



Arkansas Basin Roundtable

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Roundtable Meeting Notes

July 10, 2019 Pueblo Community College, Pueblo CO

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12:30 pm – 3:30 pm

Box Lunches will be available at

12:00 for members

12:20 for guests

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS – Mike Weber

- Introductions – General Membership & Guests present
- Approval of minutes – Mike called for approval or changes to the June 12, 2019 Minutes. Approved by consensus.
- Public Comment – Mike called for public comment. Linda Poole San Isabel Land Trust wished to speak on the CWCB grant application for sustainable land use which is just being proposed and not seeking Roundtable support at this time as it's too soon in the process. She wished to thank the Roundtable members and to have continued support in the future.

Reports

- **Executive Committee** – Mike Weber informed all of the needs assessment grants that will be presented at today's session. Updated us on the four western slope Roundtable meeting Mark Shea recently attended. At that meeting the TMD's effect on the DCP. Mark is also attempting to have someone present to the Roundtable on the sports betting and its impact on water funding. Mike also informed everyone on the letter being drafted by Al, himself and Mark inviting counties to participate by filling their representative vacant seats on the Roundtable.
- **CWCB Report – Ben Wade and Jack Goble** – Jack said the CWCB meeting is scheduled for week of the 15th in Leadville. At the meeting a joint meeting with IBCC to discuss Colorado river issues and SWSI. An update on the Arkansas River support system with State Engineers. Consumptive Use and related issues being done in phase I. Another issue to be discussed is the Demand Management Program in Colorado. Next week an Orientation Webinar, which will be open to everyone. The Water Plan technical update known as SWSI will be released next week at the CWCB meeting. They're looking to bring a general on prior to the C9 summit in September. With a goal of having all the subs by the end of 2019. The Roundtable executive committee's will be involved in this process. Ben discussed lodging and reimbursement process for the upcoming C9 events. Stream Management Resource Guide is now available and is on <https://www.coloradovirtuallibrary.org/resource-sharing/state-pubs-blog/stream-management-plan-resource-library/>



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- Another issue to be discussed at next week's conference is the Rain Water Harvesting for new developments. There will be a review document on this on the DWR website <http://water.state.co.us/SurfaceWater/RainwaterCollection/Pages/default.aspx>. Comments on these can be sent to Tracy Kosloff at Colorado's State Engineer's office.
- **IBCC Report – Jeris Danielson and Terry Scanga** – Terry said at this time he doesn't have anything to report. The next meeting is scheduled for the 18th of July in Leadville.
 - **SWSI/BIP Update – Terry Scanga, Amber Shanklin, Abby Ortega** – Abby reported the implementation is complete and they will be reporting on the BIP updates.
 - **PEPO – Amber Weber** – Amber reported that she has been developing some workshops on various subjects one being a Water Law workshop that is being developed. An education to action plan is being developed and looking to adopt it in the next week. 2018 grant was approved. Working on a community water festival with water related jobs. Working with Lamar College on stream cleanup projects. The Webisode is nearing completion by Dr. Ebersole.
 - **Needs Assessment Committee – Abby Ortega** - Abby reported the Needs Assessment committee met at the end of June. There are four applications going forward. Jack mentioned that our basin account has approximately \$177,000 and with using \$30,000 we're still okay.
 - **Environmental and Recreational – Bob Hamel and Rena Brand** – Bob reported that in the June meeting they discussed the Oil Creek Diversion / Black Hills property acquisition and Mayor Pro-temp Smith worked with us and at the city council meeting on August 24th the Enviro/Rec will be on the agenda. Rena has been involved with the CPW/BIP. Rena reported on being tasked on several water projects which overlap several agencies. One of the programs are the hatcheries which are now only operating at a third requires addressing. The diversion required here is a rafting hazard and requires addressing. Deweese Reservoir is a priority as well as the Great Plains reservoir along with the Amity Ditch Company and the necessity to ensure these reservoirs are near capacity as this is a huge economic boost to these areas.
Mike iterated regarding these projects the need to become familiar with our master needs list and the work priorities indicated on this list.
 - **Arkansas River Watershed Collaborative (ARWC) – Chelsey Nutter** – Chelsey reported on the work being done by ARWC with the Spring Creek fire in Huerfano County and the post fire cleanup as well in Fremont County. She presented a slide show which exemplifies the hazards that can be carried during heavy rainfall and cause innumerable damage downstream. In Fremont County ARWC is working with a Canon City workgroup who spent four days cleaning up debris jams and other hazards. To date they have cleared 2,200 acres and 9,000 linear feet of debris. The Spring Creek fire still has two more weeks of work scheduled then more funding will be necessary.



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Break

PROGRAM

Needs Assessments Grant Applications

Water Supply Reserve Fund

- Beaver Park Water – Upper Canal Repair Project, Phase III
 - Basin Funds \$ 10,000
 - Statewide Funds \$ 100,000
 - Matching Funds \$ 35,000
 - In-Kind Match \$ 10,000
- Otero Ditch Infrastructure Updates
 - Basin Funds \$ 5,000
 - Statewide Funds \$ 50,000
 - Matching Funds \$ 24,500
 - In-Kind Match \$ 25,000
- Grape Creek/Deweese Reservoir Multi-Use Project
 - Basin Funds \$ 15,000
 - Statewide Funds \$ 150,000
 - Cash & In-Kind Match \$ 60,000

Colorado Water Plan – Letter of Support

- Lower Arkansas Water Conservancy District
 - CWP Grant Request \$175,000
 - LAVWCD Match \$175,000

All grant applications were approved by consensus, as well as the letter of support for LAWCD's CWP grant application.

Other matters from the membership – Mike Weber

ADJOURNMENT at 2:03 pm

Next meeting

Arkansas Basin RT Meeting – August 14, 2019
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