



Arkansas Basin Roundtable

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ARKANSAS BASIN ROUNDTABLE Summary Minutes and Record of Decisions September 10, 2025

A regular meeting of the Arkansas Basin Roundtable was conducted virtually and in person.

1. The meeting was called to order by Chair Mark Shea.
 - a. Introductions were made.
 - b. Twenty-seven voting members were present at the call to order, a quorum was present (at least twenty-six required). Voting members present are listed on the September 10, 2025 voting members sign in sheet.
 - c. Review and Approval of the Sept. 10, 2025 Agenda was approved by consensus.
 - d. Review and Approval of the Previous August 13, 2025 Roundtable Meeting Minutes was approved by consensus.
 - e. Public Comments – None
2. Reports
 - a. Executive Committee Update – Chair Mark Shea stated that elections for Roundtable Executive Committee officers, Committee Chairs, and IBCC seats will be held at the annual meeting on October 8, 2025.
 - b. Needs Assessment Committee – Committee Chair Gracy Goodwin had the following provide a project presentation and the Roundtable made determinations on WSRF funding for the proposed projects:
 - i. Carol Dunn - Sheep Mountain Augmentation Facility – \$114,800 approved by consensus
 - ii. Ella Bump - Dust on Snow Data Collection & Cosmic Ray Evaluation – Requesting \$20,000, by consensus asked to come back to the Roundtable and explain specifically how the data collected could be used to benefit the Arkansas Basin.
 - iii. Greg Peterson - Sunnyside Ditch Pipeline- \$20,000 approved by consensus



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- iv. Bill Tyner - City of Victor Pipeline – \$125,000 approved by consensus
- v. Phil Brink - Aldrich Ditch Diversion and Fish Passage – Requesting \$10,931, by consensus the Roundtable approved \$5,931 for this project.
- c. CWCB Report - Jeff Rodriguez reported that registration for the [C9 Summit](#) on October 28th and 29th in Lakewood is open and funding is available for reimbursement for lodging and travel mileage for up to 10 members from each Basin Roundtable. If interested contact Chair Mark Shea and Jeff.

Mr. Rodriguez announced that the Department of Natural Resources has launched ColoradoRiver.com, a new online resource designed to help people understand, explore, and engage with the Colorado River. He also stated that CWCB has an Emergency Wildfire and Flood Impact Loan Program with about \$10 million available for wildfire and flood impact loans. Contact [Matt Stearns](#) for information. The [Water Conditions Monitoring Committee](#) meeting will be on September 23rd. The Technical Assistance for Federal Cost Sharing Program is open and has around \$500,000 available to help apply for federal grants. Mr. Rodriguez reminded everyone of upcoming events. The CWCB Board meeting on September 16th - 18th. The DWR [Ag Water Protection Water Rights](#) Stakeholder meeting is September 23rd which will be virtual at 1pm and the last [Fluvial Futures](#) webinar is October 14th. Mr. Rodriguez also shared a link to the CWCB [Shoshone](#) webpage.

Mr. Nathan Coombs, CWCB Director for the Rio Grande Basin, encouraged Roundtable members to speak to Director Greg Felt about concerns related to the Shoshone In-Stream Flow Water Rights.

- d. IBCC Report - Jeris Danielson reported that the IBCC will meet at the C9 Summit in October.
- e. Arkansas River Watershed Collaborative – Executive Director Jonathan Pakalian reported that state officials toured the Lake County project and were pleased with the success of the project. He also reported that ARWC released a large RFP for work on the California Gulch forest health mitigation project. Mr. Pakalian stated that ARWC submitted a Colorado



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Water Plan grant application, and it was recommended for partial funding for the Lower Arkansas project.

- f. PEPO – Committee Chair Ariel Hacker reported the next PEPO meeting will be October 16, 2025 at 4pm.
 - g. Enviro/Rec – No report
 - h. Ag/Muni Committee – Co-Chair Dan Tucker reported that the committee continues to support ARWC with the CWP grant by securing stakeholders.
3. Presentation - Colorado Ag Water Alliance grant programs
Executive Director, Greg Petersen informed the membership about various funding programs through CAWA.
4. Rio Grande Basin Members Introductions
- a. Amber Pacheco – RGBRT Chair & General Manager of the Rio Grande Water Conservancy District
 - b. Rio de la Vista – former RGBRT Enviro rep
 - c. Carrie Loya – RGBRT Enviro and IBCC rep
 - d. Daniel Boies – RGBRT Watershed Health rep & Director of the Rio Grande Headwaters Restoration project
 - e. Cassandra McHugh – Program Manager of the Rio Grande Headwaters Restoration Project
 - f. Jenny Nehring – Wetlands Dynamics
 - g. Heather Dutton – General Manager of the San Luis Valley Water Conservancy District
 - h. Nathan Coombs – General Manager of the Conejos Water Conservancy District & CWCB Rio Grande Basin Director
 - i. Paul Formosano – Director of the Salazar Rio Grande Del Norte Center at Adams State University
5. The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 4:00pm.