



ARKANSAS BASIN ROUNDTABLE

Summary Minutes and Record of Decisions

October 8, 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-six 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 October 8, 2025 voting members sign in sheet.
 - c. Review and Approval of the October 8, 2025 Agenda was approved by consensus.
 - d. Review and Approval of the Previous Sept. 10, 2025 Roundtable Meeting Minutes was approved by consensus.
 - e. Public Comments – None
 - f. Roundtable Annual Meeting, Officer Elections - The following officers were approved by consensus by the membership: Chairman Dave Allgood, Co-Vice Chairs, Jeffery DeHerrera and Bob Hamel, Recorder Al Tucker, IBCC representative Mark Shea, Alternate IBCC Representative Jeris Danielson, PEPO Committee Chair Chris Woodka, Needs Assessment Committee Chair Gracy Goodwin and Past Chair Mark Shea.
2. Reports
 - a. Executive Committee Update – New Chair Dave Allgood asked outgoing Chair Mark Shea to chair today's meeting. Chair Mark Shea stated that an At Large Water Rights Owner position is open due to Dan Tucker's resignation. Nominations for this position will be open to the floor and an election will be held at a future date. Mr. Shea stated that the recordings from the Roundtable and Committee meetings will be posted on our website. ArkansasBasin.org Mr. Shea informed the Roundtable that the Dredge and Fill Permit Program has progressed from the stakeholder



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process into the formal rulemaking process. A final draft of the new control regulation describes the state permit program and how it applies to water features and activities. It also describes compensatory mitigation requirements for projects that impact state waters. Mr. Shea suggested having representatives from the Water Quality Control Commission present to the Roundtable on what the new permit program is about and how it works.

- b. Needs Assessment Committee – Committee Chair Gracy Goodwin introduced Travis Payne with the City of Canon City Water Department. Travis provided a short update on the John Griffin Regional Park Feasibility Study. Ms. Goodwin stated that the Roundtable still has a pending dust on snow WSRF application potentially for Roundtable approval at the November meeting.
- 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 Roundtable members. If interested contact Chair Dave Allgood &/or Mark Shea and Jeff. Mr. Rodriguez stated that he will provide ongoing reports on the status of the implementation of actions within the Colorado Water Plan. Mr. Rodriguez announced a new CWCB partnership with the Sonoran Institute called the [Water Secure Communities Program](#). The program was developed to help communities address long-term water challenges through collaborative regional planning. Mr. Rodriguez provided a Water Plan update stating that the committee recommended and the CWCB approved 56 of the 81 applications, totaling about \$25M, leaving \$12M for the Dec. application cycle. CWCB highly recommends that future applicants meet with Regional Grant Managers to discuss their projects before submitting an application. Mr. Rodriguez stated the [Water Conditions Monitoring Committee](#) meeting will be on November 18th and the Technical Assistance for Federal Cost Sharing Program is still open on a rolling basis. Mr. Rodriguez reminded everyone of the CWCB Board meeting on November 18-19 in the Denver area. CWCB Director Greg Felt reported on the September CWCB meeting in Durango. Mr. Felt commended the CWCB Finance Section on their management of funds for projects. The CWCB board reviewed and approved the Colorado Water Plan grants. A public hearing on the



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Shoshone instream flow water right acquisition was held. The board will make a determination on the instream flow right at the November board meeting.

- d. IBCC Report - Jeris Danielson reported that the IBCC will meet at the C9 Summit on October 29th. Topics will be the No-Low Regrets initiative and Colorado Water Plan (CWP) funding.
 - e. Arkansas River Watershed Collaborative – Executive Director Jonathan Pakalian reported that the PEPO organized tour with the Rio Grande Basin Roundtable members was quite successful. He also reported that the CWP grant application that was submitted was approved for the Lower Arkansas project at a smaller dollar amount and scope of work. Mr. Pakalian stated that ARWC is accepting bids for work on the Lake County project.
 - f. PEPO – Committee Chair Ariel Hacker reported the next PEPO meeting will be October 16, 2025 at 4pm and offered to meet with new Chair Chris Woodka.
 - g. Enviro/Rec – Chair Bob Hamel reported that the Arkansas River Basin Water Forum Planning Committee will meet on October 14th at 2pm at the UAWCD and zoom.
 - h. Ag/Muni Committee – No report
3. Presentation - Quantification of Recreational Flows and Risks Phase I - Hattie Johnson with American Whitewater and Todd Doherty with Western Water Partnerships provided a powerpoint presentation and answered questions from the attendees.
4. The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 3:30pm.