meeting in the south Denver area. Will replace our RT meeting, but there may be an Exec Committee meeting prior to the joint meeting
- May 22-24 – next CWCB meeting will be held in Salida
 - Carol and Chelsey will be sharing a presentation during the social hour regarding the Monarch Forest and Watershed Project, an exploration of a new method of forestry management in steep areas.

REOCCURRING MATTERS:

- CWCB – Jack Goble/Ben Wade
 - HB1338 addresses the Severance Tax shortfall and will be used for Tier 1 programs only. As a Tier 2 program, the WSRF will not see additional funds from this legislation.
 - Remaining 2017 Severance Tax dollars, including \$1.5 million in WSRF funds, are being refunded to be used for Tier 1 programs.
 - \$1.5 million remains to be distributed in July 2018, plus another \$2 million to be distributed between January and April.
 - Drought declaration meeting announcements will be emailed to Elise for distribution to the RT.
 - Phase II Risk Study results have been presented, although there is not yet a final report. There has been discussion about a Phase III.
 - Members discussed the drought declarations, issues, and solutions. Members expressed frustration regarding talk versus action.
 - Drought Plan is the priority system.
- IBCC – Jeris Danielson/Terry Scanga
 - IBCC met in Keystone. It snowed.
 - Discussion on west slope caucus. Debrief. Discussed conceptual framework and whether it is applicable if there aren't any proposed projects.



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- South Platte Storage Project – it was determined that this is the only project of a size that the framework would be applicable.
- Agreed to stop talking about it.
- No requirement to send out IBCC letter to candidates.
- Funding task group discussion. How to develop long-term sustainable funding for water projects in the state.
 - Who gets to administer the funds? There may be competition as to who gets to be in charge. A board like GOCO?
 - How would the revenue sources be used? Storage? Upgrading infrastructure?
 - Concluded that answers to these questions are needed before going to the public for support.
 - BIP update discussion – why we should have an update, reasons and outcomes. To enhance consistency, to add value to the BIP, enhance metrics, to use the BIPs to inform the public about future funding requirements.
 - September 26, next meeting.
- **PEPO – Chelsey Nutter for Jean**
 - Documentary outreach plan
 - PBS, May 31, 8 pm
 - Huerfano County May 15, 5:30 at the ambulance barn
 - Upper Arkansas Water Conservancy District is hosting a reception the evening before the CWCB meeting.
- **Needs Assessment – Chelsey Nutter**
 - Need to schedule a Needs Assessment meeting in June (week of 17th?)
 - WSRF & CWP Projects Breakdown by County & CWP Categories, version 1
 - Watershed health is included with Environment & Rec
 - The statistics have value, and also need some adaptation
 - Chelsey would like to have help from a committee to assist in coming up with tighter numbers
- **Non-Consumptive Use – SeEtta Moss**
 - SeEtta expressed concern in regard to quantifying projects that include environmental and recreation components, but can be misleading in making it look like more dollars have been spent on Non-Consumptive projects than really have.
 - Discussion regarding how projects are recognized and what different interests are being met by different projects. Perhaps there is a category specific to multi-use projects, in order to clarify funds spent specifically for Non-Consumptive.
 - SeEtta will make a recommendation within a couple of months.
 - May 21st, next meeting
- **Watershed Health – Mark Shea, Carol Ekarius, Lisa Patton**
 - Arkansas River Diversion Project – next going to Chaffee County for its 1041 permit.
 - Grant updates at the RT meeting
- **Basin Implementation Plan – Gary Barber**
 - Measurable Objectives – updating project database
 - Refine status terms: ie; “Implementation Ongoing” too broad?
 - Story Map (ARWC)
 - Chronical Success Stories

Adjourn to Lunch