

Interbasin Compact Committee Meeting Summary Minutes

8:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 18, 2024

1	Welcome and Meeting Logistics
	Becky Mitchell, IBCC Chair, called the meeting to order. Kat Weismiller, CWCB Water Supply Planning Deputy Section Chief, noted that a quorum was established. The meeting agenda was reviewed with the addition of time for public comment following the basin and appointee report outs item, requested by IBCC Chair, Becky Mitchell.
2	Basin & Governor Appointee Reports
	Basin roundtable representatives and gubernatorial appointees provided updates about ongoing work in their basin and answered the question of "What's one thing your basin would want the CWCB to hear?"
3	Public Comment
	Time for public comment was offered. Public comments were made by Kathleen Curry (Gunnison Basin Roundtable), Robert Sakata (CO Dept. of Agriculture).
4	Shoshone Water Right Preservation
	Colorado River District's General Manager and IBCC Governor's Appointee, Andy Mueller, presented information on the Colorado River District's project to acquire water rights currently in use by the Shoshone Power Plant and create an Instream Flow for the Colorado River in Glenwood Canyon. The project has funding from CWCB and a coalition of partners.
5	Colorado River Updates
	Amy Ostdiek, CWCB's Interstate and Water Information Section Chief, and Michael Elizabeth Sakas, Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Colorado River Communications Specialist, and 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 Basin States alternatives to the Environmental Impact Statement for Lake Powell and Lake Mead Operations published in the spring of 2024, and an open dialogue with the IBCC members focused on Colorado River issues. Key resources can be found on CWCB's Colorado River Webpage .
6	Forest Health Update and Integration
	Christina Burri, Colorado Deputy State Forester, and Chris Sturm, Watershed Program Manager (CWCB), presented on issues of forest health in Colorado and offered commentary on where the IBCC and the water community can effectively engage in forest health and management. This included areas IBCC could dig into including

	<p>coordinating with the Forest Advisory Council, advocating for Colorado as a Headwater’s Chris also presented on the progress of the Wildfire Ready Watersheds program.</p>
7	<p>PEPO Updates</p> <p>Lisa Darling (Metro), and Ken Brenner (Yampa/White/Green) gave an overview of a PEPO workshop CWCB hosted in May. Carrie Padgett (Harris Engineering) and Stacey Beagh (Strategic by Nature) gave a progress report on the 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. This was followed by an interactive sticky-note exercise with the IBCC to survey the top issues the IBCC felt needed to be communicated at a statewide level. Russ Sands (CWCB Staff) and Lisa Darling (Metro) led a discussion of Water Planning Scenarios used in the 2023 Water Plan Update and what CWCB Staff is discussing including in the modeling for the next Analysis and Technical Update to the Water Plan. Russ and Lisa also led a discussion of the two draft documents the IBCC helped generate at the February 2024 meeting.</p>
8	<p>Low Regrets 2.0 Facilitated Discussion</p> <p>Russ Sands (CWCB Staff) and Kelsea MacIlroy (The Langdon Group) led a discussion of how IBCC can focus their efforts toward actionable projects this year and into the future. The discussion focused on the development of a new Low Regrets 2.0 Strategy document and a process for identifying projects that IBCC could work on as part of that strategy.</p>
9	<p>C9 Summit Convention</p> <p>Russ Sands (CWCB Staff) presented an update on future planning for the 2024 C9 Summit. Russ discussed some potential panels or topics to include in the 2024 C9 Summit.</p>
10	<p>Recap, Next Meeting Planning & Closing Thoughts</p> <p>Becky Mitchell (IBCC Chair) and Kat Weismiller (CWCB Staff) offered a review and summary of the meeting that will inform the C9 Summit and the February 2025 meeting agenda. Based on IBCC input the next meeting will likely include a continued discussion/update on the Colorado River, a presentation on the Colorado's Airborne Snow Measurement Program, and Forest Health. The IBCC will also continue discussing the “Low Regrets 2.0” concept and work to create Low Regret strategies for the four action areas of the Water Plan. IBCC Chair Mitchell offered closing thoughts on the discussion of IBCC membership and projects, shared proposed dates for IBCC meetings in 2025 (2/2/2025, 6/25/2025, and first week of Oct 2025) along with some recap of the meeting's events.</p>
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