



# Arkansas Basin Roundtable

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## Arkansas Basin Roundtable Executive Committee Meeting Minutes and Recorded Decisions

**Wednesday - June 11, 2025**

Start Time: 10:30 am

Pueblo Community College, Student Center Building  
900 W. Orman Avenue  
Pueblo, CO 81004

### Executive Committee/ Guests Present

Mark Shea  
Abba Aahmed  
Terry Scanga  
Bob Hamel

Jeff Rodriguez  
Greg Felt  
Gracy Goodwin  
Jean VanPelt

Tim Canterbury  
Dave Allgood  
Jonathan Paklaian

**1. Greetings, Introductions, Establishment of a Quorum** – Mark called the meeting to order stating a quorum was present.

**2. Minutes of the Previous Meetings – Amendments & Approval** – Jean Van Pelt reported the May Executive Committee minutes had not been done because Recorder Al Tucker has stepped down from the Roundtable. She will have the minutes prepared for approval at the next meeting.

### 3. Reoccurring Matters

- **Chair Comments - Mark Shea** – Mark informed the committee that Recorder Al Tucker has resigned from the Roundtable and the Recorder position. Mark said he would like to put together some form of recognition to present to Al. Mark stated the Recorder position must be a member of the Roundtable and be voted in by the Roundtable. He also mentioned he would like to step down as Chair in October. He would like a structured transition and ideally have someone who is able and willing to step in and serve as the next chair or alternatively, open it up to whatever type of process that is appropriate. Greg Felt stated that Vice Chair Jeffery DeHerrera did an impressive job last month running a smooth meeting. Although he is unaware of his time and his inclination. Mark stated he needed to have conversations with both Vice Chairs to gauge their interests. He said he intends to remain on the Roundtable as the El Paso Muni representative and on the Executive Committee as the Past Chair. Dave Allgood expressed his interest in being on the Executive Committee.

Mark asked Jeff Rodriguez to provide an update on the snowpack monitoring bill. Jeff replied the bill will create a statutorily defined water supply forecasting program within the CWCB to centralize coordination and create operational efficiencies. Funding for the program will still be subject to annual appropriations through the Projects Bill.

Mark asked Jeff to provide an update on funding for the Technical Update. Jeff replied the funding was passed through the Projects Bill and will be available July 1<sup>st</sup>. CWCB is scoping the analysis and technical update in conjunction with the basin implementation plans. An



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RFP will be released by the end of the year. CWCB will secure a contractor who will work closely with the basin roundtables and the technical advisory group. Jeff stated that CWCB collected a lot of feedback from the roundtables and the technical advisory groups during the last round that they will take into consideration for this round. Mark asked if Jeff could share the feedback received from the Ark Roundtable. Jeff stated he hadn't seen any feedback broken out by basin but will look. Mark stated that issues of particular interest in the previous analysis was the modeling for trans-basin diversions and the impacts of climate change and a shift in hydrographs and yield from transmountain diversions. The second being the quantification of the ag demand in the Arkansas basin. A third issue was that the analysis for environmental values was very limited. The Arkansas Basin only had 2 nodes that were considered compared to other parts of the State, that had dozens of data points as far as what flows are like and how those flows may be changing or affected by climate change or wet and dry periods. Jeff stated that CWCB is exploring different ways to approach this issue and possibly a shift from a supply demand model to analyzing risk and their values may be more equitable across the basins. CWCB is making good faith efforts to quantify not only the environmental flows and needs, but also for flows for recreation, because that's also very challenging. Wilson Water received CWCB funding to explore different methodologies to quantify recreation needs and flows that are focused on risk. They just completed phase one and are starting phase 2. It's possible that it could be incorporated into the technical update. Mark suggested reaching out to Wilson Water for a presentation on the 1<sup>st</sup> phase findings. Bob Hamel mentioned he will attend the Colorado Stream Access Coalition meeting tomorrow and will reach out to Hattie and ask if they could do a presentation later this summer.

**Outstanding Reports - Executive Committee Members** – Greg Felt stated he will provide an update on the Shoshone Power Plant Water Rights and CWCB Director Lauren Ris will be able to join the meeting via zoom. Gracy Goodwin stated the special round of WSRF applications are due June 15<sup>th</sup>. Currently we have 2 applicants and 4-6 applicants have expressed interest. It was decided that the Needs Assessment Committee would meet on June 24<sup>th</sup> at 10am. Gracy asked Jeff if there were other state grant dollars available for aging infrastructure other than WSRF funds. Jeff stated an applicant could apply for a Water Plan grant, but it wouldn't be as competitive as a multi-benefit project and CWCB has a billion-dollar loan program specifically for aging and new infrastructure projects. Jeff stated if there is another Severance tax windfall like 2022, CWCB could put money into WSRF and reinstitute the statewide program. The Water Plan grants are funded through sports betting revenue and is statutorily defined to go into Water Plan Implementation Cash fund. The Water Supply Reserve Fund is also defined in statute and the money is from the Severance Tax Perpetual Based fund. There was discussion pertaining to whether WSRF could be funded using Water Plan funding. Legislation passed last session that established a task force to look at the long-term reliance of Severance tax revenue for the WSRF Program. Jeff will provide updates. Terry was encouraged to discuss this subject further at the upcoming IBCC meeting.



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## 4. Roundtable Business

- **ARWC Board membership** – Was not discussed.
- **August meeting locations** – Confirmed for La Junta.

## 5. Upcoming Meetings

- Arkansas Basin Roundtable – July 9, 2025
  - Executive Committee – 10:30am
  - Roundtable – 12:30pm
- Committees
  - Needs Assessment – June 24, 2025 10am, Zoom
  - PEPO – June 19, 2025, 4:00pm, Zoom
  - Environmental/Rec Committee – June 30, 2025, 10am, Zoom
  - Agriculture/Municipal Committee – TBD
- IBCC – June 25, 2025, Grand Junction
- ARWC – August 11, 2025, 10am, Zoom
- Water Congress Summer Convention, August 19-21, 2025, Steamboat Springs
- CWCB Board Meeting – July 16-17, 2025, Arkansas Basin

## 6. Adjourn

Executive Committee membership: Mark Shea (Chair), Bob Hamel (Vice Chair-Non-Consumptive), Jeffery DeHerrera (Vice Chair-Consumptive), Vacant (Recorder), vacant (Past-Chair), Greg Felt (CWCB), Jeris Danielson (IBCC), Terry Scanga (IBCC), Tim Canterbury (IBCC Alternate), Gracy Goodwin (Needs Assessment), Ariel Hacker (PEPO)

Additional distribution: Jeff Rodriguez (CWCB Staff), Jonathan Paklaian (ARWC Director), Jean Van Pelt (RT Admin)