

**Interbasin Compact Committee
Gunnison Basin Roundtable Meeting
Virtual and In-Person Meeting
Delta
November 20, 2023**

Voting Members Present:

Thomas Alvey	North Fork WCD
Steve Anderson	Agricultural
Bruce Bair	At-Large Member
Mike Berry	Tri-County WCD
Sonja Chavez	Upper Gunnison River WCD
Kathleen Curry	Saguache County
Bobbie Daniel	Mesa County
Cary Denison	Environmental
Allen Distel	Bostwick Park WCD
Joanne Fagan	Ouray Municipalities
Nancy Fishering	Montrose County
Steve Fletcher	At-Large Member
Jonathan Houck	Gunnison County
Austin Keiser	Grand Mesa WCD
Wendell Koontz	At-Large Member
John McClow	House and Senate Ag Committees
Scott Murphy	Montrose Municipalities
Bill Nesbitt	Gunnison Municipalities
Jim Plumhoff	Industrial
Steve Pope	At-Large Member
Mark Ritterbush	Mesa Municipalities
Mark Roeber	Delta County
Neal Schwieterman	Recreational
Dave Traylor	Ute WCD
Adam Turner	Local Domestic Water Supplier
Richard Udd	Delta Municipalities
Martha Whitmore	Ouray County
Henry Woods	Hinsdale Municipalities

Voting Members Excused/Absent:

Mike Cleary	Crawford Water Conservancy District
Mark LeValley	At-Large Member
Michael Murphy	Hinsdale County
Vacant	Colorado River Water Conservation District

Liaisons and Non-Voting Members Present:

Sharon Dunning (Assistant Recorder), Raquel Flinker (CRWCD), Jeff Rodriguez (CWCB), Bob Hurford (DWR), Ryan Unterreiner (CPW).

Public: Emily Zmak (CWCB), Becky Mitchell (State of Colorado), Amy Ostdiek (CWCB), Andy Nicewicz (Attorney General's Office), Randy Hobbs (Deutsch Water), Dixie Luke and Becky Luke (Ragged Mountain Water Users), Cheryl Civelich (Upper Gunnison River Water Conservancy District), Ashley Garrison (CWCB), Hannah Holm (American Rivers), Dave Kanzer (CRWCD), Paul Kehmier (Dept of Ag), Taylor Adams (Hydro Consulting), Alida Franco (unknown), Evan Jones (DWR), Gabriel Matla (CRWA), Jackson Reagan (CRWA), John Carron (unknown), Katie Radovich (KLJ Engineering), Mallory Hiss (CRWA SWAP Team), MB Eland (unknown), Michael Elizabeth Sakas (unknown), Robert Sakata (Sakata Farms, SPRT, CWCB), Suzie Bilberry (DCD), Tanya Ishikawa (UWP), Luke Laurita (??), Heath Sackett (Aspen Journalism), 970-692-3073 (unknown), Russ Sands (CWCB).

Welcome

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Chairperson Wendell Koontz.

Roll Call/Introductions

After roll call a quorum was declared to be present.

Agenda Approval

There were no changes to the Agenda and Chairperson Wendell Koontz approved the Agenda as submitted.

Approval of Minutes from the September 18, 2023 Meeting

Nancy Fishing moved to approve the minutes of the September 18, 2023 meeting as submitted. Jim Plumoff seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Election of Chair, Vice Chair and Recorder

The annual election of officers was held for Chair, Vice-Chair and Recorder.

Election of Chair

John McCLOW moved to nominate Wendell Koontz as Chair. Nancy Fishing seconded. There were no objections and Wendell Koontz remains Chair.

Election of Vice-Chair

Allen Distel moved to nominate Kathleen Curry as Vice-Chair. Austin Keiser seconded, and Kathleen Curry remains Vice-Chair.

Election of Recorder

Mike Berry nominated Adam Turner as Recorder. Kathleen Curry seconded and moved for nominations to cease and to elect Adam Turner by acclamation. Adam Turner is now Recorder.

Education Committee Report (Savannah Nelson)

Sonja Chavez and Raquel Flinker updated the Roundtable on Education Committee activities. At the January 2024 meeting there will be presentations from K-12 award recipients.

Grant Review Committee Report (Tom Alvey)

Tom Alvey reported there were no grant requests for this meeting but there will be for the January meeting. Tom gave updates on grants approved by the roundtable.

Colorado Water Conservation Board Report (B. Mitchell and A. Nicewicz)

Becky Mitchell gave a presentation on protecting Colorado's water interests, including principles for post 2026 negotiations. Andy Nicewicz discussed Colorado River Compact Compliance law. Amy Ostdiek gave Colorado River updates and near-term issues on the Colorado River.

2024 Proposed WSRF and Water Plan Grant (K. Curry and T. Alvey)

Kathleen Curry reported on the WSRF funding and what is coming out in 2024. The CWCB voted and approved \$3M for the water supply reserve fund and \$23M is allocated for the water plan grant fund. Ashley Garrison, Water Plan Grant Specialist, will be on our January agenda to help us get a better understanding of what criteria is used by the state's Grant Review Committee in advance of the July deadline.

Tom Alvey discussed how the repair of infrastructure should be more important. More funding for the WSRF program is his solution.

Interbasin Compact Committee Report (Joanne Fagan, Mark Roeber)

Joanne Fagan announced the IBCC will meet sometime after the first of the year. Mark Roeber commented on the C-9 Summit meeting.

Colorado River District Update (R. Flinker)

Raquel Flinker gave an update on the River District activities and the C-9 Summit. Dave Kanzer introduced Taylor Adams, Hydros Consulting, for updates on the Risk Study Phase IV.

Colorado River Drought Task Force Update (N. Fishing)

Nancy Fishing gave an update on the Colorado River Drought Task Force. The final comments are due November 30. December 7 will be the last meeting where they will vote on any input.

Public Comment

Hannah Holm commented on WaterSMART grants and multi-benefit projects.

Other Business

Jeff Rodriguez said they are working on getting recordings of the C-9 Summit on the website.

Future Meetings

The next regular Roundtable meeting is January 15, 2024 at 3:00 p.m. in the Roubideaux Room in Delta.

There will be an instream flow water right information and listening session on November 28 at 3:30 at the Delta County Fairgrounds in Hotchkiss.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Roundtable, it was moved and seconded to end the meeting and the meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Adam Turner, Recorder

Action Items

None.