

Interbasin Compact Committee Meeting Summary Minutes

8:30am – 12:00pm Wednesday, February 23, 2022

1	Welcome and Meeting Logistics
	Dan Gibbs, IBCC Director called the meeting to order. Russ Sands, Water Supply Planning Section Chief, noted that a quorum was established, requested and received permission to record the meeting, and requested and received approval for the meeting agenda and previous meeting minutes.
2	Director's Welcome
	Director Dan Gibbs welcomed members of IBCC to their first in person meeting in two years. Dan noted that the pressures of climate change, drought, wildfire, and population growth on Colorado's water supplies make the work of the IBCC all the more important and timely. He thanked everyone for their participation and reminded them to consider their commitment to the work of the IBCC and to representing their Roundtables as they look ahead.
3	Basin Updates
	Basin roundtable representatives provided updates about work ongoing in their basin. This was followed by updates from gubernatorial appointees to the IBCC.
4	PEPO Updates
	Lisa Darling offered an update as the IBCC liaison to the Public Education, Outreach, and Participation representatives - a formal subcommittee of the IBCC. She noted that CWCB has been working to stabilize PEPO funding and bring more money to education and noted ongoing initiatives.
5	Topical Updates
	<p>Colorado River - Amy Ostdiek, CWCB staff, provided an update on the DROA releases and planning process, Demand Management storage agreement, weather modification, and the post-2026 Interim Reservoir Operations negotiations.</p> <p>Water Plan - Russ Sands, CWCB staff, provided an update to the IBCC on the progress to date on the update to the Colorado Water Plan. He noted the plan will be released on June 30, 2022.</p> <p>Forest Health - Chris Sturm, CWCB staff, discussed the CWCB's Wildfire Ready Watersheds programming and framework. Director Gibbs also discussed the Colorado Strategic Wildfire Action Program (COSWAP) and development of a map to identify critical areas.</p>

	<p>Funding - Nate Pearson, Department of Natural Resources staff, discussed infrastructure funding expected to come through the American Recovery Program Act (ARPA) and the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA).</p> <p>Colorado expects to receive \$800M to \$1.2B of this anticipated funding. This money will flow through some existing programs and some new ones. Nate asked IBCC to help move forward projects to receive funding. IIJA funding will be available for 5 years.</p>
<p>6</p>	<p>Charting a Path Forward: Foundation and Future for the IBCC</p> <p>Director Gibbs offered a presentation on the history of successes in the IBCC including the creation of the IBCC Charter; the development of basin needs, water portfolios, the no and low regrets strategies, and scenarios; the drafting of the conceptual framework; the development of funding buckets to explore how to fund water projects; and the work of the IBCC on the issue of equity within the framework of Demand Management.</p> <p>Director Gibbs also stated for the group that there are two key themes for the success of the IBCC. Those include that IBCC’s has a close relationship with the CWCB Board and IBCC’s close relationship with the basin roundtables</p>
<p>7</p>	<p>Topics for IBCC to Explore</p> <p>Director Gibbs introduced facilitator Jonathan Bartsch of CDR Associates to lead a discussion of topics for the IBCC to explore. He asked the group to discuss the ways they wanted to engage, and the types of topics they wanted to address as a group. A facilitated discussion followed, with several themes emerging from the group about how to proceed.</p> <p>The conversation concluded with the IBCC establishing a work plan subcommittee and members volunteering to participate on the committee. Along with Director Gibbs and CWCB staff, Sean Cronin and Aaron Citron will support the subcommittee as co-chairs. Other members who expressed a willingness to participate included Lisa Darling, Nathan Coombs, Al Pfister, Paul Bruchez, Jeris Danielson and Tom Gray.</p>
<p>8</p>	<p>Discussion Review and Next Steps</p> <p>Director Gibbs offered closing thoughts and reminded the IBCC that the next meeting would be held in-person in Frisco on June 30, 2022.</p>
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