



Arkansas Basin Roundtable

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ARKANSAS BASIN ROUNDTABLE MEETING SUMMARY MINUTES AND RECORD OF DECISIONS

May 12, 2021

GoToMeeting Link: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/631824957>

More information and presentations may be found at: www.arkansasbasin.com

Roundtable Business

Mark Shea called the meeting to order at 12:30 pm. There are 18 active members as of March 31, 2021; quorum is a simple majority of active members, therefore 10 is a quorum. Mark welcomed CWCB Director Becky Mitchell, who visited the meeting today.

Voting Members Present:

Bill Banks	Jim Broderick	Seth Clayton
Jeris Danielson	Paul Fanning	Greg Felt
Mike Fink	Tom Grasmick	Bob Hamel
Terry Hart	Steve Kastner	Dwayne McFall
Sarah Mudge	Rego Omergic	Abby Ortega
Terry Scanga	Amber Shanklin	Mark Shea
Greg Teter	Al Tucker	Sandy White

Non-Voting Members Present: Rick Kienitz

Excused: Tim Canterbury, Rick Kidd

Approval of Prior Meeting Notes

April meeting notes have been circulated for review. *Meeting notes were approved by consensus.*

Public Comment - none

REPORTS:

Executive Committee – Mark Shea

We do have several vacant seats available on the roundtable, including two at-large seats. Please reach out to Mark with nominees for those positions.

We had a good presentation by Brown & Caldwell on the BIP update. They talked about draft strategies for Volume 1, and a vulnerability assessment initiative, primarily focused on M&I uses. They will come to the RT meeting in June with an update on that. Final draft work will be occurring in June.

CWCB Report – Sam Stein, Russ Sands, Greg Felt – engagewcb.org

Upcoming Workshops (engagewcb.org):

May 18	Water Equity Task Force
May 19 & 20	CWCB Board Meeting
May 26	Irrigation Innovation Workshop
Jun 2	Water Plan Update Water Sharing & Drought Scoping Workshop
Jun 8	Riverside Chat II



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IBCC Report – Jeris Danielson & Terry Scanga

The next IBCC meeting will be held June 23rd. Please give your input to them, especially regarding the Yampa/White/Green Basin Demand Management Statement.

Needs Assessment Committee – Abby Ortega

We have three grant applications that we will see presentations for today, and one letter of approval request. Abby asked for a roundtable member to assist Abby in June with reviewing applications. Abby will be out of town part of the month, and wants to be sure applicants have all the assistance they need.

GRANT APPLICATIONS

Regional Reuse Study – PPRWA: Jim McGrady, Jenny Bishop

- \$7,500 Arkansas Basin Fund
- \$7,500 Metro Basin Fund
- \$38,000 Statewide WSRF
- \$80,000 PPRWA Member Matching Funds

This grant application moved forward by consensus.

Arkansas River Pueblo Tailwater Erosion Project – Trout Unlimited Chapter 509: Steve Wolf, Alex Zipp

- \$10,000 Arkansas Basin Fund
- \$14,000 Statewide WSRF
- \$59,003 Matching Funds from Trout Unlimited & other grants

This grant application moved forward by consensus.

PEPO BIP Education and Outreach – Watershed Connections LLC: Paul Fanning, Alli Schuch

- \$20,000 Arkansas Basin Fund

This grant application moved forward by consensus.

Purgatoire River Watershed Collaborative Conservation & Outdoor Recreation Regional Planning Project - Purgatoire Watershed Partnership - Julie Knudson (Letter of Support)

Colorado Outdoor Regional Partnerships Funding Program

This Letter of Support was approved by consensus.

Ag/Muni – Mark Shea

Matt is continuing to put together a committee, aiming to have a first meeting in June.

Enviro/Rec – Bob Hamel, Amber Shanklin, Rena Griggs

The Enviro/Rec meeting meets next on May 24, 10 am – 12 pm. If you'd like to be on the email list, please let them know.



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Rena spoke about her work with the BIP update and Jojo La, exploring new layers that might be added to the focus area maps. Fire scars are one of those new layers that will be added statewide. Regarding the Arkansas Basin more specifically, they talked about adding natural resource layers and other layers particular to our basin.

The VFMP has been meeting twice a month, talking about the new projects for imports. The snow pack is hanging in there so far – runoff is a little late. Similar to 2018.

PEPO – Alli Schuch, Paul Fanning (meets on the 3rd Wednesday each month, at 1:30 pm)

Alli has been working on the website and assisted with writing the grant that was submitted today. Met with ARWC folks. Next push will be on the Education to Action Plan.

ARWC – Carol Ekarius

Meets June 3rd. Will begin the search for a new executive director.

BREAK

Draft BIP Content – Lindsay Griffith

Volume 1

- Basin Overview
- Basin Challenges
- Basin Achievements (Need Ideas/Projects)
- Goals and Objectives
- Demand/Supply/Needs
- Strategic Vision for the Future
- Future Basin Projects
- Outreach Strategies

Volume 2

- Basin Overview and Background (revised goals)
- Evaluate Needs (replace with Technical Update Analysis-results by subregion?)
- Constraints and Opportunities (replace gaps with Tech Update results)
- Projects List (new projects to highlight?)
- Implementation Strategies/Meeting the Goals

CWCB Demand Management Feasibility Investigation – Amy Ostdiek, Emily Zmak

Presentation Purpose:

- To inform basin roundtable members about the demand management framework and process; and
- To invite basin roundtable members to engage via the online survey and/or a workshop.

Today's presentation focused on:

- The framework and the elements, trade-offs, and considerations captured within it
- Informing the CWCB Board's decision-making process

The framework was developed to better understand how a program would work as a tool for Colorado. Now building an iterative format informed by:

- Workgroup input
- Board feedback
- Subject matter experts



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- Colorado's diverse water stakeholders

Engagement Opportunities:

Survey (link below)

Engage CWCB: www.engagecwcb.org/dm

Workshops on June 1, June 14

Listening Session on June 29

Website Resources

Follow Up Email

Links:

Framework: https://dnrweblink.state.co.us/CWCB/0/edoc/214331/Demand_Management_Framework.pdf

Survey: https://engagecwcb.org/dm/survey_tools/demand-management-resources

FAQs: <https://dnrweblink.state.co.us/cwcbsearch/ElectronicFile.aspx?docid=213418&dbid=0>

Webpage: <https://cwcb.colorado.gov/focus-areas/supply/demand-management>

More information about discussions regarding conserved consumptive use here (among other topics)

https://dnrweblink.state.co.us/CWCB/0/edoc/212913/Demand%20Management%20Update_20200723.pdf?searchid=d820a868-604c-48ec-800d-6ab15b695aa5

Members asked questions, made comments, and discussed their concerns about the Framework.

Meeting adjourned at 3:07 pm.

Admin Email: ARKBASINRT@GMAIL.COM

MEETINGS/LINKS: (all meetings in 2021 will be virtual)

- Arkansas Basin Roundtable Meeting: June 9, 12:30 pm www.arkansasbasin.com
- PEPOW: May 19 (3rd Wednesday monthly) www.pepoarkbasin.com
- Enviro/Rec: May 24, 10:00 am
- CWCB: May 19 & 20 <http://cwcb.state.co.us/Pages/CWCBHome.aspx>
- PEPO Statewide: June 22, 1-3 pm
- IBCC: June 23, 8-12
- Arkansas River Basin Water Forum: <http://www.arbwf.org/>
- Colorado Water Plan: <http://coloradowaterplan.com/>
- Colorado Flood Threat Bulletin: www.coloradofloodthreat.com
- Stream Management Plan Resource Library: <https://coloradosmp.org/>
- In-Stream Flow Rule Revisions: <https://cwcb.colorado.gov/instream-flow-rules-revisions-hb-20-1157>
- DARCA - <https://www.darca.org/>