



Arkansas Basin Roundtable

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Arkansas Basin Roundtable Executive Committee Meeting Wednesday March 8, 2023, 10:30 am Pueblo Community College 900 West Orman Ave, Pueblo Colorado

1. Executive Committee/Guests Present

Mark Shea – Chair	Abba Aahmed – Aurora	Jonathan Pakliaian - ARWC
Bob Hamel – Vch Env/Rec	Water	Terry Scanga – Upper Ark
Jeris Danielson - IBCC	Russ Sands - CWCB	Sam Stein – CWCB
Al Tucker - Recorder	Steve Kastner – Vch Cons	Matt Heimrich – Excused
Tim Canterbury - IBCC	Gracy Goodwin – NAC	Dan Williams - CC
Sandy White – Past Chair	Greg Felt – CWCB	Lauren Duncan - CWCB
Jeff Rodriguez - CWCB	Chris Sturm - CWCB	

2. Greetings, Introductions, Establish Quorum

- Mark called the meeting to order noting there was a quorum present.
- Mark asked if anyone wanted to add to the Agenda. Agenda approved without change.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting – Amendments & Approval

- Mark asked for amendments or changes to the February 8, 2023 Minutes. Minutes approved.

4. Reoccurring Matters

- Chair Comments – Mark opened the discussion of the upcoming Summit Meeting being scheduled later this year, as well as, the issues of Colorado's post fire challenges affecting water quality water storage. These challenges are being addressed in part through ARWC's work of pre-fire mitigation work and important we stay abreast of these challenges. There are grant funds available through CWCB at 25% which could be in-kind services. Jonathan added that the Spring Creek Fire recovery work around the Cuchara area offers opportunity for water related issues regarding storage and quality. Sandy discussed the post fire modeling efforts being done. (*Post Fire Watershed Restoration Process Improvement Report*) Mark inquired with Sam Stein CWCB grants for requesting fund from Federal grant programs. CAWA grant program was discussed with the committee and it's availability to some communities is still difficult. Mark stated he will distribute the Colorado Water Funding Navigator Program Guide link to everyone. The following links have been provided by Sam Stein.
https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/e/2PACX-1vQVmvJJW2huhKOOzvPbFT9IK5_5f5Tj7N7fFJux-6aFwjEnH5B4_52H_AvzGQm-CKZ7xKvpovsNeSVTI/pubhtml <https://cwcb.colorado.gov/federal-technical-assistance>
https://dnrweblink.state.co.us/CWCB/0/edoc/220224/PEPOGrants_%20StatewideInitiativesFundPriorities_Feb2023.pdf?searchid=9d46baaf-5360-4405-90e9-288ec56d9c78
Mark requested Steve to inquire if he could invite Michael Reagan to present at one of our Roundtable meetings the Colorado River Opportunity funding program or the Federal Assistance Technical Grant on water projects.
Another matter Mark brought attention to is the Colorado River Compacts and the Upper Basin states regarding the shared risk we face with the compacts and the System Conservation



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Program from not using the water relieving the pressures on Lake Powell. Greg Felt responded that the federal water conservation will protect through exemption the historic consumptive use when applying for these programs.

- Outstanding Reports – Executive Committee Members

5. Roundtable Business

- Other Gracy discussed the available grant funding so far that's been approved for 2023, and the resupplying of funds in July this year.

6. Upcoming Meetings

- Arkansas Basin Roundtable – April 12, 2023
 - o Executive Committee – 10:30am
 - o Roundtable – 12:30pm
- Committees
 - o Needs Assessment – TBD
 - o PEPOW – TBD
 - o Environmental/Recreation Committee – March 27, 2023 (10:00 am)
 - o Agriculture/Municipal Committee – March 9, 2023, Fowler @ AGRA
 - o IBCC – June 8, 2023
- ARWC – Second Quarter Board Meeting - TBD
- CWCB Board Meeting – March 15-16, Yampa/White/Green Basin
- Arkansas River Forum, April 24-26, Colorado Springs

7. Adjourn

- Mark called consensus to adjourn @ 12:00 pm

----- Committee membership: Mark Shea (Chair), Bob Hamel (Vice Chair-Non-Consumptive), Steve Kastner (Vice Chair-Consumptive), Al Tucker (Recorder), Sandy White (Past-Chair), Greg Felt (CWCB), Jeris Danielson (IBCC), Terry Scanga (IBCC), Tim Canterbury (IBCC Alternate), Gracy Goodwin (Needs Assessment), Vacant (Legislative Rep), Vacant (ARWC Board Member), Sara Mudge (ARWC Board Member) Additional distribution: Jeff Rodriguez (CWCB Staff), Vacant (Secretary), Jonathan Paklaian (ARWC Director)