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Statewide Outreach Status Update – May 2014

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How much input on Colorado's Water Plan has the CWCB received to date?

Between September 20, 2013 and May 2, 2014 the Colorado Water Conservation Board received over 650 email submissions and 65 webforms through the Colorado's Water Plan website containing input related to the development of Colorado's Water Plan. A total of 44 attachments comprising 410 pages (not including the summary spreadsheets or cover pages) in the CWCB Board packet have been reviewed. In addition, 588 pages of form letters have also been included in the Board packet and reviewed to date. To date, CWCB staff has met with over 60 organizations, agencies, and other partners statewide regarding their involvement in the development of Colorado's Water Plan. Please note that information related to the input generated through the Basin Roundables is included in a separate report.

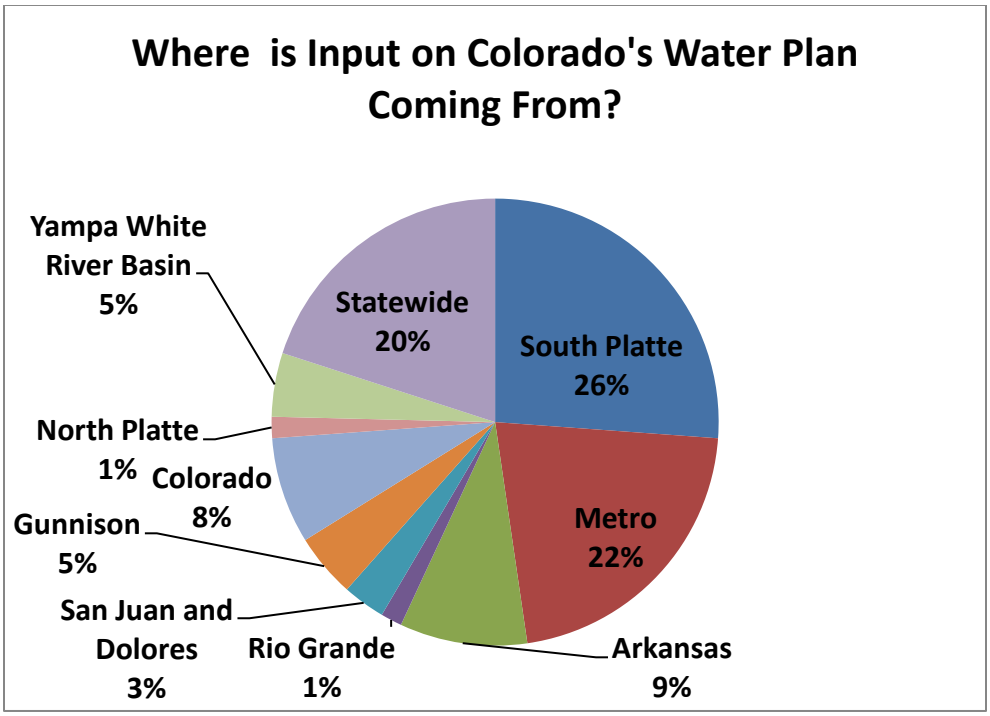

Figure 1. Geographic representation of where input is being submitted from across the State of Colorado. These figures are based on a total of 65 webforms generated from the Colorado's Water Plan website (www.coloradowaterplan.com) between 9/20/2013 and 5/2/2014.

Where is the input on Colorado's Water Plan coming from?

As shown in Figure 1, out of the webforms submitted to date, 48% of the input is coming from residents in the South Platte / Metro basin, followed by 20% who identify their location as "statewide". Figure 1 provides a more detailed analysis of the geographic representation based on where input is being submitted from across the State of Colorado. As shown in Figure 2, out of the webforms submitted to date, 60% of the input is coming from constituents that identify themselves as members of the "general public", followed by 23% who identify themselves as members of the "environment and recreation" community. Figure 2 provides a more detailed analysis of the constituent groups people submitting input most closely identify with from across the State of Colorado.

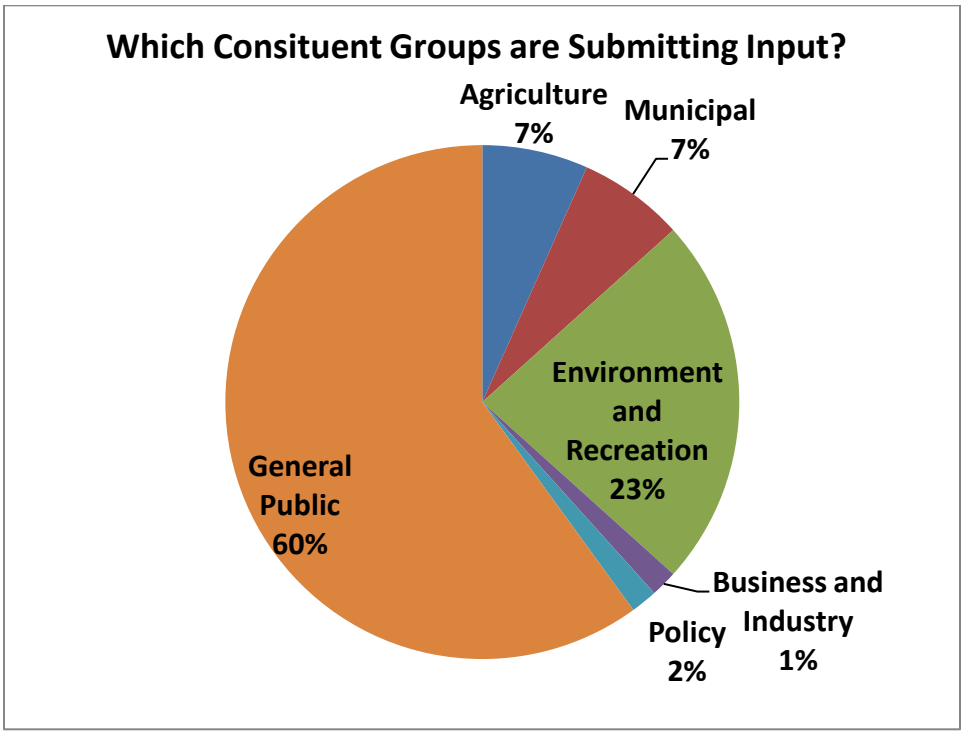

Figure 2. Based on data collected from a total of 60 webforms submitted through Colorado's Water Plan website (www.coloradowaterplan.com) between 9/20/2013 and 5/2/2014. Individuals were asked to identify the constituent group they most closely identify with.

How is all of this public input really being used in the development of Colorado's Water Plan?

The CWCB has published a formal response for each piece of input submitted by email to cowaterplan@state.co.us or webform submitted through the Colorado's Water Plan website. Based on all of the input received, CWCB staff has updated the Colorado's Water Plan Framework, Annotated Framework, the Guides for Public Input, and several draft chapters and sections of Colorado's Water Plan already released for public review. Updated draft chapters and sections will be re-released in October, 2014 for final review before submission of the 2014 Draft Colorado's Water Plan to the Governor in December, 2014. Input will continue throughout 2015 before the final version of Colorado's Water Plan is submitted to the Governor. The CWCB also continues to forward input related to specific Basin Roundtables to the outreach teams within those Basin Roundtables.

Where can I find a record of the input received to date and the CWCB's responses?

A new page was created on the Colorado's Water Plan website in order to make available for review all of the input received to date and formal responses by the Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB). Access it at http://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cowaterplan/record-input-received-date. The page links to summary spreadsheets including the formal CWCB responses to all input received, as well as a full record of all documents received. These documents have also been included in the CWCB Board packets for review and comment by the CWCB Board.

How many people are using the Colorado's Water Plan website?

Since the website was launched on November 1, 2013 there has been a steady rise in the number of people visiting the website each month (see Figure 3). Through April 30, 2014 there were over 10,000 pageviews, of which nearly 5,000 were "unique pageviews" meaning that nearly 5,000 different individuals have accessed the website. **Chapter 7. Outreach, Education, and Public Engagement** of Colorado's Water Plan will provide a more detailed analysis of which pages on the website were accessed most frequently over the planning phase, and which specific outreach activities may have contributed to rises in overall website access.

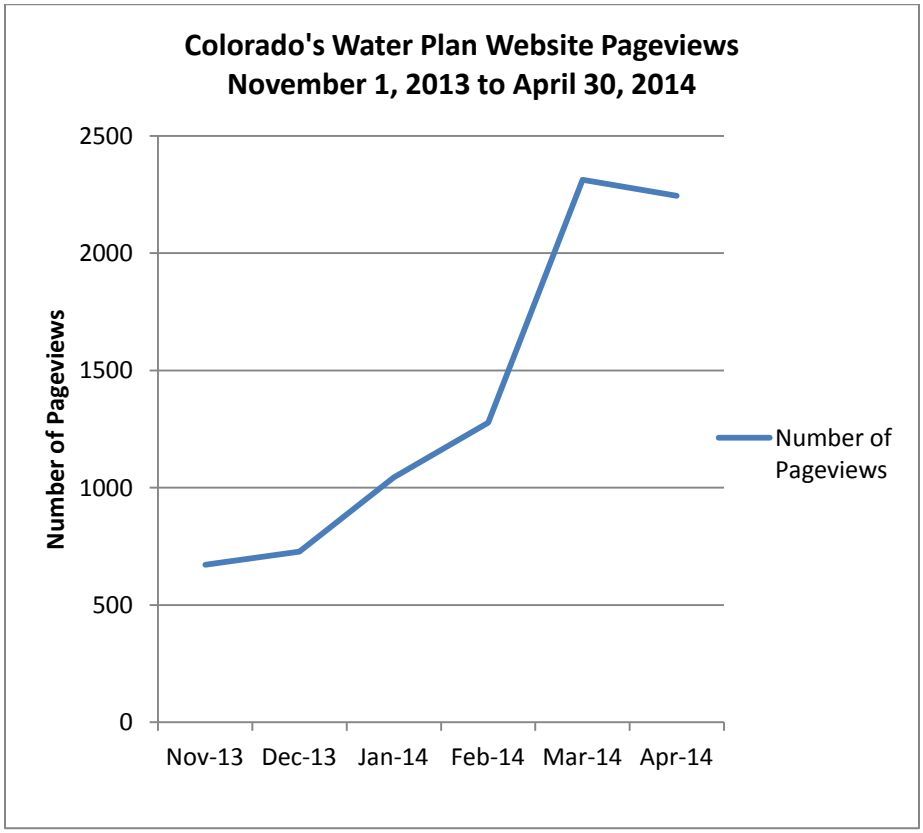

Figure 3. Graph showing the number of "pageviews" generated on the Colorado's Water Plan website (www.coloradowaterplan.com) during each month since the website was launched on November 1, 2013.

What about all of the draft chapters and sections of Colorado's Water Plan – when will they be available for public review?

All of the draft chapters and sections of Colorado's Water Plan that have been released for public review to date are available online, the link is provided below. The schedule of release dates for draft chapters and sections is also available online.

Colorado's Water Plan Framework and Draft Chapters:
http://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cowaterplan/framework-documents-and-draft-chapters

Where can I find additional resources to help guide me in submitting input?

Updated guides for public input for several stakeholder groups were updated in April, 2014 and posted online, links to the relevant pages on the Colorado's Water Plan website are provided below:

Guide for Submission of Input Related to Agriculture:
http://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cowaterplan/agriculture

Guide for Submitting Input Related to the Environment and Recreation:
http://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cowaterplan/environment-and-recreation

Guide for Municipal and Industrial Entities:
http://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cowaterplan/municipal-and-local-government

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Basin Roundtable Outreach Status Update – May 2014

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Basin Roundtable Outreach Summary

Total number of meetings hosted by the Basin Roundtables between February 1 and May 2, 2014 (not including regular basin roundtable meetings): 100

Total number of meeting attendees through May 2, 2014: 1,435 *(data unavailable for Arkansas and Colorado)*

The general outreach approach within the basin roundtables (BRTs) across the state has focused on hosting public meetings hosted *in addition to the regular roundtable meetings* as indicated by the numbers above. Detailed reports were submitted by each BRT in May, 2014 to update the CWCB Board, the IBCC, the BRTs statewide, and the general public on outreach activities within the basins and planning to date. Those reports are all included in their original formats as attachments to this document, which merely provides a summary for each basin. All roundtables are using their Education Action Plans (EAPs) to guide their outreach strategies including the $2,000 available in funding. Four roundtables have developed their own websites with input forms while others use online or paper surveys to collect input. Some roundtables are using internal capacity to implement outreach activities while others are sub-contracting with the BIP consultants or relying on external partnerships. Regardless, all roundtables are collaborating with their outreach teams more heavily than ever before and it will be imperative to consider how to sustain this momentum once the BIP drafting phase ends in July. Only a couple of roundtables have really begun long-term planning since they are all so focused on the BIP public input process. It will remain the role of the Public Education, Participation and Outreach (PEPO) Workgroup to assist CWCB and the roundtables in strategic planning, implementation, and evaluation of these activities.

Arkansas Basin Roundtable Outreach Summary

Number of meetings: 2

Number of attendees: n/a

The general outreach approach has focused on internal organization such as creating a BRT letterhead for use on correspondence and other documents, scripts for public service announcements distributed to roundtable members for use in attracting participants to meetings, and the development of a website (www.arkansasbasin.com) for archived materials and to submit

comments through an online form. The Arkansas BRT is beginning to track online input and analyze comments by county, type and summary of input. Also of note was one full day of presentations on Colorado's Water Plan and the Arkansas Basin Implementation Plan in conjunction with the Arkansas River Basin Water Forum in April capped by a "clicker poll" of participants to secure additional data. Looking ahead, roundtable members have scheduled an additional five outreach meetings in locations across the basin.

Colorado Basin Roundtable Outreach Summary

Number of meetings: 51
Number of attendees: n/a
The general approach to outreach has focused on proactive outreach through presentations at outreach meetings to community groups, local elected officials, water providers and watershed groups. A series of over 30 local newspaper articles is archived on the CMU Water Center website and the team is utilizing social media and a separate website to disseminate information, meeting notices and collect input forms at www.coloradobip.sgm-inc.com. To date, 82 on-line surveys from two distinct surveys ("basin values" and "how community water needs should be met") have been developed and distributed via newspaper articles and email. Also of note are the extensive partnerships developed with organizations to help spread the word & generate input, such as Roaring Fork Conservancy, Eagle River Watershed, Trout Unlimited and Club 20.

Gunnison Basin Roundtable Outreach Summary

Number of meetings: 3
Number of attendees: 140
The general approach to outreach has focused on building roundtable capacity to hold public information-and-input meetings in six distinct areas to both general public and groups of decision-makers as well as numerous BIP technical meetings with target stakeholder groups. Promoting these meetings has been through press releases, shopper publication advertisements, and personal contact through email, phone calls or face-to-face encounters. Comments from the meetings have been reviewed by the BIP Committee and incorporated into the BIP as appropriate. Looking ahead, roundtable members have scheduled an additional three outreach meetings in locations across the basin.

Metro/South Platte Basin Roundtable Outreach Summary

Number of meetings: 11
Number of attendees: 408
The general approach to outreach has been hosting targeted outreach meetings for BIP stakeholders groups, water boards and community leaders as well as developing extensive online content on the website (www.southplattebasin.com) including social media links, several videos of roundtable chairs, and an online survey for comments. Roundtable members have also participated in two community radio shows. Looking ahead, the roundtable and consultants will perform an analysis of public and stakeholder comments for incorporation into the joint BIP.

North Platte Basin Roundtable Outreach Summary

Number of meetings: 1
Number of attendees: 22
The general approach to outreach has focused on one public outreach meeting, which was announced with informational content in the local newspaper along with distribution of a public input survey. The roundtable has also called several special BIP work sessions.

Rio Grande Basin Roundtable Outreach Summary

Number of meetings: 23
Number of attendees: 458
The general approach has been focused on proactive outreach through meetings delivered in locations across the basin by various roundtable members targeted at three distinct groups: general community, county commissioners and stakeholder groups. This has resulted in increasing public attendance at regular roundtable meetings. In addition, six separate BIP subcommittees have met a total of 21 times. The team has also produced bi-weekly newspaper articles, monthly radio shows and created a website (www.riograndewaterplan.com) for archiving materials and public submission of comments. Looking ahead, the roundtable will be developing a BIP 101 booklet similar to the Gunnison Basin. In the long-term, they will continue the momentum of existing outreach activities as well as create a forum to discuss "Multiple Use Project Implementation."

Southwest Basin Roundtable Outreach Summary

Number of meetings: 4
Number of attendees: 140
The general approach has been on basic outreach such as distribution of the BIP fact sheets, a "talking points" PowerPoint presentation for roundtable members, four newspaper articles, 56 articles specifically referencing Colorado's Water Plan on the Water Information Program website and information about the IBCC/roundtable process presented at the annual Water 101 Seminar. Roundtable members have delivered special presentations to water boards and rotary club plus the BIP consultants have met with and talked to 83 individuals throughout the basin. Of particular note is the "social hour" before each roundtable meeting for the public to attend and network.

Yampa/White/Green Basin Roundtable Outreach Summary

Number of meetings: 5
Number of attendees: 267
The general approach has been outreach meetings early in the BIP process hosted by roundtable members and reaching out to community groups. These meetings have included polling to collect data on participant demographics and their water uses and values. They were advertised through a variety of mechanisms such as newspapers, radio, postcards, flyers, email and personal contacts. Stakeholder groups have been encouraged to submit white papers and there is a roundtable email account for receiving comments. The roundtable scheduled three special meetings to consider public input and continue developing the BIP.

Arkansas Basin Roundtable Outreach Progress Report
May 7, 2014

The Public Engagement, Participation and Outreach Committee for the Arkansas Basin Roundtable has been reinvigorated in the past three months. Terry Book from the Board of Water Works of Pueblo is now the Education Liaison for the Ark basin, and PEPO activities have increased significantly in the effort to secure input from additional, previously-disengaged segments of the basin's varied publics.

Significant achievements include:

A website was created at www.arkansasbasin.com for use by the Roundtable not only for securing additional input for the Basin Implementation Plan, but also for ongoing use by the Roundtable in communicating its succeeding activities to and securing feedback from stakeholders and other interested parties.

Updating and refining the website has continued, as needed.
Arkansas Basin Roundtable letterhead was created for use on correspondence and various other documents.

Scripts have been developed for public service announcements and distributed to roundtable members for use in attracting participants to their various meetings.

Roundtable members have scheduled and begun conducting outreach meetings in a wide variety of locations across the basin. Upcoming meetings include:

ARKANSAS BASIN ROUNDTABLE MEETING
May 14th, 11:30 am - 3:00 pm
CSU-Pueblo, Occhiato Center

PUBLIC OUTREACH MEETINGS

SALIDA
May 6th, 5:00 pm
Salida Citizen's Center
305 F Street, Salida, CO

HUGO
May 7th, 1:00 PM
Courthouse
103 3rd Avenue, Hugo, CO

SIMLA
May 15th, 7:00 PM
Simla High School
18091 CR 125, Simla, CO

LAS ANIMAS
May 20th, 7:00 pm
Location TBD

ROCKY FORD
May 22nd, 7:00 pm
Elk's Lodge
301 North 8th, Rocky Ford, CO

FOWLER
May 27th, 7:00 pm
Location TBD

COLORADO SPRINGS
June 3rd, 6:00 pm
Leon Young Service Center
1521 Hancock Expressway

In conjunction with the Arkansas River Basin Water Forum, one full day of presentations on Colorado's Water Plan and the Arkansas Basin Implementation Plan was conducted at the annual Forum in La Junta, capped by a "clicker poll" of Forum participants to secure additional data for the Roundtable. The results of that poll are attached as Appendix B. Participants were also encouraged to fill out hard copy information forms that were provided for addition input.

Collection of responses from meetings, website submissions, etc. continues. A summary of submissions in attached as Appendix A.

APPENDIX A

	Received	From	County	Type	Summary
1	3/1/2014	Jessie Shaffer	El Paso	Muni	Reuse/conservation projects-lease/fallow agreements
2	3/1/2014	Jessie Shaffer	El Paso	Muni	Joint/shared infrastructure projects-aquifer storage, reuse, facilities
3	3/1/2014	Jessie Shaffer	El Paso	Muni	New water supply projects-Flaming Gorge
4	3/2/2014	Al Garcia	Huerfano	Ag	Allow farmers to conserve water by replacing ditches with pipe
5	3/2/2014	Al Garcia	Huerfano	Ag	Promote crop rotation and renewal by subsidizing cost of seed & fuel
6	3/2/2014	Al Garcia	Huerfano	Muni	Encourage municipal xeriscaping by improved layering of water fees
7	3/2/2014	Al Garcia	Huerfano	Rec	Conserve water by converting golf course fairways to natural grass, only irrigating greens
8	3/2/2014	Al Garcia	Huerfano	Ag	Improve water usage & return flows by requiring all tail water to be returned to stream.
9	3/11/2014	Will Koger	Elbert	Ag/Muni	Help local government & water providers with comprehensive water plan
10	4/1/2014	Kent Mace	Huerfano	Ag/Rec/Muni	Cucharas Basin regional augmentation plan to meet non-irrigation water needs outside incorporated muni
11	4/1/2014	Kent Mace	Huerfano	All	Watershed Health - Huerfano basin pre-fire assessment project
12	4/1/2014	Kent Mace	Huerfano	All	Watershed Health - Cucharas basin pre-fire mitigation implementation project
13	4/1/2014	Kent Mace	Huerfano	All	Increase water storage availability - Cucharas Dam #5 Rehab project
14	4/1/2014	Kent Mace	Huerfano	All	Huerfano Basin regional augmentation plan to meet non-irrigation water needs outside incorporated muni
15	4/1/2014	Kent Mace	Huerfano	All	Increase senior water storage and aug water within Cucharas Basin-Maria Lake Transfer project
16	4/1/2014	Kent Mace	Huerfano	Ag/Rec/Muni	Meet non-irrigation water requirements outside muni areas-Mill Lake rehabilitation
17	4/1/2014	Kent Mace	Huerfano	Ag/Rec/Muni	Rehab & repurpose defunct water storage reservoirs - Wahatoya and Diagre Transfer & Relocation project
18	4/2/2014	Curtis Mitchell	El Paso	Ag/Muni	Collaborative projects and programs that go beyond conservation & focus on sustainability
19	4/2/2014	Curtis Mitchell	El Paso	Ag/Muni	Alternative Ag transfers such as rotational fallowing
20	4/2/2014	Curtis Mitchell	El Paso	Ag/Muni	irrigation efficiency
21	4/2/2014	Curtis Mitchell	El Paso	Ag/Muni	Gravel pit storage
22	4/2/2014	Curtis Mitchell	El Paso	Ag/Muni	SDS
23	4/2/2014	Curtis Mitchell	El Paso	Ag/Muni	Exchanges into Pueblo Reservoir
24	4/2/2014	Curtis Mitchell	El Paso	Ag/Muni	Super Ditch
25	4/2/2014	Curtis Mitchell	El Paso	Ag/Muni	Development of storage to address variability of supply
26	4/2/2014	Curtis Mitchell	El Paso	Ag/Muni	enhance ability to exchange vs physically moving water
27	4/2/2014	Curtis Mitchell	El Paso	Ag/Muni	big picture solutions-include climate studies
28	4/2/2014	Curtis Mitchell	El Paso	Ag/Muni	big picture solutions-basin transfers
29	4/7/2014	Art Pierce	Huerfano	Muni	Water quality improvement - streambank intake structure to provide alternative intake for Cuchara S & W District
30	4/7/2014	Art Pierce	Huerfano	Muni/Rec	Reservoir on South Baker Creek to for raw water storage. Water supply, rec, firefighting
31	4/7/2014	Art Pierce	Huerfano	Rec	Enlarge snow-making storage pond & available water to improve the ski area recreational opportunity
32	4/11/2014	Tom Tharnish	El Paso	Muni	Reuse Project - Town of Monument and project partners
33	4/11/2014	Tom Tharnish	El Paso	Rec	Recreation for small towns - Monument Lake fishing dock/pier
34	4/23/2014	Sean Chambers	El Paso	All	Collaborative planning & development of adaptive mgmt tools to prepare for increased variability & competition for supply
35	4/23/2014	Bill Orendorff	Non	Ag/Muni	Ag to muni water transfers
36	4/23/2014	Bill Orendorff	Non	Ag/Muni	Rotational fallowing that takes water out of basin of origin
37	4/23/2014	Bill Orendorff	Non	Ag	Water quality - salinity levels in Ag water supply
38	4/23/2014	Bill Orendorff	Non	All	Water quality-Kansas is pushing for studies in the Lower Ark pertaining to selenium and uranium levels
39	4/23/2014	Nolan Does	Non	All	Importance of basis, ongoing & historically consistent climate and water resources monitoring at state level.
40	4/23/2014	Laurine Szymanski	Otero	All	Increased Storage
41	4/23/2014	Laurine Szymanski	Otero	All	Improve conservation education on front range
42	4/23/2014	Laurine Szymanski	Otero	All	Start at grassroots - kids to parents
	4/30/2014	James Littlefield	Huerfano		

APPENDIX B

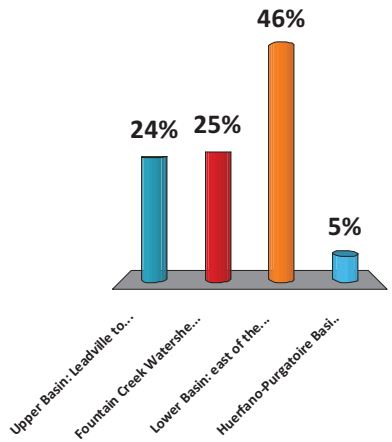
Arkansas River Basin Forum

April 23, 2014

Polling Results

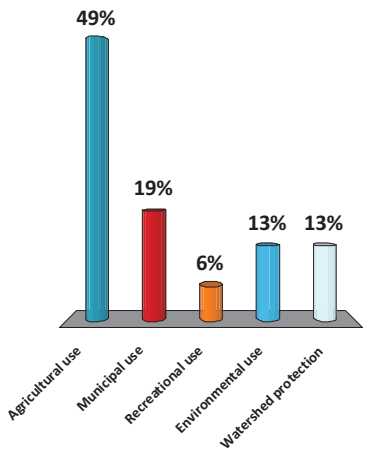
In what part of the Arkansas River Basin do you live?

A. Upper Basin: Leadville to Cañon City (Fremont County)
B. Fountain Creek Watershed and Pueblo
C. Lower Basin: east of the Pueblo City limit to the state line
D. Huerfano–Purgatoire Basins and SE counties



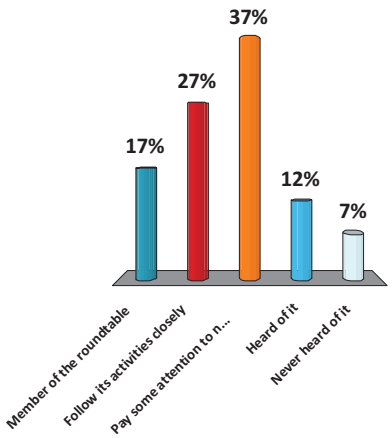
What is your primary interest in protecting Arkansas River Water?

A. Agricultural use
B. Municipal use
C. Recreational use
D. Environmental use
E. Watershed protection



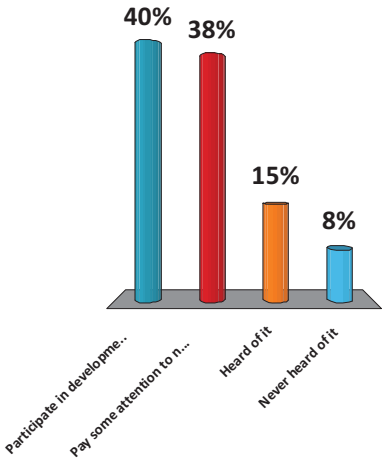
Before today, how familiar were you with the Arkansas Basin Roundtable?

A. Member of the roundtable
B. Follow its activities closely
C. Pay some attention to news stories about it
D. Heard of it
E. Never heard of it



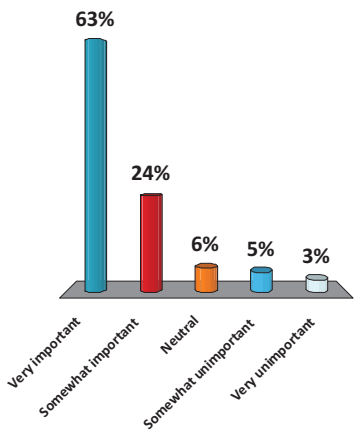
Before today, how familiar were you with the development of Colorado's Water Plan?

A. Participate in development activities
B. Pay some attention to news stories about it
C. Heard of it
D. Never heard of it



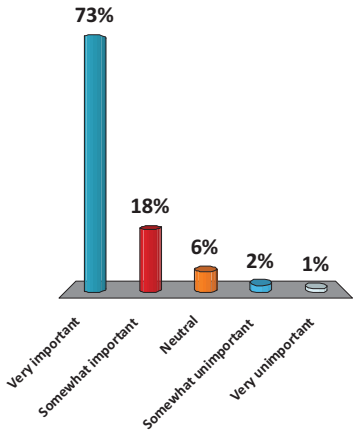
Please rate how important municipal supply is to you.

A. Very important
B. Somewhat important
C. Neutral
D. Somewhat unimportant
E. Very unimportant



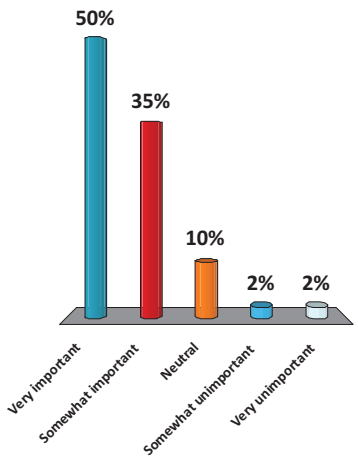
Please rate how important agricultural supply is to you.

A. Very important
B. Somewhat important
C. Neutral
D. Somewhat unimportant
E. Very unimportant



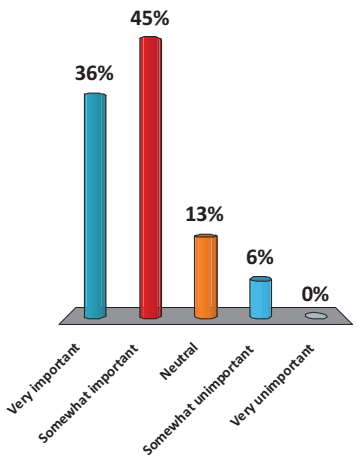
Please rate how important environmental health is to you.

A. Very important
B. Somewhat important
C. Neutral
D. Somewhat unimportant
E. Very unimportant



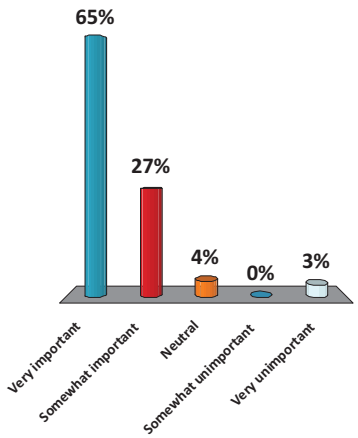
Please rate how important recreation is to you.

A. Very important
B. Somewhat important
C. Neutral
D. Somewhat unimportant
E. Very unimportant



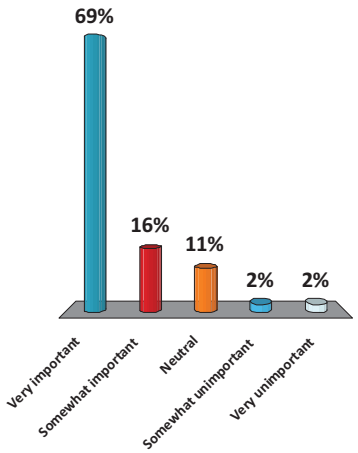
Please rate how important watershed protection is to you.

A. Very important
B. Somewhat important
C. Neutral
D. Somewhat unimportant
E. Very unimportant



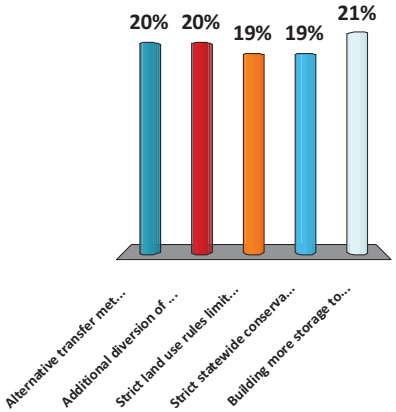
Water planners are concerned that the state's growth may permanently transfer too much agricultural water to growing cities. How important is it to slow or stop this dry-up?

A. Very important
B. Somewhat important
C. Neutral
D. Somewhat unimportant
E. Very unimportant



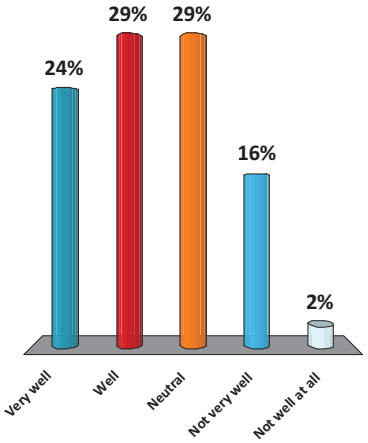
Please select, in order of priority, your preferences for what methods should be included in the Basin Implementation Plan to slow or stop this dry-up.

A. Alternative transfer methods
B. Additional diversion of West Slope water to East Slope cities
C. Strict land use rules limiting growth in cities
D. Strict statewide conservation laws to reduce municipal water demands
E. Building more storage to capture water in times of good supply



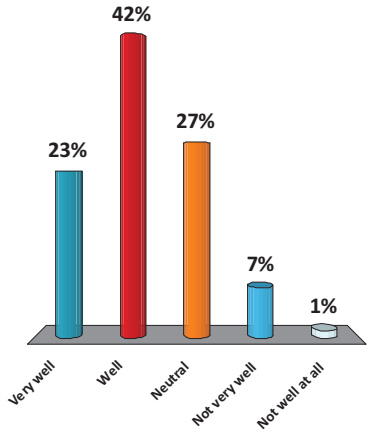
How well have flows in the Arkansas Basin been managed to meet environmental needs along the river?

A. Very well
B. Well
C. Neutral
D. Not very well
E. Not well at all



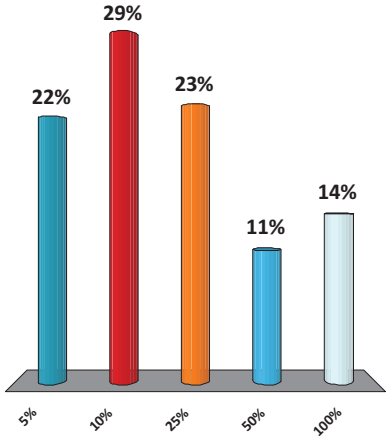
How well have flows in the Arkansas Basin been managed to meet recreational needs along the river?

A. Very well
B. Well
C. Neutral
D. Not very well
E. Not well at all



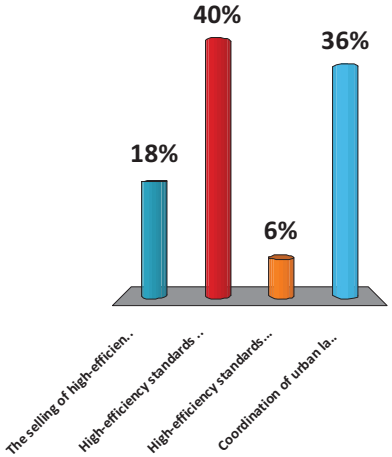
The law of supply and demand usually means a resource that becomes more scarce will increase in price. How much more would you be willing to pay for your water to provide balanced protection for all water uses?

A. 5%
B. 10%
C. 25%
D. 50%
E. 100%



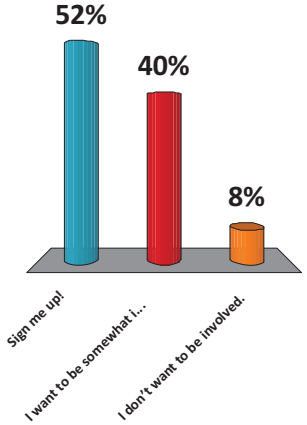
Which of the following approaches to conservation do you think people in your community would be most likely to support?

A. The selling of high-efficiency plumbing fixtures and appliances in Colorado
B. High-efficiency standards in new residential and commercial developments for plumbing fixtures, appliances, and landscaping
C. High-efficiency standards for the resale of residences for plumbing fixtures and irrigation system audits
D. Coordination of urban land planning and water supply planning



Considering all you have learned about the Basin Implementation Plan and Colorado's Water Plan, how willing are you to be personally involved in the continuing efforts?

A. Sign me up!
B. I want to be somewhat involved.
C. I don't want to be involved.



Which of the following statements best expresses how the presentations today have affected your knowledge of Arkansas River issues?

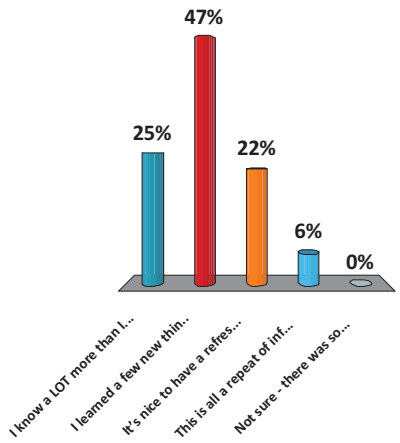
A. I know a LOT more than I did when we started

B. I learned a few new things that add to what I already knew

C. It's nice to have a refresher on a body of knowledge I know and work with

D. This is all a repeat of information already covered elsewhere

E. Not sure – there was so much information I am overwhelmed



Upper Basin (Leadville to Canon City): 18 Respondents

1. *What is your primary interest in protecting Arkansas River Water?*		
	Percent	Count
Agricultural Use	41.18%	7
Municipal Use	17.65%	3
Recreational Use	5.88%	1
Environmental Use	17.65%	3
Watershed Protection	17.65%	3

2. Before today, how familiar were you with the Arkansas Basin Roundtable?		
	Percent	Count
Member of the roundtable	16.67%	3
Follow its activities closely	33.33%	6
Pay some attention to news stories about it	38.89%	7
Heard of it	5.56%	1
Never heard of it	5.56%	1

3. Before today, how familiar were you with the development of Colorado's Water Plan?		
	Percent	Count
Participate in development activities	44.44%	8
Pay some attention to news stories about it	38.89%	7
Heard of it	11.11%	2
Never heard of it	5.56%	1

4. Please rate how important municipal supply is to you.		
	Percent	Count
Very important	55.56%	10
Somewhat important	22.22%	4
Neutral	11.11%	2
Somewhat unimportant	11.11%	2
Very unimportant	0.00%	0

5. Please rate how important agricultural supply is to you.		
	Percent	Count
Very important	61.11%	11
Somewhat important	22.22%	4
Neutral	16.67%	3
Somewhat unimportant	0.00%	0
Very unimportant	0.00%	0

6. Please rate how important environmental health is to you.		
	Percent	Count
Very important	50.00%	9
Somewhat important	38.89%	7
Neutral	11.11%	2
Somewhat unimportant	0.00%	0
Very unimportant	0.00%	0

7. Please rate how important recreation is to you.		
	Percent	Count
Very important	29.41%	5
Somewhat important	58.82%	10
Neutral	5.88%	1
Somewhat unimportant	5.88%	1
Very unimportant	0.00%	0

8. Please rate how important watershed protection is to you.		
	Percent	Count
Very important	66.67%	12
Somewhat important	27.78%	5
Neutral	5.56%	1
Somewhat unimportant	0.00%	0
Very unimportant	0.00%	0

9. Water planners are concerned that the state's growth may permanently transfer too much agricultural water to growing cities. How important is it to slow or stop this dry-up?		
	Percent	Count
Very important	61.11%	11
Somewhat important	33.33%	6
Neutral	5.56%	1
Somewhat unimportant	0.00%	0
Very unimportant	0.00%	0

Upper Basin (Leadville to Canon City): 18 Respondents

10. Please select, in order of priority, your preferences for what methods should be included in the Basin Implementation Plan to slow or stop this dry-up.

	Percent	Count
Alternative transfer methods	18.71%	128
Additional diversion of West Slope water to East Slope cities	14.91%	102
Strict land use rules limiting growth in cities	20.76%	142
Strict statewide conservation laws to reduce municipal water demands	20.32%	139
Building more storage to capture water in times of good supply	25.29%	173

11. How well have flows in the Arkansas Basin been managed to meet environmental needs along the river?

	Percent	Count
Very well	33.33%	6
Well	16.67%	3
Neutral	27.78%	5
Not very well	16.67%	3
Not well at all	5.56%	1

12. How well have flows in the Arkansas Basin been managed to meet recreational needs along the river?

	Percent	Count
Very well	22.22%	4
Well	33.33%	6
Neutral	38.89%	7
Not very well	5.56%	1
Not well at all	0.00%	0

13. The law of supply and demand usually means a resource that becomes more scarce will increase in price. How much more would you be willing to pay for your water to provide balanced protection for all water uses?

	Percent	Count
5%	27.78%	5
10%	27.78%	5
25%	27.78%	5
50%	16.67%	3
100%	0.00%	0

14. Which of the following approaches to conservation do you think people in your community would be most likely to support?

	Percent	Count
The selling of high-efficiency plumbing fixtures and appliances in Colorado	16.67	3
High-efficiency standards in new residential and commercial developments for plumbing fixtures, appliances, and landscaping	44.44	8
High-efficiency standards for the resale of residences for plumbing fixtures and irrigation system audits	0.00	0
Coordination of urban land planning and water supply planning	38.89	7

15. Considering all you have learned about the Basin Implementation Plan and Colorado's Water Plan, how willing are you to be personally involved in the continuing efforts?

	Percent	Count
Sign me up!	62.50	10
I want to be somewhat involved.	31.25	5
I don't want to be involved.	6.25	1

Fountain Creek Watershed and Pueblo: 19 Respondents

1. *What is your primary interest in protecting Arkansas River Water?*	Percent	Count
Agricultural use	0.00%	0
Municipal use	47.37%	9
Recreational use	10.53%	2
Environmental use	15.79%	3
Watershed protection	26.32%	5

2. Before today, how familiar were you with the Arkansas Basin Roundtable?	Percent	Count
Member of the roundtable	42.11%	8
Follow its activities closely	26.32%	5
Pay some attention to news stories about it	26.32%	5
Heard of it	5.26%	1
Never heard of it	0.00%	0

3. Before today, how familiar were you with the development of Colorado's Water Plan?	Percent	Count
Participate in development activities	57.89%	11
Pay some attention to news stories about it	36.84%	7
Heard of it	5.26%	1
Never heard of it	0.00%	0

4. Please rate how important municipal supply is to you.	Percent	Count
Very important	89.47%	17
Somewhat important	5.26%	1
Neutral	5.26%	1
Somewhat unimportant	0.00%	0
Very unimportant	0.00%	0

5. Please rate how important agricultural supply is to you.	Percent	Count
Very important	63.16%	12
Somewhat important	26.32%	5
Neutral	5.26%	1
Somewhat unimportant	5.26%	1
Very unimportant	0.00%	0

6. Please rate how important environmental health is to you.	Percent	Count
Very important	73.68%	14
Somewhat important	15.79%	3
Neutral	5.26%	1
Somewhat unimportant	0.00%	0
Very unimportant	5.26%	1

7. Please rate how important recreation is to you.	Percent	Count
Very important	52.63%	10
Somewhat important	42.11%	8
Neutral	0.00%	0
Somewhat unimportant	5.26%	1
Very unimportant	0.00%	0

8. Please rate how important watershed protection is to you.	Percent	Count
Very important	78.95%	15
Somewhat important	10.53%	2
Neutral	5.26%	1
Somewhat unimportant	0.00%	0
Very unimportant	5.26%	1

9. Water planners are concerned that the state's growth may permanently transfer too much agricultural water to growing cities. How important is it to slow or stop this dry-up?	Percent	Count
Very important	50.00%	9
Somewhat important	22.22%	4
Neutral	11.11%	2
Somewhat unimportant	11.11%	2
Very unimportant	5.56%	1

10. Please select, in order of priority, your preferences for what methods should be included in the Basin Implementation Plan to slow or stop this dry-up.

	Percent	Count
Alternative transfer methods	20.49%	152
Additional diversion of West Slope water to East Slope cities	23.72%	176
Strict land use rules limiting growth in cities	16.58%	123
Strict statewide conservation laws to reduce municipal water demands	20.89%	155
Building more storage to capture water in times of good supply	18.33%	136

11. How well have flows in the Arkansas Basin been managed to meet environmental needs along the river?

	Percent	Count
Very well	21.05%	4
Well	42.11%	8
Neutral	26.32%	5
Not very well	10.53%	2
Not well at all	0.00%	0

12. How well have flows in the Arkansas Basin been managed to meet recreational needs along the river?

	Percent	Count
Very well	36.84%	7
Well	31.58%	6
Neutral	21.05%	4
Not very well	5.26%	1
Not well at all	5.26%	1

13. The law of supply and demand usually means a resource that becomes more scarce will increase in price. How much more would you be willing to pay for your water to provide balanced protection for all water uses?

	Percent	Count
5%	21.05%	4
10%	10.53%	2
25%	36.84%	7
50%	10.53%	2
100%	21.05%	4

14. Which of the following approaches to conservation do you think people in your community would be most likely to support?

	Percent	Count
The selling of high-efficiency plumbing fixtures and appliances in Colorado	16.67%	3
High-efficiency standards in new residential and commercial developments for plumbing fixtures, appliances, and landscaping	50.00%	9
High-efficiency standards for the resale of residences for plumbing fixtures and irrigation system audits	0.00%	0
Coordination of urban land planning and water supply planning	33.33%	6

15. Considering all you have learned about the Basin Implementation Plan and Colorado's Water Plan, how willing are you to be personally involved in the continuing efforts?

	Percent	Count
Sign me up!	77.78%	14
I want to be somewhat involved.	11.11%	2
I don't want to be involved.	11.11%	2

Lower Basin: 35 Respondents

1. *What is your primary interest in protecting Arkansas River Water?*		
	Percent	Count
Agricultural use	73.53%	25
Municipal use	8.82%	3
Recreational use	2.94%	1
Environmental use	14.71%	5
Watershed protection	0.00%	0

2. Before today, how familiar were you with the Arkansas Basin Roundtable?		
	Percent	Count
Member of the roundtable	11.76%	4
Follow its activities closely	23.53%	8
Pay some attention to news stories about it	38.24%	13
Heard of it	14.71%	5
Never heard of it	11.76%	4

3. Before today, how familiar were you with the development of Colorado's Water Plan?		
	Percent	Count
Participate in development activities	29.41%	10
Pay some attention to news stories about it	35.29%	12
Heard of it	17.65%	6
Never heard of it	17.65%	6

4. Please rate how important municipal supply is to you.		
	Percent	Count
Very important	52.94%	18
Somewhat important	26.47%	9
Neutral	5.88%	2
Somewhat unimportant	5.88%	2
Very unimportant	8.82%	3

5. Please rate how important agricultural supply is to you.		
	Percent	Count
Very important	82.35%	28
Somewhat important	8.82%	3
Neutral	2.94%	1
Somewhat unimportant	2.94%	1
Very unimportant	2.94%	1

6. Please rate how important environmental health is to you.		
	Percent	Count
Very important	35.29%	12
Somewhat important	44.12%	15
Neutral	11.76%	4
Somewhat unimportant	5.88%	2
Very unimportant	2.94%	1

7. Please rate how important recreation is to you.		
	Percent	Count
Very important	26.47%	9
Somewhat important	41.18%	14
Neutral	26.47%	9
Somewhat unimportant	5.88%	2
Very unimportant	0.00%	0

8. Please rate how important watershed protection is to you.		
	Percent	Count
Very important	52.94%	18
Somewhat important	38.24%	13
Neutral	2.94%	1
Somewhat unimportant	0.00%	0
Very unimportant	5.88%	2

9. Water planners are concerned that the state's growth may permanently transfer too much agricultural water to growing cities. How important is it to slow or stop this dry-up?		
	Percent	Count
Very important	82.35%	28
Somewhat important	5.88%	2
Neutral	8.82%	3
Somewhat unimportant	0.00%	0
Very unimportant	2.94%	1

Lower Basin: 35 Respondents

10. Please select, in order of priority, your preferences for what methods should be included in the Basin Implementation Plan to slow or stop this dry-up.

	Percent	Count
Alternative transfer methods	21.09%	274
Additional diversion of West Slope water to East Slope cities	19.78%	257
Strict land use rules limiting growth in cities	19.63%	255
Strict statewide conservation laws to reduce municipal water demands	18.78%	244
Building more storage to capture water in times of good supply	20.71%	269

11. How well have flows in the Arkansas Basin been managed to meet environmental needs along the river?

	Percent	Count
Very well	24.24%	8
Well	27.27%	9
Neutral	21.21%	7
Not very well	24.24%	8
Not well at all	3.03%	1

12. How well have flows in the Arkansas Basin been managed to meet recreational needs along the river?

	Percent	Count
Very well	14.71%	5
Well	50.00%	17
Neutral	29.41%	10
Not very well	5.88%	2
Not well at all	0.00%	0

13. The law of supply and demand usually means a resource that becomes more scarce will increase in price. How much more would you be willing to pay for your water to provide balanced protection for all water uses?

	Percent	Count
5%	24.24%	8
10%	33.33%	11
25%	12.12%	4
50%	12.12%	4
100%	18.18%	6

14. Which of the following approaches to conservation do you think people in your community would be most likely to support?

	Percent	Count
The selling of high-efficiency plumbing fixtures and appliances in Colorado	28.13%	9
High-efficiency standards in new residential and commercial developments for plumbing fixtures, appliances, and landscaping	28.13%	9
High-efficiency standards for the resale of residences for plumbing fixtures and irrigation system audits	6.25%	2
Coordination of urban land planning and water supply planning	37.50%	12

15. Considering all you have learned about the Basin Implementation Plan and Colorado's Water Plan, how willing are you to be personally involved in the continuing efforts?

	Percent	Count
Sign me up!	47.06%	16
I want to be somewhat involved.	44.12%	15
I don't want to be involved.	8.82%	3

Huerfano-Purgatoire Basins and SE Counties: 4 Respondents

1. *What is your primary interest in protecting Arkansas River Water?*		
	Percent	Count
Agricultural use	50.00%	2
Municipal use	0.00%	0
Recreational use	25.00%	1
Environmental use	0.00%	0
Watershed protection	25.00%	1

2. Before today, how familiar were you with the Arkansas Basin Roundtable?		
	Percent	Count
Member of the roundtable	0.00%	0
Follow its activities closely	33.33%	1
Pay some attention to news stories about it	33.33%	1
Heard of it	0.00%	0
Never heard of it	33.33%	1

3. Before today, how familiar were you with the development of Colorado's Water Plan?		
	Percent	Count
Participate in development activities	25.00%	1
Pay some attention to news stories about it	25.00%	1
Heard of it	50.00%	2
Never heard of it	0.00%	0

4. Please rate how important municipal supply is to you.		
	Percent	Count
Very important	50.00%	2
Somewhat important	50.00%	2
Neutral	0.00%	0
Somewhat unimportant	0.00%	0
Very unimportant	0.00%	0

5. Please rate how important agricultural supply is to you.		
	Percent	Count
Very important	75.00%	3
Somewhat important	25.00%	1
Neutral	0.00%	0
Somewhat unimportant	0.00%	0
Very unimportant	0.00%	0

6. Please rate how important environmental health is to you.		
	Percent	Count
Very important	25.00%	1
Somewhat important	50.00%	2
Neutral	25.00%	1
Somewhat unimportant	0.00%	0
Very unimportant	0.00%	0

7. Please rate how important recreation is to you.		
	Percent	Count
Very important	50.00%	2
Somewhat important	50.00%	2
Neutral	0.00%	0
Somewhat unimportant	0.00%	0
Very unimportant	0.00%	0

8. Please rate how important watershed protection is to you.		
	Percent	Count
Very important	50.00%	2
Somewhat important	50.00%	2
Neutral	0.00%	0
Somewhat unimportant	0.00%	0
Very unimportant	0.00%	0

9. Water planners are concerned that the state's growth may permanently transfer too much agricultural water to growing cities. How important is it to slow or stop this dry-up?		
	Percent	Count
Very important	66.67%	2
Somewhat important	0.00%	0
Neutral	33.33%	1
Somewhat unimportant	0.00%	0
Very unimportant	0.00%	0

10. Please select, in order of priority, your preferences for what methods should be included in the Basin Implementation Plan to slow or stop this dry-up.

	Percent	Count
Alternative transfer methods	20.00%	32
Additional diversion of West Slope water to East Slope cities	16.88%	27
Strict land use rules limiting growth in cities	20.00%	32
Strict statewide conservation laws to reduce municipal water demands	19.38%	31
Building more storage to capture water in times of good supply	23.75%	38

11. How well have flows in the Arkansas Basin been managed to meet environmental needs along the river?

	Percent	Count
Very well	25.00%	1
Well	25.00%	1
Neutral	50.00%	2
Not very well	0.00%	0
Not well at all	0.00%	0

12. How well have flows in the Arkansas Basin been managed to meet recreational needs along the river?

	Percent	Count
Very well	50.00%	2
Well	25.00%	1
Neutral	0.00%	0
Not very well	25.00%	1
Not well at all	0.00%	0

13. The law of supply and demand usually means a resource that becomes more scarce will increase in price. How much more would you be willing to pay for your water to provide balanced protection for all water uses?

	Percent	Count
5%	25.00%	1
10%	50.00%	2
25%	25.00%	1
50%	0.00%	0
100%	0.00%	0

14. Which of the following approaches to conservation do you think people in your community would be most likely to support?

	Percent	Count
The selling of high-efficiency plumbing fixtures and appliances in Colorado	0.00%	0
High-efficiency standards in new residential and commercial developments for plumbing fixtures, appliances, and landscaping	0.00%	0
High-efficiency standards for the resale of residences for plumbing fixtures and irrigation system audits	33.33%	1
Coordination of urban land planning and water supply planning	66.67%	2

15. Considering all you have learned about the Basin Implementation Plan and Colorado's Water Plan, how willing are you to be personally involved in the continuing efforts?

	Percent	Count
Sign me up!	25.00%	1
I want to be somewhat involved.	75.00%	3
I don't want to be involved.	0.00%	0

Which of the following statements best expresses how the presentations today have affected your knowledge of Arkansas River issues?

Upper Basin		
	Percent	Count
I know a LOT more than I did when we started	17.65%	3
I learned a few new things that add to what I already knew	52.94%	9
It's nice to have a refresher on a body of knowledge I know and work with	29.41%	5
This is all a repeat of information already covered elsewhere	0.00%	0
Not sure - there was so much information I am overwhelmed	0.00%	0

Lower Basin		
	Percent	Count
I know a LOT more than I did when we started	32.26%	10
I learned a few new things that add to what I already knew	41.94%	13
It's nice to have a refresher on a body of knowledge I know and work with	19.35%	6
This is all a repeat of information already covered elsewhere	6.45%	2
Not sure - there was so much information I am overwhelmed	0.00%	0

Fountain Creek Watershed and Pueblo		
	Percent	Count
I know a LOT more than I did when we started	21.05%	4
I learned a few new things that add to what I already knew	42.11%	8
It's nice to have a refresher on a body of knowledge I know and work with	21.05%	4
This is all a repeat of information already covered elsewhere	15.79%	3
Not sure - there was so much information I am overwhelmed	0.00%	0

Huerfano-Purgatoire and SE Counties		
	Percent	Count
I know a LOT more than I did when we started	50.00%	2
I learned a few new things that add to what I already knew	50.00%	2
It's nice to have a refresher on a body of knowledge I know and work with	0.00%	0
This is all a repeat of information already covered elsewhere	0.00%	0
Not sure - there was so much information I am overwhelmed	0.00%	0

Organization	Date	Presenter(s)
Roaring Fork Collaborative	12/23/2014	Louis Meyer
Realtor Association	6/25/2014	Louis
Basalt Water Providers	4/16/2014	Louis
Colorado Parks & Wildlife	4/14/2014	Alex Davis
Pitkin County Town Hall Meeting	4/10/2014	SGM
Basalt Water Conservancy District	4/8/2014	Louis
Grand Junction Planning Commission	4/4/2014	Rick Brinkman
Mesa County Town Hall Meeting	4/3/2014	SGM
City of Rifle Trustee Workshop	4/3/2014	Louis
Club 20	3/29/2014	John Stulp
Eagle County Town Hall Meeting	3/27/2014	SGM
Summit County Town Hall Meeting	3/26/2014	SGM
Winter Park Rotary	3/25/2014	Louis
Garfield County Commissioners	3/24/2014	Louis
Glenwood Springs Rotary	3/21/2014	Louis
Summit Water Quality Committee	3/19/2014	Lane Wyatt, Karn Stiegelmeier
Trout Unlimited - Breckenridge	3/18/2014	SGM
Glenwood Springs Kiwanis Club	3/18/2014	Louis
Colorado Parks & Wildlife	3/14/2014	David Graf
NWCOG QQ	3/13/2014	Louis
Garfield County Town Hall Meeting	3/11/2014	SGM
CMC Sustainability Class	3/3/2014	Louis
Eagle River Watershed Council	2/26/2014	Ken Neubecker
AGNC	2/20/2014	
Colorado Counties Inc - Water & Land Use	2/19/2014	Hannah
Grand Valley Water Users	2/17/2014	Louis
Grand Junction Water Council	2/17/2014	Louis
Roaring Fork Water & San	2/17/2014	Louis
Grand County Town Hall Meeting	2/12/2014	SGM
Granby Town Hall	2/12/2014	Louis
Dillon Water Providers	2/7/2014	Louis
Colorado Mesa University	2/3/2014	Louis
AG Day, New Castle	1/29/2014	Louis
Roaring Fork Watershed	1/28/2014	Angie
Roaring Fork Watershed Collaborative	1/23/2014	Louis
Winter Park Water	1/13/2014	Louis
Colorado Parks & Wildlife	12/13/2013	David Graf

Grand County Mayor - Manager - Commissioner Meeting	12/9/2013	Bruce Hutchins, Mike Wageck
Summit County Mayor - Manager - Commissioner Meeting	12/5/2013	Lane Wyatt
Mesa County Daughters of the American Revolution	11/16/2013	Hannah Holm
Middle Colorado Watershed Council	9/30/2013	Hannah Holm
Vail Town Council	9/13/2013	Chuck Ogilvy
Arrowhead Metropolitan District	Fall 2013	Diane Johnson
Berry Creek Metropolitan District	Fall 2013	Diane Johnson
EagleVail Board of Governors	Fall 2013	Diane Johnson
Eagle River Water & Sanitation District	Fall 2013	Diane Johnson
Edwards Metropolitan District – 8 people	Fall 2013	Diane Johnson
Town of Avon	Fall 2013	Diane Johnson
Town of Minturn	Fall 2013	Diane Johnson
Town of Vail	Fall 2013	Diane Johnson
Upper Eagle Regional Water Authority – 12 people	Fall 2013	Diane Johnson
Summary of our outreach activities to date:		
Over 50 presentations at meetings, including with community groups, local electeds, water providers, watershed groups and others		
Series of local newspaper articles, archived here: http://www.coloradomesa.edu/watercenter/RoundtableEducationProject.html		
Social media (319 Likes on the Colorado BIP facebook page; 45 followers on twitter)		
82 on-line surveys from 2 surveys ("basin values" and "how community water needs should be met") developed & distributed via newspaper articles and email		
Numerous other surveys distributed at meetings & still being processed		
Partnerships developed with organizations to help spread the word & generate input: Roaring Fork Conservancy, Eagle River Watershed, Trout Unlimited, Club 20 and others		

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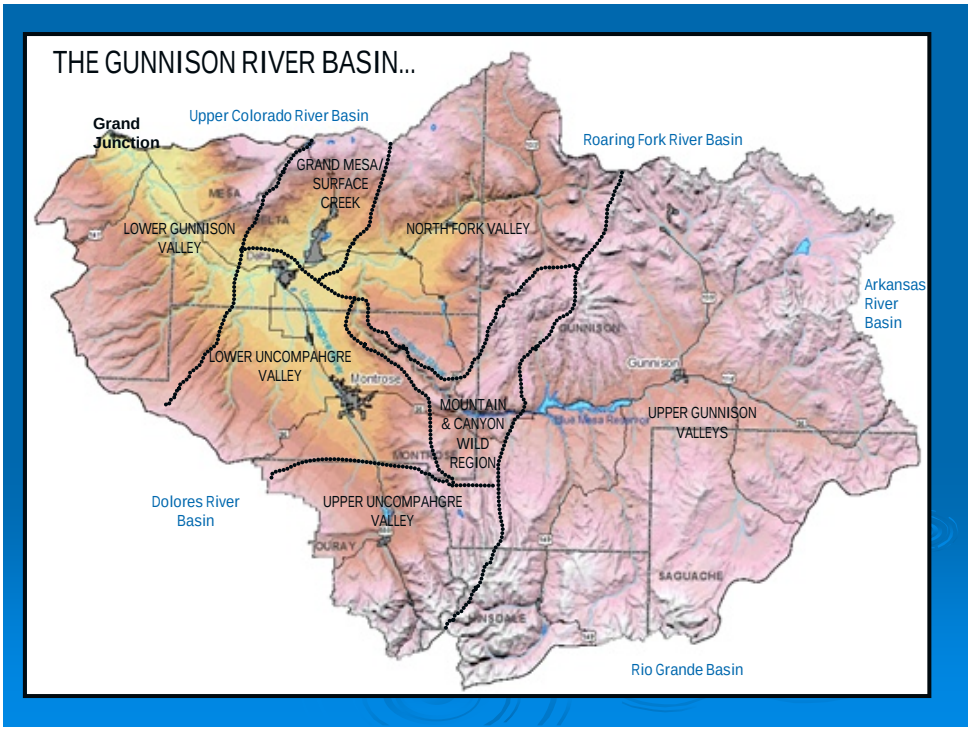
OUTREACH STATUS REPORT
May 2, 2014

Overview: This document, plus appendices, is the results to date of public input meetings held in the Gunnison Basin by Roundtable members. As indicated on the map below, the Gunnison Basin has six relatively distinct "tributary" areas, with relatively distinct economies, cultures (including "water cultures") and histories, so we are trying to hold public information-and-input meetings in each of those six areas. To date we have managed to complete three meetings in two of those areas, and have meetings scheduled in two other areas.

Our "ideal" was to hold two info-and-input meetings in each of the six areas. The meetings have been hard enough to schedule in some of the areas so that this might not happen everywhere, but we will have at least one meeting in each of the six areas to consider the evolving plan through the "Project Analysis" stage.

Greg Johnson of the Wilson Water Group, consulting with the Gunnison Basin Roundtable on this planning process, has also held a number of technical meetings in those same areas with agricultural, municipal/industrial and nonconsumptive stakeholder groups to assess local needs and identify potential projects or programs to address those needs. Information about those meetings is also included in this report.



Advance work for each meeting has involved contacting local newspapers and other media outlets to get a news release about the meeting published. Ads have also been used in "shopper" publications that do not carry news but which are widely read. The most important advance work, however, is personal contact through email, phone calls or "F2F" (face-to-face encounters). For each meeting, we prepare a "Progress Report" updated for where we are in the planning process, and distribute it electronically to people of local influence and everyone receiving email notice of the meeting, thus enabling people to show up with some idea of the meeting's purpose.

The public information-and-input meetings themselves all have had (and will have) a similar structure. Copies of the most recent "Progress Report" are available when participants arrive. One of the local Roundtable members provides a welcome, introduces the other Roundtable members present, and gives a short background summary on the evolving planning process in Colorado beginning with the State Water Supply Initiative in 2003 and leading up to the current intensive Colorado Water Plan process. That is followed by a presentation, either by a local member or by someone from the Basin Implementation Plan Committee, that uses maps and graphs to show both the state and local basin challenges, then summarizes the work to date on the BIP to address those challenges. Participants have been encouraged to raise a question or deliver a comment at any time during the presentation. A general question, comment and discussion session follows the conclusion of the presentation, with the local Roundtable members helping the presenter field and answer questions and comments. We try to have someone taking notes, but that did not happen in one of our meetings.

Public Meetings held to date, and attendance:

Basin Area	***Date***	***Number***	***Notes about Participants***
Upper Gunnison	3/25	~35	Meeting held in conjunction with County Commissioner Work Session. Three Commissioners, County Manager, Gunnison City Manager present. Others: Only 2 ag producers; 5 Roundtable members; one news writer (C.B. News); several members of two environmental groups.
Lake City	4/16	~25	Meeting was a joint meeting of the Hinsdale County Commissioners and the Lake City Council. Other participants were primarily townspeople, including six businesspersons. No ag users.
North Fork	4/30	~80	General public meeting, no public officials present. Participants were a relatively balanced mix of agricultural producers and town residents including small business people.

Notes from these meetings begin on page

Public Meetings scheduled:

Basin Area	***Date***	***Number***	***Notes about Participants***
Grand Mesa/Surface Cr. Orchard City	5/13 1:30 p.m.		
Grand Mesa/Surface Cr. Cedaredge	5/14 7:00 p.m.		
Lower Uncompahgre, Upper Uncompahgre	June 2 7:00 p.m.		This will a BIP input session in conjunction with the annual "State of the River" meeting with the Colorado River District. It will be advertised throughout the Basin.

How has public input been reviewed and specifically incorporated into your BIP?

Comments from the public input meetings have been reviewed by the BIP Committee and incorporated into the BIP as seems appropriate. For example, participants in the meeting in the Upper Gunnison noted that water quality had not been explicitly dealt with in the Basin Goals. A goal was added to address that lapse.

At the North Fork meeting, participants observed that "fracking" and its impact on both water quality and quantity were not addressed – primarily a North Fork concern at this point, but a significant one, and one that might spread into other parts of the Basin. It needs to be addressed in at least the water quality portion of the BIP, with careful monitoring of its potential impact on water quantity as well. We will be considering that in our next BIP meeting.

That noted, participants seem to otherwise be satisfied with the goals and needs assessment in our BIP.

All three of the meetings held thus far indicate two concerns about the situation beyond Basin boundaries: first, our ability to exert some influence in those areas; and second, what statements we want to make in those areas. The concerns involve two interrelated concerns: a) the removal of water from West Slope basins through transmountain diversion, and b) obligations to the Lower Basin.

For the first concern, our strategy to this point has been to join with other West Slope basins in setting very high standards for transmountain diversions (upfront demand-reduction land use and construction policies, total reuse plans, participation with adjacent utilities in water authorities, et cetera to insure appropriate use of valuable water), compensation/mitigation for loss of West Slope opportunities, and full acceptance of the risk associated with a new diversion. We have not, however, stated outright that we oppose transmountain diversion, period. That may be contrary to the will of people on the West Slope, which means either a more emphatic statement, or an effort to educate West Slope people on the legal limits of a "just say no" statement, and the value of a strategy making legal options economically unaffordable.

The second concern seems primarily to involve a better education effort – perhaps a matter of a couple of powerpoint slides. West Slope people have been scaring ourselves since 1922 with the idea of a "Colorado River Compact call," an eventuality that is not even mentioned in the Compact. We have an obligation to "not cause the flow" at Lee Ferry to drop below 75,000 acre-feet over any rolling ten-year period, but what happens if the flow does drop below that number – and because of a drought, not because of Upper Basin uses – no one knows what the consequence will be, and it will probably take at least a decade for the seven Basin states to figure it out; a quarter-century is a more realistic period if it goes to court; the incentive will be for the seven states to negotiate something that will work for sharing what is available. Current thinking among many participants at the IBCC/CWCB level seems to be that this is too ambiguous a concern to be writing into the State Plan with "call" strategies. We need to better convey this to our Basin constituents.

Thus we are learning from our interactions with participants in the public information-and-input meetings, and incorporating it into our Basin planning process as we go.

Other notable features of our outreach activities

Can't really think of anything.

The following pages contain input received to date from those who have participated in the public information-and-input meetings.

GBRT Public Education Meeting
Gunnison County Commissioners Work Session
March 25, 2014

Public Comment

Butch Clark: Large projects in Gunnison County are a threat to current water supply.
- Proposed mine at Whitepine – County population could double.
- Fracking – Could involve new demands on Blue Mesa.

Bill Nesbitt: Conservation – Does conserved water potentially go to the Front Range?

Phyllis: Non-consumptive use – Hydropower at Taylor Park may result in year round generation and reduced reservoir storage.
EPA – Has adverse impact on agriculture production. Education is important.

Jen Bock: BIP requires prioritization of our goals
- We should maximize utilization of WSRA grant money in basin.
- Be more aggressive in seeking funds for combined consumptive/non-consumptive use projects.

Marlene Zanatell: BCNP flows benefit many uses downstream, including fish.
Ranchers do not want us in their hair – want the ability to sell.

Ken Coleman: Asked if there was any unappropriated water in Gunnison Basin. Frank said Basin was over appropriated in 2003, but water is available in high flow years.

Ramon Reed: No reference to water quality in GBIP goals.
- Has been added since document was printed.

Gary Hausler: Is there unappropriated water in other West Slope basins?
- Yes, Yampa/White and San Juan

Marlene Zanatell: Aspinall provides an insurance policy against Colorado Compact curtailment. The Supreme Court said only 15,000 acre-feet was available.
- 'Not One Drop' still a valid approach.
- Do not dry up our pastures until there are no Front Range lawns.

Ramon Reed: New Supply – Take out "New Project…December 31, 2013." No TMD.

Gary Hausler: Colorado is working provincially. BRT process is a subterfuge. A better alternative to meet the gap is the Mississippi River. It should be investigated.

Butch Clark:	There should be more coordination of Hazmat movement in our basin. This puts our water supply at risk. He recommends a warning system including irrigators, warning them to close headgates in the event of spill in the rivers.
Ken Coleman:	Water is a finite resource and continued growth is unsustainable. Land use planning should address this issue.
Marlene Zanatell:	Reuse needs to be stressed.
Gary Hausler:	What happens after 2050? Are we planning beyond that?
Pete Dunda:	What about desalinization as an option for lower basin states?
Ramon Reed:	Constraints must be clarified under the Compact before CWP is adopted.
Bob Drexel:	What is the process for assembling BIP plans into CWP?

NOTES FROM NORTH FORK VALLEY MEETING
April 30, 2014, 7:00, Hotchkiss Senior Center

~80 people were present for the meeting, including 5 members of the Gunnison Basin Roundtable.

The meeting went as described on Page 1. Wendell Koontz gave the welcome and introduction of the topic; George Sibley did the presentation of the plan for the BIP Committee. Neal Schweiterman took notes; Tom Alvey addressed many of the questions. Other Roundtable member present: Henry LeValley.

Comments, Questions discussed:

~ How would Colorado water supplies be curtailed in the event of a "Colorado River Compact Call"? (A number of responses were offered: Priority would be enforced, but junior water going to the cities would not be entirely shut off; how it would be curtailed remains to be worked out. The Compact itself makes no provisions for a "call." But California and Arizona have considerable power in Congress, should it come to legislation.)

~ Is the BIP taking into account the possible impacts of the EPA rule-making about "waters of U.S. interest"?

~ Will the BIP have specific projects listed? (The participants had the unedited and unfiltered list of potential projects assembled from the technical meetings and other input, but were warned that it was just to show what is on the table, and not to be considered a final list. Tom Alvey handled the question, observing that feasibility will be a big factor in determining which projects and programs go in the final BIP.)

~ Is more storage possible? (Opinions offered indicate that more storage is mostly a matter of whether larger entities – state or national governments – make it a priority; otherwise, probably limited to some enlargements and improved storage through infrastructure repair and maintenance.)

~ What is GBRT stance on transmountain diversion? (Variations on this occurred in subsequent questions – obviously on many people's minds. RT members indicated that there is probably "not one drop available" in the headwaters part of the Basin, and then went through all the conditions, risk factors and compensations Front Range diverters would have to address for West Slope RTs before there could be even a firming project, let alone a major TMD.)

~ Is rooftop collection (cistern use) legal? Will it or should it be? Under what conditions?

~ Should we be collecting fees or compensation for bottled water originating on the West Slope but sold elsewhere? (No one had an answer for that one.)

~ Will the Colorado Water Plan have the same structure and format as the BIPs? (No one knows for sure; mention was made of a possible "conflict committee" to resolve impasses.)

~ The fundamental problem is unfettered Front Range growth; how can they be made to live within their means? (Led to brief discussion of land use planning issues, the commitment to local control, the power of development proponents, etc.)

~ Is the BIP taking into account the tree-ring studies showing that the century was unusually favored with above average precipitations? (Brief discussion of the need for low, medium and high water scenarios in planning.)

~ From a local small farmer: can the majority owners of a ditch company sell the ditch's water out from under small owners who would oppose the sale? (No one knew for sure – thought it probably depended on the bylaws of the ditch companies.)

~ Does the BIP address alluvial recharge of wells and springs? (Discussion of surface-ground waters, difficulty of establishing sources, etc. Shutdown of South Platte wells mentioned.)

~ If a farmer or rancher reduces his use through more efficient irrigation systems, can he lease or sell the saved water? (While there has been recent legislation about this, no one seemed to know for sure what has and has not

been actually passed, what the actual situation is – need to be able to answer this one. It was noted that the farmer could do nothing to his system that injured other users.)

~ Has the GBRT decided to support or not support conservation of irrigation waters? (Could only say we support ag conservation measures that are consistent with the law, avoid injury to other users and their decrees, etc.)

~ Has the GBRT taken stand on Shell (and other energy companies) buying irrigation water rights for oil shale production? (Pointed out our goal to "discourage" conversion of ag water to anything else "within the context of private property rights." We don't stand in the way of "willing seller" situations.)

~ Are the small domestic water companies accounted for in the GBRT plan, and how will they be handled as they double their users? (Raised the idea under discussion in the Upper Gunnison, of a multi-district conservation plan bringing together all the "non-covered" (<2,000 af/yr) domestic water providers in a single conservation/efficiency plan, sharing consultant fees, resident expertise, and where possible, water supply. This would probably work in other parts of the Basin, and we need to make sure it is in the plan.)

North Platte Basin Roundtable BIP Outreach Report-May 2, 2014

1. Number and locations of public meetings (or sessions at regular BRT meetings)

- The North Platte Basin Roundtable hosted a public outreach meeting on March 25 in Walden to gather input on the Basin Implementation Plan. (22 participants)

- Stakeholders in the North Platte Basin are invited to attend all Roundtable meetings by announcement in the local newspaper. Basin Implementation Plan work session discussions have been included in the agendas of the following North Platte Basin Roundtable meetings:

  9-24-13: Work session to review BIP scope of work, schedule and preliminary discussion of goals and measurable objectives with Wilson Water Group consultants (13 participants)

  11-12-13: Work session to further discussion of BIP goals and measurable objectives (16 participants)

  12-17-13: Report of BIP Statewide Coordination Meeting (20 participants)

  2-25-14: Work session to review and further refine BIP goals and measurable objectives (20 participants)

  3-25-14: Reports summarizing BIP technical workshops for consumptive and non-consumptive projects (19 participants)

2. Number of attendees and any recorded demographics/professional affiliations
Number of attendees noted above

3. Additional engagement mechanisms and related reach (i.e. newspaper, radio, web tools)
The Jackson County Star featured an article in the March 20, 2014 issue to educate the public about the North Platte Basin Implementation Plan, the Colorado Water Plan, the March 25 public outreach meeting and how to participate in the process.

4. How has public input been reviewed and specifically incorporated into your BIP? (i.e. Colorado's Water Plan public input process includes email responses, staff recommendations and regular reporting for CWCB discussion on CWP development, opportunities to present at Board meetings and referrals to provide input at the basin level)
A public input survey was distributed during the BIP public outreach meeting but no forms were returned completed. Verbal feedback was acknowledged and recorded during the meeting for consideration in the BIP. The March 20 newspaper article in the Jackson County Star encouraged public input.

5. Other notable features of your outreach activities (i.e. collaboration with stakeholder groups, see an excellent example at ://www.roaringfork.org/)

- The North Platte Basin Implementation Plan Fact Sheet is distributed widely in the Jackson County community. Information on where to send comments is included.
- Flyers were posted at various sites in the community inviting the public to attend the March 25 public outreach meeting.
- A report on the BIP was provided during the North Park Stockgrowers' annual meeting March 14, attended by appx. 50 people. Flyers for the March 25 public outreach meeting were distributed during that meeting.
- The Jackson County Star published announcements of the March 25 public outreach meeting two weeks prior the meeting.

4.1 Education, Participation and Outreach

1. Summary of Basin Outreach Completed During the BIP Draft Process

a.) General Community Outreach Sessions

Location	Meeting Date	Venue	Attendees	Demographic
South Fork	March 17, 2014	South Fork Fire House 0028 Mall Street South Fork, CO. 81154	3	General Public
La Jara	March 18, 2014	Conejos County Court House 6683 County Road 13 Conejos, CO 81129	4	General Public
San Luis	March 20, 2014`	San Luis Community Center 233 Main Street, Suite C San Luis, CO 81152	32	General Public Water Users
Center	March 31, 2014	NRCS – Center Field Office 0048 W. County Road 10 N Center, CO 81125	6	General Public Farmer/Rancher
Alamosa	April 1, 2014	San Luis Valley Water Conservancy District Office 623 Fourth Street Alamosa, CO 81101	5	General Public
Creede	April 2, 2014	Creede Community Center 503 Forest Service Road #9 Creede, CO. 81130	3	General Public
Crestone	April 16,2014	Crestone Charter School 330 Lime Ave Crestone, CO 81131	34	General Public Farmer/Rancher Water User

b.) County Commissioners Outreach Sessions

Location	Meeting Date	Venue	Attendees	Demographic
Rio Grande	March 5, 2014	Rio Grande County Court House 925 Street #207 Del Norte, CO. 81154	6	County Commissioner
La Jara	March 14, 2014	Conejos County Court House 6683 County Road 13 Conejos, CO 81129	6	County Commissioners
San Luis	April 1, 2014`	San Luis County Building 325 Main Street San Luis, CO 81152	10	County Commissioners
Saguache	March 18, 2014	Saguache County Court House PO Box 655 Saguache, CO 81149	7	County Commissioners
Alamosa	March 12, 2014	Alamosa County Building 8900 Independence Way Alamosa, CO 81101	8	County Commissioners
Creede	April 7, 2014	Mineral County Building PO Box70 Creede, CO. 81130	8	County Commissioners
Lake City	March 19,2014	Hinsdale County Building 311 Henson Street Lake City, CO 81235	12	County Commissioners

c.) Group Outreach Sessions

Presenter	Meeting Date	Venue	Attendees	Demographic
Paul Tigen	March 26, 2014	USFS, BLM, AND USFWS 46525 Highway 114 Saguche, CO. 81149	30	Federal Agency
Kevin Terry	March 27, 2014	SLV Trout Unlimited PO Box 503 Alamosa, CO 81101	12	Trout Unlimited
Nathan Coombs	April 8, 2014	Conejos Water Conservancy 318 Main Street Manassa, CO 81141	50	Conejos Water Users
Judy Lopez	April 8, 2014	Rio Grande Watershed Assoc. of Conservation Districts 101 South Craft Drive Alamosa, CO 81101	45	Farmer/ranchers
Rick Basagoita	March 12, 2014	Colorado Parks and Wildlife 0722 South Road 1 East Monte Vista , CO 81144	38	CPW Staff
Mike Gibson	March 20, 2014	SLVWCD Office 623 Street Alamosa, CO. 81101	12	Board Members
Mike Gibson	March 18,2014	RGWCD 10900 US Highway 160 Lake City, CO 81235	72	Board members Meeting Attendees
Rio de la Vista	March 15,2012	Great Outdoors Trail Group 101 South Craft Drive Alamosa, Co 81101	25	Meeting Attendees
Rio de la Vista	March 8, 2013	Wetlands Focus Group 101 South Craft Drive Alamosa, co 81101	30	Meeting attendees

d.) Rio Grande Round Table Meeting

Location	Meeting Date	Venue	Attendees	Demographic
Alamosa	December 10, 2013	SLVWCD Office 623 4th Street Alamosa, CO. 81101	29	General Public RT Members
Alamosa	January 14, 2014	SLVWCD Office 623 Street Alamosa, CO. 81101	37	General Public RT Members
Alamosa	February 18, 2014`	SLVWCD Office 623 Street Alamosa, CO. 81101	42	General Public RT Members
Alamosa	March 11, 2014	SLVWCD Office 623 Street Alamosa, CO. 81101	53	General Public RT Members
Alamosa	April 8, 2014	SLVWCD Office 623 Street Alamosa, CO. 81101	53	General Public RT Members
Alamosa	May 13, 2014	SLVWCD Office 623 Street Alamosa, CO. 81101		General Public RT Members

e.) Basin Plan Subcommittee Meeting

Group	Number of Meetings	Location	Committee Members
Agriculture	4	SLVWCD Office 623 4th Street Alamosa, CO. 81101	Judy Lopez Ralph Curtis Jim Ehrlich Nathan Coombs Ron Brink Eugene Jacquez Lawrence Gallegos Keith Holland Ed Neilson Karla Shiver Peter Clark
Recreational and Environmental	4	NRCS Office 101 South Craft Drive Alamosa, CO. 81101	Rick Basagoitia - CPW Kevin Terry - TU Heather Dutton- RGHRP Rio de la Vista Paul Tigan, Jill Lucero - BLM Dan Dallas, Joseph Old Elk – USFS Peter Clark Wetlands Committee - Ruth Lewis & others Wetland Dynamics - Cary Aloia & Jenny Nehring SLV Great Outdoors - Karla Shriver & members Christine Canaly - SLV EC Christina Gallegos - SdCNHA Ben Doon - Costilla County
Municipal and Industrial	5	SLVWCD Office 623 4th Street Alamosa, CO. 81101	Charlie Spielman Mike Gibson Nathan Coombs Allen Davey Gene Farish Marty Asplin Bob Kirkham Jason Lorenz Forrest Neuerburg Dale Weisecamp
Water Management	2	RGWCD Office 10900 Hwy 160 Alamosa, CO. 81101	Steve Vandiver Travis Smith Nathan Coombs Craig Cotten Greg Higel Tony Aloia Craig Godbout Rick Basagoitia
Outreach and Education	2	SLVWCD Office 623 4th Street Alamosa, CO. 81101	Judy Lopez Rick Basagoitia Ron Brink Heather Dutton Cindy Medina Emma Regier Kevin Terry Eugene Jacquez Travis Smith Christina Gallegos Joe Gallegos
Steering Committee	4	SLVWCD Office 623 4th Street Alamosa, CO. 81101	Mike Gibson Steve VanDiver Travis Smith Rick Basagoita Ron Brink Eugene Jacquez Kevin Terry Heather Dutton

f.) Newspaper Articles

The Rio Grande Basin Roundtable is publishing bi-weekly articles in the Valley Courier. The articles will cover all aspects of the basin plan: Basin and Colorado plan processes, deadlines and all aspects of water that will be discussed in the plan.

	Newspaper Articles	**Date**	**Author**
X	Overview of the State and Basin Plans	12/20/2014	Judy Lopez
X	Ag Water	1/31/2014	Judy Lopez
X	M&I ENV&REC	2/15/2014	Judy Lopez
X	Water Admin	3/1/2014	Judy Lopez
X	TU	3/15/2014	Kevin Terry
X	BLM	3/29/2014	Paul Tigen
X	Municipal Water	4/7/2014	Charlie/Judy
X	Conservation districts	4/26/2014	Brenda/ Judy
X	Easements	May	Rio de la Vista
X	Reservoirs	May	DWR
X	Ranching w draught	June	Pete Clark
	Wildlife Water CPW	June	Rick Basagoita
	River restoration	July	Heather D.Mike G
	Draft Basin Plan	July	Tom/Judy/Kelly
	RWEACT and watershed health	Aug	tom/heather
	USFS and Water	Aug	Mike B
	Draft State Water Plan	Sept	Tom/Kelly
	Alternative ag	Sept	Brendon/George
	Water Admin Subdistricts	Oct	Rob Phillips
	water economics	Oct	Cory Off
	farming with drought	Nov	Brendon/ Judy
	Need for education	Nov	Judy
	Water Economics	Dec	
	State Water Plan	Dec	Tom/Kelly

g.) Radio Programs

The radio shows are being done monthly through KSLV Radio in Monte Vista, Colorado. The programs are designed to provide information about water needs now and in the future. The interviews are with local folks, who are involved in all aspects of the basin planning process. It helps to engage citizens in the Rio Grande Basin, by keeping them current on relevant water issues.

	Radio KSLV	Date	Speakers
X	Basin/State plan	Dec	Judy/Tom/Mike
X	Agriculture	Jan	Judy/Nathan
X	Basin Plan Update	Feb	Tom/ Judy
X	Municipal &Industrial	April	Charlie/Nicole
X	Environmental & Recreational	April	Rio/Kevin
	Water Administration	May	DWR
	Final Basin Plan Update	June	Tom/Kelly/Travis
	Rules and Regs	July	Craig
	Parks and Water	Aug	Fred
	Sub-District	Sept	Steve
	Augmentation	Oct	Mike
	Final plan Update	Nov	Tom/Travis/Kelly

h.) Water 101 Booklet

Taking a lead from the Gunnison Basin, the Rio Grande is putting together a basin specific water facts booklet. Our hope is that the booklet will serve as an informational guide that melds state, regional and local water facts in an informational guide that will be used by community members. The Roundtable will send out 11,000 in the local newspapers, Valley Courier and the Valley Publishing weeklies and then have an additional 3,000 that will be distributed to water organizations, county governments, and chambers of commerce.

i.) Website – .riograndewaterplan.com

The Rio Grande Basin Roundtable developed a website that is specific to the Rio Grande Basin Water Plan. It provides information about all aspects of the plan and serves as an archive for all basin plan products. Most importantly, the site is a way that the public can interact with the plan, comments can be sent directly to the oversight committees for their review and consideration.

2. Action Plan for Education, Participation and Outreach Beyond 2014

a.) Rio Grande Basin Roundtable Education Action Plan (2014-2015)

Background Information:

Article VII of the Interbasin Compact Committee (IBCC) by-laws address the formation of workgroups to assist it in its deliberations and functions. The Public Education, Participation and Outreach (PEPO) workgroup is charged with creating a process to inform, involve, and educate the public on the IBCC's activities and progress of the interbasin compact negotiations, and create a mechanism by which public input and feedback can be relayed to the IBCC and compact negotiators. It is the only workgroup written into the legislation (C.R.S. 37-75-106).

The PEPO Workgroup will assist the basin roundtables in strengthening their education and outreach activities. Each roundtable is expected to have a functioning Education & Outreach Committee tasked with creating an Education Action Plan (EAP). The EAP will detail the educational goals and tasks most effective for the basin roundtable. It will identify roundtable member education activities that promote a well-informed and high-functioning basin roundtable. It will also define public participation objectives and appropriate implementation methods.

To assist the basin roundtables in implementing their completed EAPs, the Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB) has created an application-based education fund.

i. **Subcommittee Members:** All roundtable members are encouraged to provide input and suggestions to the sub-committee. The sub-committee seeks to represent fully the Agricultural, Municipal/Industrial, Education/Recreational and Public Outreach interests of the basin. The names and affiliations of current and contributing Rio Grande Basin PEPO Sub-committee members are:

1. Mike Gibson. Chair, Rio Grande Basin Roundtable, General Manager, San Luis Valley Water Conservancy.
2. Judy Lopez. Ed Liaison –Education Representative, Rio Grande Basin Roundtable, Rio Grande Conservation and Education Initiative.
3. Rio de la Vista. Vice Chair Rio Grande Basin Roundtable, Director RiGHT.
4. Nathan Coombs. Member Rio Grande Basin Roundtable. General Manager, Conejos Water Conservancy District.
5. Charlie Speilman Municipal Representative Rio Grande Basin Roundtable.
6. Kevin Terry. Liaison. National Trout Unlimited.
7. Heather Dutton .Recreation Representative, Rio Grande Basin Roundtable. Executive Director, Rio Grande Headwaters Restoration Foundation

ii. **Annual meeting plan for Subcommittee:** The sub-committee will meet at a time that is sufficient for members. Members agree to meet more if needed to complete a project. The sub-committee will make efforts to structure its meetings to occur in the month following regularly scheduled IBCC meetings, so as to maximize the transfer of information between the PEPO Workgroup and the Roundtable.

iii. **Educational Priorities & Implementation:** The ultimate goal of the Rio Grande Basin PEPO Sub-Committee is to have greater participation by all interests in the roundtable process.

Table 1. Specific education and outreach goals of the Rio Grande Basin PEPO Subcommittee.

Objective	Tasks	Leads	Timeline
TOPIC 1: Outreach	**Monthly articles By Roundtable Members.**	**Judy Lopez Partners**	**FY 2014-2015**
	Web Page- provides latest Roundtable information and events. Provides interactive opportunities	**Emma Rieger Judy Lopez Partners**	**FY 2014-2015**
TOPIC 2: Education	**Outreach events designed for Agriculture Water Users, Public Officials and Community Members**	**Judy Lopez Heather Dutton Partners**	**FY 2014-2015**
TOPIC 3: Multiple Use Project Implementation discussion	**Forum that bring stake holders together to maximize multi-use projects**	**Judy Lopez Heather Dutton' Emma Rieger Partners**	**FY 2014-2015**
TOPIC 4: Payment for Education and PEPO Liaison	**Provides funding to education liaison for implementation of outreach and education**	**Judy Lopez**	**FY 2014-2015**

iv. **Partnerships:** The following is a list of educational groups and efforts already existing in the Rio Grande Basin to potentially help with Rio Grande Basin PEPO activities.

1. Rio Grande Water Conservation District
2. San Luis Valley Water Conservancy District
3. San Luis Valley Irrigation District
4. Conejos Water Conservancy District
5. R.i.G.H.T.
6. Bureau Of Reclamation
7. Bureau of Land Management
8. Nature Conservancy
9. Division of Water Resources
10. Rio Grande Restoration Foundation
11. Rio Grande Watershed Conservation and Education Initiative
12. Trout Unlimited
13. Conservation Districts
14. State Agencies: Colorado State Forest Service, Colorado Parks and Wildlife
15. Federal Agencies: Natural Resources Conservation Services, US Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, US Fish and Wildlife Service.

v. **Budget:** Resources needed to complete each task, detailed in an overall budget, assuming a $9,500 annual inflow of state funds from EAP and WRSA. The budget listed below is for FY 2014-2015.

TOPIC 1: **Outreach Events**:
FY 2014-2015 TOTAL = $ 500

TOPIC 2: **Water Education Program**: Expenses predicted include travel, publication of hard copy handouts, meals.

FY 2014-2015 TOTAL = $1,000

TOPIC 3: **Projects Program**: Expenses will be used to provide tours, presenters and meals of multi-use projects
FY 2014-2015 TOTAL = $ 500

TOPIC 4: **Projects Program**: Expenses will be used to pay the Roundtable Ed Liaison and webpage maintenance.
FY 2014-2015 TOTAL = $7,500

vi. **Assessment:** An assessment of public events will be conducted briefly following the event to determine if: a) attendees left the event with a greater understanding of the Roundtable's purpose and activities, and; b) attendees felt the event was worth their time. This assessment will be conducted using a web survey or digital equivalent.

3. Rio Grande Basin Long Range Outreach Strategies

The Rio Grande Basin recognizes the importance of a balanced and ongoing Outreach Plan. The basin has built their public communications on three key ideals: Outreach, Education, and Participation across all demographics to include-water users, public officials, communities and water leaders.

Year	Goals	Strategies
2015-2016	Outreach, Education and Participation that furthers the Roundtable, IBCC and CWCB's purpose as they relate to the preservation and sustainability of the Rio Grande Basin and State of Colorado's water resources	Active and diverse roundtable members, news articles, webpage, e-letters, educational opportunities, strategic planning forums and the use of an active educational liaison who participates in the CWCB public education public outreach (PEPO) process
2016-2017	Outreach, Education and Participation that furthers the Roundtable, IBCC and CWCB's purpose as they relate to the preservation and sustainability of the Rio Grande Basin and State of Colorado's water resources	Active and diverse roundtable members, news articles, webpage, e-letters, educational opportunities, strategic planning forums and the use of an active educational liaison who participates in the CWCB public education public outreach (PEPO) process
2017-2018	Outreach, Education and Participation that furthers the Roundtable, IBCC and CWCB's purpose as they relate to the preservation and sustainability of the Rio Grande Basin and State of Colorado's water resources	Active and diverse roundtable members, news articles, webpage, e-letters, educational opportunities, strategic planning forums and the use of an active educational liaison who participates in the CWCB public education public outreach (PEPO) process
2018-2019	Outreach, Education and Participation that furthers the Roundtable, IBCC and CWCB's purpose as they relate to the preservation and sustainability of the Rio Grande Basin and State of Colorado's water resources	Active and diverse roundtable members, news articles, webpage, e-letters, educational opportunities, strategic planning forums and the use of an active educational liaison who participates in the CWCB public education public outreach (PEPO) process
2019-2020	Outreach, Education and Participation that furthers the Roundtable, IBCC and CWCB's purpose as they relate to the preservation and sustainability of the Rio Grande Basin and State of Colorado's water resources	Active and diverse roundtable members, news articles, webpage, e-letters, educational opportunities, strategic planning forums and the use of an active educational liaison who participates in the CWCB public education public outreach (PEPO) process

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South Platte Basin Implementation Plan
Memorandum

To:	Kristin Maharg, CFWE; Kate McIntire, CWCB		
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CC:	Blaine Dwyer; Laurel Stadjuhar; South Platte Basin Roundtable; Metro Basin Roundtable		
Date:	May 02, 2014	Job No:	225388

At the request of the Public Education Public Outreach committee, below is a table of the meetings in which members of the South Platte Basin Roundtable and the Metro Basin Roundtable have provided presentations or discussions on the South Platte Basin Implementation Plan or the Colorado Water Plan from January 01, 2014 through April 31, 2014. These meetings continue to be tracked and will be catalogued for inclusion in the South Platte Basin Implementation Plan's Section 4.1.

Date	Meeting	Location	Notes on Meeting	Approximate Attendance
01.08.14	Metro BRT	Denver, CO	Basin Roundtable Meeting, SP BIP overview/schedule	50-60
01.14.14	SP BRT	Longmont, CO	Basin Roundtable meeting, SP BIP Overview/Schedule	40-50
02.06.14	Morgan Conservation District Annual Meeting	Fort Morgan	Annual Meeting	30
02.11.14	SP BRT	Sterling, CO	Detailed review of Status, Review of Draft Goals and Measureable Outcomes (GMO)	50
02.12.14	Metro BRT	Denver, CO	Detailed review of status; Review of Draft GMO's	30
02.26.14	SP BIP Stakeholder Meeting	Fort Morgan, CO	Open house and brief overview of the SP BIP's background, history and intent; Question, answer and comment period.	26

02.27.14	Town Hall--Senator Guzman	Denver, CO	Presentation given by Marc Waage	
03.03.14	SP BIP Stakeholder Meeting	Denver, CO	Open house and brief overview of the SP BIP's background, history and intent; Question, answer and comment period.	46
03.05.14	SP BIP Stakeholder Meeting	Longmont, CO	Open house and brief overview of the SP BIP's background, history and intent; Question, answer and comment period.	55
03.05.14	KGNU Radio	Denver, CO	Interview of Sean Cronin	Unknown
03.06.14	Online Meeting	.southplattebasin.	The site went live on March 6, 2014.	Additional information can be provided.
03.06.14	Statewide Roundtable Summit	Golden, CO	All day event provided by CWCB for all Basin Roundtable Members. The schedule included presentations on the BIP process, outreach and education as well as panel discussions.	200
03.11.14	SP BRT	Longmont, CO	Detailed review of status, review of public involvement process, discussion of identified projects and processes	50
03.12.14	Metro BRT	Denver, CO	Detailed review of status, review of public involvement process, discussion of identified projects and processes (IPPs).	30
03.12.14	Larimer County Agricultural Advisory Board Meeting			15

03.18.14	Progressive 15 Water Summit	Fort Morgan, CO	SP BIP, CWP was also presented by John Stulp	35
03.19.14	SP BIP Stakeholder Meeting	Fairplay, CO	Open house and brief overview of the SP BIP's background, history and intent; Question, answer and comment period.	63
03.19.14	CU Water Law Class	Boulder, CO		50
03.19.14	Metro Mayors Caucus Water Committee	Denver, CO	Mark Koleber, Jacob Bornstein and Kate McIntire discussed the BIP and CWP	8 Metro area mayors
03.21.14	St Vrain and Left Hand Water Conservancy District Water Users Meeting	Longmont		75
04.08.14	SP BRT	Longmont	Detailed review of status; outreach and education overview; discussion on IPP's	50
04.09.14	Metro BRT	Denver, CO	Detailed review of status; outreach and education overview; discussion on IPP's	30
04.11.14	Republican River Water Conservancy District	Yuma, CO		30
04.11.14	Poudre River Runs Through It		Mark Koleber, Steve Mahlers and Jeffery Boring discussed the CWP and BIP.	25
04.17.14	River Manager Workshop	Denver, CO		15
04.18.14	DU Water Law Review Seminar	Denver, CO		75

04.23.14	Denver League of Women Voters	Denver, CO	Casey Davenhill provided a presentation regarding the CWP and the SP BIP.	30
04.23.14	Arkansas River Basin Forum	LaJunta, CO		150
05.01.14	KSIR Radio (1010 Farm Radio)	Broadcast	Hour long broadcast with radio host Lorrie Boyer, Robert Sakata and Jim Yahn	

Southwest

Updated Education Action Plan (EAP): Attached in the January 2014 progress report.
Work on Outreach Plans with BIP Consultants: The Southwest Basin Roundtable (SBR) Education Liaison, Denise Rue-Pastin, met with the Basin Implementation Plan (BIP) consultants in December 2013 and again in April 2014. We discussed a variety of topics to include: each of our activities and information needs, methods to share information, and how we can support respective efforts. I provided them with a number of information pieces that they can share with people as they continue work on the IPP list and BIP. They will share information with me related to the IPP/BIP as it becomes available so that I can update not only the EAP, but handouts and talking point presentations. Thus far, the BIP consultants have met with and talked to **83** individuals throughout the Dolores/San Juan River Basin.
Talking Points: A talking points PowerPoint presentation (attached in the January progress report) was developed for the SBR in 2012 and is updated periodically. In December 2013 it was posted to the Water Information Program (WIP) website for roundtable members to access and use.
Op-Eds or Newspaper Articles: It should be noted that area newspapers are invited to each of the SBR meetings. There were **three** articles published in the Durango Herald since the last progress report in January: *April 8, 2014--Haven't heard of the Colorado Water Plan?; March 7, 2014--Governor pushes state water plan; and January 30, 2014--Anxiety builds over state water plan.* There was **one** article published in the Pine River Times that included extensive coverage of the Colorado Water Plan-- *April 11, 2014--Water supply concerns dominate regional seminar.*
Distribution of Fact Sheets: The CWCB produced a very informative Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) and fact sheet related to the IBCC and roundtable process. These pieces were again distributed to each of the roundtable members at the SBR meeting on March 13, 2014 (**46** in attendance). In addition, the CWCB produced a Southwest Basin Roundtable fact sheet and that was disseminated at the March 2014 meeting (again, **46** in attendance). It was also sent to the entire SBR email list which is distributed to more than **75** individuals and organizations. All roundtable members were asked to share this information with their constituents. Moreover, this information is available at the WIP office in Durango and is already being used and disseminated at various public events. Finally, the WIP website (.waterinfo.) homepage provides information on the IBCC/roundtable process, including links to provide public input to the Colorado Water Plan.
Local Workshops and Public Input Opportunities: The BIP consultants have been meeting with a multitude of individuals and organizations. Their contact spreadsheet is attached. Also, there is a half hour social networking opportunity before each of the SBR meetings that the public is invited to, as well as the meetings themselves. Additionally, information about the IBCC/roundtable process is presented annually at the Water 101 Seminar, as well as other public input opportunities throughout the year. As an example, Denise Rue-Pastin provided a presentation at the Durango High Noon Rotary meeting on March 27, 2014 (approximately **50** in attendance) that provided an extensive discussion of the State Water Plan, including a wide variety of handouts. Mike Preston made presentations (including handout materials) to the Montezuma Valley Irrigation Company Board of Directors and staff (approximately **40** in attendance) on April 8, 2014 and the Dolores Water Conservancy District Board of Directors and

staff (approximately **35** in attendance) on April 10, 2014. Bruce Whitehead provided CWP information at a 4CORE meeting on May 1, 2014 (approximately **15** in attendance).

Specific CWCB Information Requests:

- Number of IBCC Members: SBR = **Two** (2): Steve Harris and Bruce Whitehead
- Number of BRT Members: **32** members, **14** liaisons
- Number of public in attendance at BRT meetings (if possible, show increase in attendance over time): Since we haven't reported quantifiable numbers up until now and the SBR really ramped up public input efforts beginning in November 2013, numbers are provided here since that time:
  November 2013: **30** public in attendance; **57** total attendees
  January 2014: **15** public in attendance; **46** total attendees
  March 2014: **22** public in attendance; **46** total attendees
- Number of regular BRT and IBCC Meetings: Since the last progress report in January, there has been **one** SBR meeting, though the next one is scheduled for May 14, 2014. I am unsure the number of IBCC meetings, but I believe it is **two**.
- Number of public input BRT meetings, number of attendees to those meetings: No separate public input meetings besides the regular SBR meeting referenced in bullet three above, as well as the public presentations referred to in the 'Local Workshops and Public Input Opportunities' section above.
- Number of input items received by BRTs, breakdown of demographics (if possible), type of input, how it impacted the BIPs: See attached spreadsheet provided by BIP consultants.
- Number of public input agenda items at CWCB Board meetings, number of presentations: N/A
- Number of public attendees to CWCB Board meetings, number of ppl calling in: N/A
- Number of input items received (broken down by method of submission): The SBR directs the public to the CWCB website to provide input—we do not track the number of emails arriving from the Southwest Basin. Also, see BIP consultants spreadsheet attached.
- Number of articles in newspapers mentioning CWP and breakdown of circulation #s, geographic areas of the state reached: It should be noted that area newspapers are invited to each of the SBR meetings. There were **three** articles published in the Durango Herald since the last progress report in January; DH circulation: 9,400; Geographic area: Nine-county Dolores/San Juan River Basin.
  April 8, 2014--Haven't heard of the Colorado Water Plan? (Durango Herald)
  March 7, 2014--Governor pushes state water plan (Durango Herald)
  January 30, 2014--Anxiety builds over state water plan (Durango Herald)
  One article was published in the Pine River Times that included extensive coverage of the Colorado Water Plan; PRT circulation: 1,600; Geographic area: Predominantly the Bayfield area.
  April 11, 2014--Water supply concerns dominate regional seminar (Pine River Times)
- Website analytics: The only website analytics available are from the WIP website. The WIP website has **56** articles posted specifically referencing the Colorado Water Plan.
- Number of emails to @state.co. (not including automatically generated emails): The SBR directs the public to the CWCB website to provide input—we do not track the number of emails arriving from the Southwest Basin.

- Number of partner organizations that link to the website: At least **two** that we know of--SWCD and WIP, though there could be more. The SBR does not have a separate and specific website per se. People are directed to the CWCB website to provide input.
- Number of presentations given on CWP: **Five**—three in Cortez (one of these was the SBR meeting itself) and two in Durango. See 'Local Workshops and Public Input Opportunities' section presented above.
- Number of CWCB meetings held with outside entities related to CWP: N/A
- List of agencies that collaborated on CWP: See attached spreadsheet from BIP consultants, as well as SBR roster, and minutes from the November 2013, January 2014, and March 2014 SBR meetings that lists attendees and their associations.
- Include BRT Summit statistics – number of attendees, breakdown of public/BRT members: N/A

From Kristin:

- Number and locations of public meetings (or sessions at regular BRT meetings): **Five**—three in Cortez (one of these was the SBR meeting itself) and two in Durango. See 'Local Workshops and Public Input Opportunities' section presented above.
- Number of attendees and any recorded demographics/professional affiliations: See bullet three above, as well as attached minutes.
- Additional engagement mechanisms and related reach (i.e. newspaper, radio, web tools): See bullet number ten above--**four** newspaper articles published since last reporting period. Fifty-six articles related to the CWP posted on the WIP website.
- How has public input been reviewed and specifically incorporated into your BIP? (i.e. Colorado's Water Plan public input process includes email responses, staff recommendations and regular reporting for CWCB discussion on CWP development, opportunities to present at Board meetings and referrals to provide input at the basin level): The BIP consultants are reviewing and incorporating all public input comments into the SBR Implementation Plan.
- Other notable features of your outreach activities (i.e. collaboration with stakeholder groups, see an excellent example at ://www.roaringfork.org/): N/A

To: Kristin Maharg March 27, 2014
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Yampa-White PEPO Chair Community Agriculture Alliance
Subject: Yampa-White-Green Rivers BIP Outreach Report

Basin Implementation Plan Outreach Meetings

Advertising Included:

Printed Inserts in Rio Blanco Herald Times
Print Ads in Craig Press and Steamboat Pilot
Radio Ads and PSAs on KRAI and KBCR
Live Radio Interview on KBCR
Postcards to 750 Rio Blanco contacts
Email postcards (for further outreach distribution) to:
Round Table members, three county + eight community governments, chambers of commerce, CSU Extension offices, 36 different organizations
Flyers (for further distribution) to 34 outlets

Date Completed	Location	Participation	RT Members Involved
Feb 6, 2014 Thursday	Rangely CNCC	41 Attended 37 Registered 24 Used Public Poll	Jeff Devere Jon Hill Dan Eddy Alden VandenBrink Ren Martyn
Feb 13, 2014 Wednesday	Steamboat Springs Community Center	98 Attended 88 Registered	Kevin McBride Jay Gallagher Doug Monger Tom Sharp Geoff Blakeslee Dan Craig Steve Colby Jackie Brown Ren Martyn Tom Gray Don Jones
Feb 19, 2014 Wednesday	Craig American Legion	50 People Attended 46 Registered 43 Used Public Poll	Tom Gray Don Jones Burt Clements Doug Monger
Feb 24, 2014 Monday	Meeker Rio Blanco Fairgrounds	58 People Attended 56 People Registered 48 Used Public Poll	Jeff Devere Jon Hill Al VandenBrink Ren Martyn
March 11, 2014 Tuesday	Browns Park Browns Park School	20 People Attended 18 People Registered 16 Used Public Poll	T Wright Dickinson Ren Martyn

Total Attendance: 267

Demographic Results of BIP Public Outreach Meetings

	Which River Basin Do You Call Home	Which County Do You Live In	Your Primary Use of Water	Most Important Use of Water
Rangely (24 respondents)	2 Yampa 22 White	3 Moffat 21 Rio Blanco	17 Agriculture 4 Municipal/Industrial 3 Recreation	#1 Agriculture #2/3 Tie: Energy & Municipal/Industrial #4 Environment #5 Recreation
Steamboat (52 respondents) **	51 Yampa 1 Out of Region	49 Routt 1 Moffat 2 Out of State	19 Agriculture 11 Municipal/Industrial 11 Environment 10 Recreation 1 Energy	Results not accurate
Craig (43 respondents)	42 Yampa 1 White	40 Moffat 1 Rio Blanco 1 Routt 1 Out of State	25 Agriculture 6 Municipal/Industrial 5 Recreation 5 Environment 2 Energy	#1 Agriculture #2 Environment #3 Municipal/Industrial #4 Energy #5 Recreation
Meeker (48 respondents)	11 Yampa 37 White	3 Moffat 43 Rio Blanco 2 Routt 1 Out of State	40 Agriculture 7 Municipal/Industrial 1 Environment	#1 Agriculture #2 Municipal/Industrial #3 Energy #4 Environment #5 Recreation
Browns Park (16 respondents)	16 Green	12 Moffat 4 Out of State	9 Agriculture 5 Municipal/Industrial 2 Environment	#1/2 Tie: Agriculture and Energy #3 Municipal #4Environment #5 Recreation
Total **267 attended** **183 responses****	**106 Yampa = 58%** **60 White = 33%** **16 Green % = 9** **1 Out of Region**	**58 Moffat = 32%** **65 Rio Blanco = 36%** **52 Routt = 28%** **8 Out of State = 4%**	**110 Agriculture = 60%** **33 Municipal/Industrial =18%** **19 Environment = 10%** **18 Recreation = 10%** **3 Energy = 2%**	

** Technical Problems at Steamboat and only 59% (52 actual count) of the 88 respondents data was stored

Public input is encouraged and being reviewed by the Yampa-White-Green Round Table via the following venues:

1. Y-W-G Round Table is holding three special meetings (March, April and June) to work on the BIP. The public is encouraged to attend and participate with the agenda discussions.
2. Y-W-G Round Table has an email account where people are encouraged to comment
3. Y-W-G Round Table via their Outreach Meetings encouraged groups, organizations and agencies to submit "white papers"
4. Y-W-G Round Table members, through personal connections, are encouraging input

Collaboration with Stakeholder Groups:

Routt County Conservation District
Colorado First Conservation District
White River Conservation District
Douglas Creek Conservation District
CSU Routt County Extension
CSU Rio Blanco County Extension