

# Interbasin Compact Committee Meeting Summary Minutes

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Tuesday, February 27, 2024

<b>1</b>	<b>Welcome and Meeting Logistics</b>
	Becky Mitchell, IBCC Chair called the meeting to order. Kat Weismiller, CWCB Water Supply Planning Deputy Section Chief, noted that a quorum was established, requested and received permission to record the meeting, and requested and received approval for the previous meeting minutes. The meeting agenda was approved with the addition of time for public comment following the basin and appointee report outs item, requested by IBCC Chair, Becky Mitchell.
<b>2</b>	<b>Basin &amp; Governor Appointee Reports</b>
	Basin roundtable representatives and gubernatorial appointees provided updates about ongoing work in their basin and answered the question of "What's one thing or question your basin would want the CWCB to know/answer?".
<b>3</b>	<b>Legislative Updates</b>
	DNR's Director of Legislative Affairs, Daphne Gervais and Assistant Director for Water Policy, Kelly Romero-Heaney presented an update on the 2024 Legislative Session. Daphne gave general information on how many bills have been introduced to date and overviews of DNR's priority bills and other water related bills expected during the 2024 legislative session.
<b>4</b>	<b>Colorado River Updates</b>
	Upper Colorado River Commissioner, Becky Mitchell provided updates on Colorado River issues. The update focused on the ongoing Post-2026 negotiations, a description of the Upper Colorado River Commissioner role, and an open dialogue with the IBCC members focused on Colorado River issues.
<b>5</b>	<b>IBCC PEPO Updates &amp; Discussion</b>
	Russ Sands, CWCB's Water Supply Planning Section Chief, led a discussion that had five parts listed below on IBCC PEPO work and IBCC future planning discussions along with Jeff Rodriguez & Kat Weismiller (CWCB Staff), Ken Brenner (Yampa/White/Green), Lisa Darling (Metro), and Johnathan Bartsch (CDR Associates).
<b>5A</b>	<b>Basin Outreach Grant and Water Plan Campaign</b>
	Russ Sands (CWCB Staff) - and Ken Brenner (Yampa/White/Green) gave an overview of a PEPO statewide grant designed to assess PEPO messaging across the state and create consistent, repeatable messages that share basins' best stories and messages across the state.
<b>5B</b>	<b>Colorado River Outreach Materials</b>

	<p>Michael Elizabeth Sakas, Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Colorado River Communications Specialist, provided resources and updates to the committee on the Colorado River Communication Strategy. Key resources are a Colorado River Webinar series and <a href="#">CWCB's Commissioner's Corner Webpage</a>.</p>
<b>5C</b>	<p><b>C9 Summit Past &amp; Future</b></p> <p>Russ Sands (CWCB Staff) led a discussion on the 2023 C9 Summit outcomes and future planning for the 2024 C9 Summit. Russ discussed previous surveys of the basin roundtables and the IBCC and consolidated the information to show where there has been a topical focus for the IBCC meetings and the C9 Summit. There was some discussion of what to focus on for the June IBCC Meeting and some potential panels or topics to include in the 2024 C9 Summit.</p>
<b>5D</b>	<p><b>Building Stronger Basin Connections</b></p> <p>Russ Sands (CWCB Staff) and facilitator Jonathan Bartsch (CDR Associates) led a discussion of how IBCC can focus their efforts toward actionable projects this year and into the future. The discussion focused on the recommended qualities of IBCC Members and the qualities of IBCC projects could work on.</p>
<b>6</b>	<p><b>Recap, Next Meeting Planning &amp; Closing Thoughts</b></p> <p>Kat Weismiller (CWCB Staff) offered a review and summary of the meeting that will inform the June meeting agenda for Durango. At that meeting, members also expressed interest in exploring local water issues and Tribal heritage in the area. Based on IBCC input the next meeting will likely include a continued discussion/update on the Colorado River, a presentation on the Shoshone water right purchase, Forest Health, Water Plan messaging and Colorado River communications updates, Water Plan and Scenario updates. The IBCC will also continue discussing the “Low Regrets 2.0” concept and the IBCC member/ projects characteristics discussion. IBCC Chair Mitchell offered closing thoughts on the discussion of IBCC membership and projects, along with some recap of the meeting's events.</p>
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