

**Southwest Basins Special Roundtable Meeting
Basin Implementation Plan Update Workshop**

Zoom Videoconference

February 25, 2021

Members Present:

Jarrold Biggs	La Plata County Muni	April Montgomery	San Miguel County
Ken Curtis	At Large Member	Al Pfister	San Juan WCD
Carolyn Dunmire	Recreation	Peter Ortego	Ute Mountain Ute Tribe
John Eye	Florida WCD	Kathy Rall	Southern Ute Indian Tribe
Glen Fish	Dolores WCD	Justin Ramsey	Archuleta County Muni
Karen Gugliemone	San Miguel County Muni	Gigi Richard	At-Large Member
Celene Hawkins	CWCB Representative	Charlie Smith	San Juan County
Amy Huff	SW Water Conservation District	Gretchen Rank	At Large Member
Brandon Johnson	At Large Member	Ed Tolen	At Large Member
Phil Johnson	Montezuma County Muni	Mely Whiting	At Large Environmental
Ed Millard	Montezuma County	Bob Wolff	Animas La Plata WCD

Public:

Becky Mitchell (Colorado Water Conservation Board), Chris Treese (SW Water Conservation District), Marsha Porter Norton (La Plata County Commissioner), Elaine Chick (Water Information Program, PEPO Liaison), Carrie Padgett (Harris Water Engineering), Stacy Beagh (Strategic by Nature), Russ Sands (Colorado Water Conservation Board), Danielle Snyder (Brown and Caldwell), Sam Stein (Colorado Water Conservation Board), Emily Halvorsen (Attorney General’s Office), Ryan Unterreiner (Colorado Parks & Wildlife), Kat Weismiller (Colorado Water Conservation Board), Tim Hawkins (Public), Brent Gardner-Smith (Aspen Journalism)

1. Goals for the Day, Anticipated Outcomes and Meeting Agreements

- Continue refining draft 2021 BIP goals, strategies, and measurable objectives for recommendation to the Roundtable.
- Learn more about planning tools helpful for BIP Update.
- Engage in productive and motivating time that positions the Southwest Roundtable Subcommittee and Local Expert Team to move forward in maximizing the opportunity and impact of the BIP Update Process.

2. Introductions and Agenda Overview

- Local Expert Team and meeting attendees introduced themselves and who they represent.
- Becky Mitchell, Executive Director of Colorado Water Conservation Board, provided a brief introduction and welcoming remarks for the group. Ms. Mitchell highlighted how important the BIPs are as the foundation and heart of Colorado’s Water Plan. These plans describe how Roundtables’ see their future in their basins. She noted the need for future codes of conduct for all Roundtables on how we interact with each in and out of meetings. With big issues and discussions coming our way, i.e. Demand Management and renegotiations of the 2007 Interim Guidelines, the need for respectful and careful communications will be paramount when having these discussions.

3. 2021 BIP Update Process and Timeline

- Carrie Padgett reviewed the BIP Update process and timeline. The review and comment period for the BIP update has been extended and will occur later this year (summer and fall).

4. Guiding Principles, Goals, and Strategies Review

- Carrie Padgett presented on the draft principles, goals, and strategies for incorporation into the 2021 BIP. The BIP Update subcommittee has diligently been reviewing and updating these principles, goals and strategies. For the 2021 BIP Update,
 - The subcommittee refined and edited the 2015 Goals. Many of these past goals will become strategies in the 2021 BIP Update.
 - Goals specific to policies were removed from the goals and inserted as guiding principles.
- Discussion and first impressions of the 2021 draft document occurred after overview of the agenda topic.
 - Stacy Beough conducted a round robin to allow all Roundtable members in attendance to verbally provide comments on the draft documents.
 - Most folks like the new structure of the document and supported the edits made by the subcommittee.
 - Refinements to the strategies to make some more locally specific were suggested.
 - Education and outreach efforts should be included as strategies and/or measurable objectives in future iterations of this document.
 - Clarification to strategies under the healthy watersheds goals should be made specific for addressing invasive species.
- BIP Update subcommittee participants presented on contentious topics for discussion by the large group regarding inclusion in the 2021 BIP Update.
 - Group discussion was held on what policy statements should be included versus not including policies outside the Roundtable’s control.
 - One outcome from this discussion was the inclusion clarifying the Roundtable’s relations with Southwestern Water Conservation District, tribal entities, and state agencies.
 - Another outcome was the inclusion of a guiding principle specific to discourage speculation.
 - General discussion occurred regarding the purpose and intent of the BIP and by extension the Roundtable. To incorporate these comments, a new section to the draft document will be added describing the purpose and intent of the BIP.

5. Planning Tools for Measuring Progress

- Carrie Padgett provided an overview of planning tools currently available to measure progress as it relates to the BIP’s goals and strategies.
 - Analysis and Technical Update results generated in 2017 have been summarized by sub-basin.
 - As part of the Technical Update, a Flow Tool was created. This tool simulates the flows at specific nodes on a stream based on a selected planning scenario. The tool outputs a variety of figures, charts, and tables summarizing these results.
 - The Local Expert Team is creating an interactive GIS database for use by the Roundtable.
 - The Project’s List has been updated with almost 50 completed projects noted and 50 new projects added during this update.

6. Upcoming Events via Zoom

Roundtable BIP Update or WSRF Grant Review	March 25, 2021
Regular Roundtable Meeting	April 22, 2021
Roundtable BIP Update	May 27, 2021
Roundtable BIP Update	June 24, 2021
Regular Roundtable Meeting	July 29, 2021

7. Adjournment

Chair Ed Tolen and Local Expert Team adjourned the meeting at 5:30 p.m.