

**Yampa/White/Green River
Basin Roundtable - SPECIAL
MEETING Meeting Minutes
Wednesday February 10, 2021
Via GoToMeeting
6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.**

- 1. Call Meeting to Order:**
- 2. Introduction of Members:** Role call for quorum members in attendance were as follows: Doug Monger, Gary Moyer, Kelly Romero-Heaney, Steve Hinkemeyer, Alden Vanden Brink, Ken Brenner, Shawn Welder, Tim Winkler, Hunter Causey, Callie Hendrickson, Brian Hodge, Will Myers, Frank Alfone, Jeff Meyers, Jackie Brown, jeff Comstock, Doug Davis, Chuck Whiteman, Deirdre Macnab, Chuck Grobe, Travis Day, Bill Badarraca, Vince Wilczek, T. Wright Dickenson, Pat O’Toole.
- 3. Approve/Modify Agenda:** As there was only one meeting item, the meeting proceeded without approval of agenda.
- 4. Reports of Applicable Standing or Special Committees:**
 - a. Big River Committee Demand Management & Action:** Jeff Meyers [presented](#) the [BRC’s 7 Concepts of Demand Management](#).

Concept 1: there was discussion regarding rewording the concept to enhance and specifically address all the questions for accountability. Jeff Myers summarized the discussion points and explained the Committee wants to make sure the word “enhance” applies to ag, local communities and local economies in the basin.

Concept 2: there were discussions regarding making sure Demand Management is fair, and softening the language in the last sentence. After discussion it was agreed to keep the language as is.

Concept 3: there was discussion regarding the idea of a guided market, in opposition to a free market and providing a market structure to avoid “a race to the bottom”. After discussion it was agreed to keep language as is.

Concept 4: there was discussion regarding the differences in this statement as it was previously different. Specifically the last sentence had language striving to benefit recreational/environmental flows and must not adversely impact. Jeff reported he was not aware anything was cut from the original language. He will investigate the last version of concept 4 and work with Brian on the language.

Concept 5: there was discussion regarding the idea that unintended consequences could be severely negative for rural communities and that needs to be kept in mind. Agreed to keep as is

Concept 6: there was discussion regarding the idea that the intention is not to prescribe implementation, but to make the point that the value of water should be more than the crop or product not being produced. Ken Brenner noted the concept is supported, but the language is not productive in its current form. Jeff will work on Ken’s suggestion of changing the language in the second sentence. Callie

recommended changing the working “foregoes” to who leases the water right, she would send specific language to Jeff.

Concept 7: Jeff reported the Powerpoint version of this concept was incorrect and instead read the correct version of the last sentence as previously revised. Correct last sentence: “Any DM program must prohibit Trans-Mountain Diverters from purchasing Upper Colorado River water to meet a DM responsibility.” T. Wright requested clarifying language on “river basin.” Jeff will reword to possibly “western slope” to make sure it is not interpretable as just that one Colorado River Basin. There was much discussion pertaining to the words “Must” and “Should” Jeff requested members send him an email or note on any language concepts they have in regards to “must” or “should” and he will work through it.

Jeff Comstock motioned to approve the seven concept statements, with edits to be made by Jeff Myers. Tim Winkler seconded the motion. Kelly Romero- Heaney voiced concern with adopting a document without final edits, as some edits do not yet have clear direction. Doug Monger motioned to approve in concept. Kelly noted concern with process and the need to follow by-laws. Deirdre Macnab agreed and reported she would like to see the revisions prior to taking action. There was discussion regarding Tom and Jeffs desire to take this statement to the IBCC meeting later in February. It was agreed Jeff would make edits and circulate to the members garnishing feedback prior to that meeting. It was suggested that official approval could then be given at the next BRT meeting.

Alden Vanden Brink asked members if they agreed to to approve in concept the draft Demand Management Statement. All members replied yes, no member replied no.

- b. Announcements:** Patrick Stanko reviewed website revisions with Roundtable members Steve Hinkemeyer reminded members a Grant Committee meeting is scheduled for tomorrow. There will be three grants totaling more than what is available. This will be a difficult decision please join.
- c. Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m.