

Interbasin Compact Committee Meeting Summary Minutes

9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Thursday, June, 30, 2022

1	Welcome and Meeting Logistics Dan Gibbs, IBCC Chair called the meeting to order. Russ Sands, CWCB 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 IBCC Chair Gibbs welcomed members of the IBCC to Breckenridge. Dan thanked the Rio Grande Basin members for the tour they provided of projects in the basin. He provided a brief history of the area and noted the pressures of drought and wildfire on Summit County and all of Colorado. Dan provided some highlights from the last IBCC meeting.
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	Topical Updates Federal and State Funding - Nate Pearson, Department of Natural Resources Staff, discussed the Colorado Water Funding Opportunity Navigator , a tool developed to show all potential funding opportunities for water projects in Colorado. Nate also discussed HB 1379 the Wildfire Prevention Watershed Restoration Funding and the \$5 million allocated to CWCB to assist political subdivisions or other entities in applying for Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) funds. Lauren Ris, CWCB staff discussed the 4 regional coordinators that CWCB will hire to assist with grant funding opportunities in the nine river basins. Lauren also provided information on the first Proposition DD funds that have been allocated with matching Water Plan Grant funds. Colorado River- CWCB Director, Becky Mitchell, provided an update on the state of the Colorado River and the recent news about water shortages, critical infrastructure, and drought conditions across the West. Director Mitchell provided information on consumptive use in the upper and lower basin states and spoke about the U.S. government's recent announcements. Director Mitchell stressed the importance of ongoing conservation efforts in the Colorado Basin and that measurement and monitoring is vital.

<p>5</p>	<p>Basin Roundtable Representative Panel</p>
	<p>Bob Peters (Metro BRT), Jason Turner (Colorado BRT), and Emma Reesor (Rio Grande BRT) presented some of the work their basin roundtables are doing to implement their Basin Implementation Plans (BIP). They discussed the ways they prioritize and recommend projects for funding through the Water Supply Reserve Fund basin funds.</p>
<p>6</p>	<p>Workplan Subcommittee and PEPO Report</p>
	<p>Lisa Darling (Metro BRT) and Aaron Citron discussed the Work Plan Subcommittee and PEPO subcommittee. Lisa asked about interest in allowing the Workplan Subcommittee to help specify scope of work for projects and possible solutions to roundtable capacity issues 's to advance projects and provide project support. They also discussed potentially having another meeting between now and the next IBCC meeting.</p>
<p>7</p>	<p>Water Plan Update</p>
	<p>Russ Sands, CWCB staff, provided a brief update on the Colorado Water Plan. Russ discussed the changes in the 2023 Water Plan from the 2015 plan, and stressed the interconnection of water users in Colorado. He mentioned the 50 agency actions that CWCB and other collaborating agencies will take to support local projects, and the 50 partner actions described in the 2023 Water Plan that could be supported by Water Plan Grants. CWCB opened the public comment period (6/30/22 to 9/30/22) for the draft 2023 Water Plan.</p>
<p>8</p>	<p>Discussion Review and Next Steps</p>
	<p>IBCC Chair Gibbs offered closing thoughts and reminded the IBCC that the time is now to work to get projects off the ground in each of the basins. He challenged each IBCC member to try and advance one project in their basin by next June. He also thanked Work Plan Subcommittee participants for their work and ideas for solutions.</p>
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