

Inter Basin Compact Committee Basin Roundtables  
Rio Grande Basin Roundtable  
MEETING MINUTES  
February 13, 2024, at 2:00pm  
Rio Grande Water Conservation District  
Alamosa, Colorado

**Call to Order**

Heather Dutton, Chairman called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

A quorum was determined to be present. The agenda was approved as presented.

Minutes were approved as presented.

**Public Comment:**

Rio de la Vista announced the Date for the Symposium on March 30.

Cassandra McCuen announced the Monte Vista Crane Fest will be held March 9, she noted that they are sold out of booths but still have sponsorships available.

Rhonda Lobato announced that the Upper Culebra Watershed Watershed has a new coordinator: Yates McConnell, Watershed Coordinator. The Congresso de Acequias will be held March 9 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Jeff Rodriguez, Colorado Water Conservancy District Staff, gave an update on the Colorado River Webinars (2.25, 3.19, 04.04). IBCC meeting will be held February 27<sup>th</sup>. C9 summit will be held October 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. CWCB deadline for WSRF Deadline is April 1. Wildfire Ready Watershed is accepting applications. Technical assistance and local capacity grants are taking applications and have to be contacted by 12.31.24.

Nathan Coombs, CWCB Board of Director, noted that the state is celebrating 50 years and 2,000 miles of instream flow water. He also gave a brief update on the project that the Colorado River District has begun the process to purchase Xcel non consumptive use water right.

Craig Cotten, DWR gave an update on Snow Pack. As of February 13, snow pack was at 92% of average. Colorado will deliver close to target this year. April Compact meeting will be held in El Paso. Craig also announced that the Division Engineer position is open currently.

The Subdistrict Program Managers gave updates for each of the subdistricts. Tyler Chick gave an overview of the subdistricts and subdistrict #1. The district will be taking their 4<sup>th</sup> plan of water management to water court, most likely in 2026. Jason Lorenz, Trinchera Subdistrict gave an overview of the district. Chris Ivers, Subdistrict 4 and 5 gave an overview of the districts he manages. He noted that Subdistrict 4 is the first to have a Groundwater Conservation Easement, retiring 12 irrigated circles. Angelo Bello, Subdistrict 2, 3 and 6 gave an update on those three subdistricts. He noted that those districts are continuously looking for opportunities. He noted that subdistricts are working together to find solutions.

Cassandra McCuen gave a introduced the Education Committee's new education video on Augmentation, the video was shown to the group. Cassandra also announced that there will be a Dust on Snow Tour held on March 15<sup>th</sup>.

Daniel Boyes, Rio Grande Headwaters Restoration Project, gave an updated on the Conejos River Partnership Project Update. They are currently looking to phase three of this project.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30.