

Colorado River Basin Roundtable

July 31, 2023 CBRT Roundtable Minutes.

1. Recorder: These minutes were prepared by Ken Ransford, Esq., CPA, 970-927-1200, ken@kenransford.com.
2. The July 31, 2023, meeting was conducted via Zoom only.
3. **CBRT Roundtable Members Present:** Paul Bruchez, Stan Cazier, Carlyle Currier, Kirsten Kurath, Diane Johnson, Randi Kim, Kristen Kurath, Merrit Linke, April Long, Zach Margolis, Ed Moyer, Ken Ransford, Jason Turner, Greg Williams, Jeff Bandy, Maria Pastore, Richard VanGytenbeek, Kathy Kitzman, Josh Blanchard
4. **Guests:** Emily Adrid, T. Benton, Josh Blanchard, Laura B. Bohannon, Claire Carroll, Austin Corona, Andrea Datz, James Dilzell, Mitch Dorsk, Jackie Fisher, Ashley Garrison, Alyson Gould, B. Krause, Brendon Langenhuizen, Lain Leoniak, Heather Lewin, Drew Matushima, Becky Mitchell, Shania McCain, Luke Mecklenburg, Shashi Neerukonda, Amy Ostdiek, Katie Randall, Jeff Rodriguez, Heather Sackett Aspen Journalism, Robert Sakata, Russ Sands, Paula Stepp, Lisa Tasker, Brett Walton, Emily Zmak
5. **July CWCB Update-Jeff Rodriquez**
 - a. Mr. Rodriguez reviewed some upcoming deadlines associated with CWCB grants, WSRF allocations to occur in October, an update on current CWCB activities related to the climate change in Colorado Report, and the C-9 Summit and agenda.
6. **Request for Letter of Support Water Plan Grant, NWCCOG QQ.**

Claire Carroll representing QQ requested a letter of support for its Water Plan Grant regarding an update to the impact of water and its relationship to headwaters communities and their viability.

Approved unanimously.
7. **Colorado River Interstate Matters, Colorado Interstate and Federal Water Information Team.** Emily Zmak, Rebecca Mitchell, Lain Leoniak, Amy Ostiek—Federal Water Information Section
 - a. Laine Leoniak gave an overview of the “Law of the River”, Commissioner Mitchell provided an update on Colorado River issues and the Commissioners priorities. Amy Ostdiek presented on current Colorado River conditions and its relationship to the Colorado River Compact and post 2026 reservoir operations.

8. Internal Colorado Basin Roundtable matters
 - a. Election of Basin Roundtable officers—As previously discussed Jason is stepping down from the role of Chair.
 - b. Vice Chairs-the Roundtable pursuant to its Bylaws has two Vice Chairs
 - c. Jason made some observations of the Roundtable:
 - i. The need to formalize a grants committee and identify a person that grant applicants can contact.
 - ii. Anna has been incredibly helpful with PEPO and other Roundtable matters and would like to find funding to use her more, to the extent that she has the time.
 - iii. The Roundtable may want to consider reviewing WSRF grant request twice yearly, to ensure that grants are more competitive.
 - iv. The Roundtable should provide its own guidelines for grant consideration—this will assist in streamlining the process and the amount of time taken in walking applicants through the grant process.
 - d. The Next Steps committee will continue this discussion.