



# Arkansas Basin Roundtable

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## ROUNDTABLE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES

Wednesday February 08, 10:30 am

Pueblo Community College

900 W. Orman Avenue

Pueblo, CO 81004

### Executive Committee/ Guests Present

Mark Shea – Chair/Excused

Bob Hamel – Vch Env/Rec

Jeff Rodriguez - CWCB

Abba Aahmed – Aurora Water

Steve Kastner – Vch Cons

Jeris Danielson - IBCC

Al Tucker – Recorder

Matt Heimerich

Gracy Goodwin – NAC

Greg Felt – CWCB - Excused

Tim Canterbury - IBCC

Sandy White – Past Chair

Jonathan Pakliaian - ARWC

Terry Scanga – Upper Ark

### 1. Greetings and Introductions;

- Mark Shea called the meeting to order stating a quorum present then turned the meeting over to Steve Kastner as pro tem chair.

### 2. Minutes of Previous Meeting – Amendments & Approval;

- Steve called for approval of the minutes from the January 11, 2023 Executive session, approved.

### 3. Reoccurring Matters:

- **Chair Comments** – Steve Kastner, Chair *pro tem*. Steve asked Mark to report on the Launch of the water plan that CWCB hosted prior to today's Roundtable meeting. Mark thanked everyone for being recognized as the Ark Basin Water Hero it really meant a lot to mark being awarded this award. Mark reported the Water Plan meeting had some of our Roundtable members also attending. He said the rollout of the plan will be forthcoming. Several have been asked to participate in the Water Plan forum. Mark felt Lauren Duncan will be an asset in developing new projects. Mark also reported on the Colorado River Lower and Upper Basin agreements still without California's input into reducing consumptive use. Terry asked Mark about the Bureau's stepping in and mandating consumptive reductions and what would the restrictions look like. Mark replied at this time its unknown. Web access <https://cwcb.colorado.gov-water-plan>
- **Outstanding Reports** – Steve called on Jonathan Pakliaian, ARWC to report on the last ARWC Board meeting. Jonathan reported that Amber Shanklin will continue with the ARWC Board as Treasurer. Jonathan also informed everyone that Abba Aahmed and Lucy Harrington have been added to the ARWC Board of Directors. Jeris commended Abba and Lucy for adding their expertise to the Board.
- Steve called on Gracy Goodwin; Needs Assessment to report on the upcoming NAC meeting and what projects will be reviewed. Gracy said the Application Deadline will be February 15<sup>th</sup> for any additional projects. Currently there are two projects coming up for review. One of the projects is the Colorado City Metro District project and the other is for the USGS, Chaffee County for a groundwater study. The upcoming Needs Assessment meeting will be February 27<sup>th</sup>.



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## 4. Roundtable Business;

- Discussion of Project List – Steve opened the discussion on the Project’s list that had been sent out to the members for comment. The general consensus is the project list needs to be refined as to the projects complete, being worked etc. In general the project list needs review and better organized. Mark stated that some projects will require support and further assistance as prioritizing. Sandy restated for BIP Coordinator as important to keeping the projects list current otherwise it’s up to the counties to do this and not all are able. Jeff felt this list is a Basin wide tool to demonstrate need. Sandy asked “does the Roundtable have authority make changes?” Jeff stated yes but changes not made by the project proponent. Steve indicated that what appears to be missing is a project list for the Basin that we could manage.
- Other – Jeris and Sandy opened a discussion on Water Rights issues were discussed regarding adjudicated water rights now being bought up and now being traded on Wall Street indicating the high cost of water rights today forcing some from obtaining them.

## 5. Upcoming Meetings

- Arkansas Basin Roundtable – March 8, 2023
  - Executive Committee – 10:30 AM
  - Roundtable – 12:30 PM
- Committees
  - Needs Assessment – February 27, 2023 (2:00pm)
  - PEPO – February 16, 2023 (10:30am)
  - Environmental/Recreation – March 27, 2023 (10:00am)
  - Agriculture/Municipal Committee – TBD
- ARWC – First Quarter Board Meeting?
- CWCB Board Meeting – January 23-24<sup>th</sup>, Aurora (with Water Congress)
- IBCC – February 15, 2023
- Arkansas River Forum, April 24-27, Colorado Springs

## 6. Adjourn

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**Committee membership:** Mark Shea (Ch), Bob Hamel (VCh-NonC), Steve Kastner (VCh-Cons), Al Tucker (Rec), Sandy White (Past-Ch), Greg Felt (CWCB), Jeris Danielson (IBCC), Terry Scanga (IBCC), Tim Canterbury (IBCC Alternate), Gracy Goodwin (Needs Assessment), Vacant (Legislative Rep), Blake Osborn (At Large Environmental Rep), vacant (ARWC Board Member) **Additional distribution:** Sam Stein (CWCB Staff), Vacant (Secretary), Jonathan Palkaian (ARWC Director)