

Interbasin Compact Committee Meeting Summary Minutes

8:00am – 12:30pm Tuesday, February 23, 2021

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1	Call to Order
	Russ Sands, Water Supply Planning Section Chief, called the meeting to order and established guidelines for online meetings. A motion was called to record the IBCC meeting and was approved by a supermajority vote.
2	Welcome
	Director Russ George (Director George) welcomed members of IBCC.
3	Establishing a Quorum
	A quorum was established with over 17 IBCC members in attendance.
4	Approval of Agenda
	A motion was called to approve the agenda. The motion was approved by a supermajority (75%) vote.
5	Director Mitchell Announcement
	Director Becky Mitchell announced a new Code of Conduct and Expectations for the Basin Roundtables.
6	PEPO Updates
	IBCC PEPO liaisons, Lisa Darling and Robert Sakata, provided a report on the PEPO meeting that occurred on Monday, February 22, 2021.
7	Water Plan Update
	Russ Sands provided an update on the Colorado Water Plan and the process ahead.
8	ATM Update
	Alex Funk, CWCB Agricultural Water Resource Specialist, gave an update on the ATM survey and how ATMs fit into the Colorado Water Plan.
9	Scenarios and Climate Change in the Water Plan

	<p>Russ Sands and Megan Holcomb, CWCB Senior Climate Scientist, gave a presentation on the five scenarios in the Colorado Water Plan and the projected impact of climate change on future conditions across each scenario. Megan also shared additional climate change resources and reports available for the IBCC to reference.</p>
10	<p>Forest Health White Paper & April Workshop</p> <p>Russ Sands and Matt Lindburg gave a report on the forest health effort at a basin and Water Plan level, highlighting the upcoming April 2021 Forest Health workshop. This report was followed by Q&A and discussion by the IBCC on the previous four presentations.</p>
12	<p>Funding Water Issues</p> <p>Lori Weigel presented the results of a survey that looked at voter's views of funding water. The presentation was followed by a panel discussion on funding water issues with Sean Cronin, Aaron Citron, Andy Mueller, and Mike Melanson; facilitated by Sarah Alexander. The panel discussion was followed by Q&A and an IBCC discussion.</p>
13	<p>DM Updates and Open Discussion</p> <p>Amy Ostdiek, Deputy Section Chief of Interstate and Federal Section, and Greg Johnson, Section Chief of Interstate and Federal Section, provided an update on the Demand Management Framework. The update was followed by IBCC discussion on reactions to the framework, equity and proportionality, demonstration projects brainstorm, and next steps.</p>
14	<p>Discussion Review and Next Steps</p> <p>Russ George and Russ Sands provided a summary of the day's discussion, next steps, and final thoughts. Next IBCC Meeting is scheduled for June 23, 2021.</p>
15	<p>Adjourn</p>

Attachment A: Zoom Meeting Chat Log

00:40:08 Sam Stein, CWCB:
<https://dnrweblink.state.co.us/cwcbsearch/ElectronicFile.aspx?docid=213365&dbid=0>

00:40:18 Sam Stein, CWCB:
<https://dnrweblink.state.co.us/CWCB/0/edoc/213827/IBCC%20Agenda%202-23-2021.pdf>

00:54:51 Mely Whiting: Thank you Becky.

01:26:37 Jeff Meyers YWG: Is there a link to the ATM Recommendations Report that you can share?

01:27:14 Alex Funk (he/him): Jeff, yes, it can be found here:
<https://dnrweblink.state.co.us/CWCB/0/edoc/212963/ATM%20Status%20Report.pdf>

01:32:58 Casey Davenport, Colorado Watershed Assembly: Could we also get a copy of these slides?

01:38:34 Russ Sands: Casey - Yes. Post-meeting, we will work to get these slides, the IBCC recording and the meeting minutes up on the CWCB/IBCC website as soon as possible.

01:41:26 Casey Davenport, Colorado Watershed Assembly: Thanks!

01:43:34 Casey Davenport, Colorado Watershed Assembly: Shouldn't people be represented on the Climate Scenarios 'monopoly' slide?

01:43:55 Barbara Vasquez: Question please

01:44:33 Casey Davenport, Colorado Watershed Assembly: People in the Social Values slide and something more food related in Agriculture Needs?

02:10:27 Bo Shaffer: Seems like this list is upside down in importance.

02:33:07 Russ Sands: All - we will have time for Q&A in a moment. Sara will open that up shortly when the panel question are done.

02:52:03 Casey Davenport, Colorado Watershed Assembly: rector of the Colorado Watershed Assembly I'd like to beg you to please reconsider not using the word 'watershed' in public outreach efforts. People will learn the word if we use the word. Many education efforts (K-12, etc.) build upon the foundation of an understanding of the concept of the connections inherent in the geography of watersheds.

02:54:00 Lori Weigel: People understand the interconnected nature of water and that what is on the land flows into creeks and rivers, and eventually the Gulf or ocean. BUT the term does not evoke that for them. We have tested this in some of the highest education level counties in the country and it is not familiar and off putting in our research.

02:54:04 Patrick Wells: The survey questions seemed very focused on "conserving and protecting" Colorado's water resources, but did not outwardly address the development of additional supplies to close the gap and address water supply risks. How do we better gauge the public's appetite for funding development of additional water supplies (storage, ATMs, etc.)?

03:00:09 Lori Weigel: Happy to answer additional questions if any. My email is lori@newbridgestrategy.com

03:00:41 Sarah Alexander. Keystone Policy Center: And my email is salexander@keystone.org

03:05:06 Russell George: Excellent panel presentation and discussion. Thank you to Keystone and everyone who spoke with us. Really useful instruction.

03:07:52 Bo Shaffer: Just a commentary...

Everyone around where I live has been quite educated about water due to NISP. It has been highly publicized and much mention was made in social media. It didn't seem like there was any reflection of that in the survey. Then again, maybe I just travel in wet circles...LOL.

03:19:06 Russ Sands: You can find information about Demand Management (DM) on the following CWCB website:

<https://cwcb.colorado.gov/focus-areas/supply/demand-management>

03:20:47 Russ Sands: You can also visit the engagecwcb.org/dm website to find DM information, provide feedback or ask questions. That link is here:

<https://engagecwcb.org/DM>

03:48:42 Ed Millard: I 100% support Terry's concern. To ride out droughts we need our water in our reservoirs. West Slope voters based on Lori's polling seem to agree.

03:50:57 Jeff Meyers YWG: Second that seconding. In every Big River meeting held by the YWG, the idea of increasing and better-utilizing existing storage comes up. Whilst DM is essentially reductive, improving storage would be additive. We need to figure out how to start this conversation.

03:58:10 Jeff Meyers YWG: Regarding the YWG Exec Summary Doc that was emailed this morning, we put together the email address list from past correspondence, so we might've missed some of you. If you didn't get the doc, and you want it, pls email me at coyotecreek@comcast.net.

04:02:44 Russ Sands: Here is that website again should you need it:
<https://engagecwcb.org/dm>

04:19:47 Ed Millard: Fully support Andy's comments

04:20:11 Bo Shaffer: agree

04:23:04 Terry Scanga - IBCC, Arkansas Basin: Apportioning water outside of the priority system is unconstitutional. However an agreement/compact between two entities could apportion the water they own. HB1177 has a water right protection clause to prevent injury to Water Rights from an unconstitutional apportionment.

04:32:52 Terry Scanga - IBCC, Arkansas Basin: Tom is right about volunteering to lease your water for DM as long as the water use is changed in a manner that prevents injury to other water rights.

04:34:29 Carlyle Currier: Absolutely right, Terry

04:36:32 Ann Bunting, Rio Grande RT: Would like to also note improved utilization of Colorado storage as a future topic.

04:42:18 Al Pfister, SJWCD, SWBRT: I agree with Patrick, and now Aaron, perspective on how we move forward.