



# Arkansas Basin Roundtable

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## ROUNDTABLE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES

Wednesday August 14, 2019, 10:30 am

Pueblo Convention Center

320 Central Main St. Pueblo, CO 81003

### Executive Committee Present

Mark Shea – Chair  
Mike Weber – Vice Chair Cons  
Abby Ortega – NAC  
Bob Hamel – Vice Chair Env/Rec

Jeris Danielson - IBCC  
Al Tucker - Recorder  
Ben Wade – CWCB  
Chelsey Nutter - ARWC

Sandy White – Past Chair  
Amber Weber - PEPO

### Executive Committee Absent

Terry Scanga – IBCC  
Amber Shanklin – Env Rep

Tim Canterbury - IBCC  
Jack Goble - CWCB

### Guests Present

Nick Koch

- **Greetings & Necessary Introductions;** Mark called the meeting to order at 10:30
- **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes;**
- **Reoccurring Matters:**
  - **Chair Comments – Mark Shea;** Mark briefly discussed the All-Chairs conference call he participated in. Some of the tools discussed in this workshop were the flow tool workshop and the project tool workshop which will be on the agenda at the C-9 summit in September. Discussed hiring the general contractor for the BIP update. Also the available funding for the general contractor and this project. The GC will be selected from submitting an RFP for the project.  
Mark informed the committee that CWCB is looking for nominations for “Water Hero” and Roundtable members could select these nominations for Basin Hero on an online poll at CWCB.  
At this summit it is requested that we discuss highlights of work being done throughout the basin to be presented at this conference. Some of the projects which should be highlighted is the post fire work being done e.g. Spring Creek Fire and our focus on this work which ARWC is highly involved in. There will be tours during the summit which people may sign-up for.  
Ben pointed out some of the underused grants such as environment and storage as well as education which will need to be more focused with.  
Mark briefed the committee on the letter being sent to the communities requesting participation.
  - **CWCB – Ben Wade / Jack Goble:** Ben informed the committee about the new hires coming on board at CWCB. Regarding the grants there are 31 water plan grants. Money is still available for the environmental rec grants. Ben pointed out the finance CWCB meeting coming up in Alamosa. Ben also informed every one of the joint CWCB and IBCC meeting on the second day of the conference. During this meeting they discussed the Demand Management workshop topics which include law and policy, monitoring verification, water rights admin as well as environmental considerations. Ben will check the CWCB website to inform members how to access and find the meeting schedule and programs.
  - **IBCC – Jeris Danielson / Terry Scanga;** Jeris discussed the joint IBCC and CWCB meeting in Leadville during July. At this meeting discussions on Demand Management were focused on. Public outreach was discussed at this meeting. There were two panels first what is Demand Management and second Impacts to the West Slope. There are still issues on priorities and effects of trans-mountain diversions to the West Slope.

- **SWSI Implementation Group – Terry Scanga / Amber Shanklin / Abby Ortega;** Abby reported that little has taken place since the last meeting update.
- **PEPO – Amber Weber;** Amber opted to give full presentation before the general Roundtable Session.
- **Needs Assessment – Abby Ortega;** Abby reported on the grant applications and requiring a letter of support from the Chair which will be processed with the applications. These have been forwarded to Ben.
- **Environmental and Recreation – Bob Hamel / Rena Brand;** Bob reported on the meeting of July 29<sup>th</sup> and the having Julie Knudsen discuss the Purgatory projects. The feeling is that she understood the benefits of a partnership with this committee. The BIP project with its multifaceted parts has a lot happening. Bob iterated the work being done by Chelsey and ARWC and a meeting scheduled in Canon City later this month. The Amenity meeting with Rena has taken place and now it's a wait and see regarding the funding. Other areas are the Great Plains Reservoir with its work.
- **Watershed Health – Chelsey Nutter;** Chelsey briefly ARWC's involvement Canon City and letting stakeholders understand ARWC's role in assisting with potential projects. An area of concern with much of the work with local governments are the changing of representatives after only a few years in office requiring re-education of all the interrelated pieces for getting work done. Chelsey stated she would give a more in-depth presentation at the general session.
- **New Business**
  - **BIP Update General Contractor;** Mark reported on the all-chairs conference call and the RFP is out. Once the GC is in place it will help in determining the requirements for obtaining the local contractor.
  - **BIP Update Local Contractor**
  - **West Slope vs East Slope Matters;** Issues regarding this DCP and the Demand Management Mark referred to Amber which she stated that she is working to form a committee which members are invited to participate. After this they will determine what the key issues are. Mark wanted to know about the Enviro/Rec being involved with this committee.
- **Old business:**
  - **Draft Vacancies Letter;** Mark distributed hard copies of this letter for input by the members. Mark would like to have any comments/input prior to the elections coming up in October.
  - **Draft BIP Update Letter;** Mark discussed the drafting of the BIP update letter that is now being looked at. This letter will be sent out later to get input on what needs to be done to engage in this work.
- **Roundtable Business:**
  - **Today's Roundtable Agenda – review and revise as necessary**
- **Upcoming Meetings**
  - **Arkansas Basin Roundtable – September 11, 2019 PCC**
  - **Subcommittees**
    - **Enviro/Rec Committee – August 26, 2019 Canon City BLM office @ 10 am**
    - **ARWC BOD Business Call Meeting September 2, 2019 Conference Call @ 10 am**
  - **Colorado Water Congress – August 20-22, 2019 Steamboat Springs Grand Hotel**
  - **C-9 Basin Statewide Summit – Sept 25-26, 2019 Headwaters Center, Winter Park**

Meeting adjourned

Submitted by:

Amber Weber & Al Tucker Recorder

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**Committee membership;** Mark Shea – Chair, Mike Weber – Vice Chair Cons , Bob Hamel – Vice Chair Env/Rec, Jeris Danielson – IBCC, Al Tucker – Recorder, Tim Canterbury – IBCC, Terry Scanga – IBCC, Jack Goble – CWCB, Sandy White – Past Chair, Amber Shanklin – Env Rep, Amber Weber – PEPO – Abby Ortega, Needs Assessment, Ben Wade (CWCB staff), Chelsey Nutter (ARWC Coord),

**Additional distribution:** Elise Bergsten (Secy) Jean Van Pelt (PEPO), Carol Ekarius (ARWC)