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Interbasin Compact Committee & Public Education, Outreach and Participation Joint Meeting Summary Minutes 8:00 am – 3:00pm Wednesday, October 21st, 2020

1	Call to Order Russ Sands, Water Supply Planning Section Chief, called the meeting to order and established guidelines for online meetings.
2	Welcome Director Russ George (Director George) welcomed members of IBCC, PEPO, and the public to the joint IBCC & PEPO October meeting.
3	Establishing a Quorum & Voting A quorum was established with over 17 IBCC members in attendance and a discussion of bylaws, consensus and supermajority (75%) voting was held.
4	Vote on Recording A motion was called to allow recording IBCC meetings. The motion was approved by a supermajority (75%) vote.
5	Approval of Agenda A motion was called to approve the agenda. The motion was approved by a supermajority (75%) vote.
6	Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes A motion was called to approve meeting minutes from previous meeting. With the addition of a footnote clarifying that voting may not have reflected the full IBCC membership, the motion was approved by a supermajority (75%) vote.
7	Facilitation Report by Russ Sands. To save budget and meet recent IBCC member requests, CWCB staff will be facilitating the October 21 st , 2020 IBCC & PEPO Meeting.
8	IBCC Meetings A motion was called to approve three IBCC meetings during 2021. The motion was approved by a supermajority (75%) vote. Tentatively these meetings will be held in February, June and October based on IBCC member availability/ Doodle Poll.



9	<p>PEPO and IBCC</p> <p>Russ Sands and Director George report out on the importance of education, the roles and integration of PEPO & IBCC, and how it was outlined in HB-1177.</p>
10	<p>Asked IBCC Member(s) to ask as liaison to PEPO</p> <p>Lisa Darling and Robert Sakata agreed to act as IBCC liaisons to basin PEPO members, officially leading IBCC's Public Education Participation and Outreach working group as called for in HB-1177.</p>
11	<p>Homework and IBCC Open Discussion</p> <p>Kat Weismiller, Deputy Section Chief of Water Supply Planning, reported out on the results of homework assigned to IBCC members. IBCC members reported out on the homework results from each basin, followed by an open conversation.</p>
12	<p>Reservoir Release, Homestake Reservoir</p> <p>State Engineer Kevin Rein reported out on the reservoir release from Homestake Reservoir, which was followed by questions.</p>
13	<p>Demand Management Updates & Open Discussion</p> <p>Deputy Section Chief of the Interstate & Federal Section Amy Ostdiek, reported out on Demand Management (DM) updates, which was followed by an open discussion by the IBCC members.</p>
14	<p>Discussion Review and Next Steps</p> <p>Russ Sands and Director George summarized IBCC member input and discussion, followed by discussion about the next meeting, and closing thoughts provided by CWCBC Director Becky Mitchell.</p>
15	<p>Break for lunch</p>
16	<p>PEPO Role, Goals and Aspirations</p> <p>Director George spoke about the importance of education. Russ Sands highlighted good ideas that PEPO has had. This was followed by an open discussion by PEPO members.</p>
17	<p>DM Education & Outreach Discussion</p> <p>Amy Ostdiek reported out about the importance of education and outreach for Demand Management. Emily Zmak (CDR Associates) reported out on findings from research, followed by an open discussion by PEPO representatives.</p>
18	<p>Integrating Education into the Basin Implementation Plans</p> <p>Russ Sands discussed how PEPO is working with basins to integrate Education Action Plans (EAPs) into their Basin Implementation Plans (BIPs). Asked PEPO to continue to ensure this integration continues.</p>
19	<p>Future of PEPO and Coordinated Communication</p> <p>Russ Sands discussed next steps for PEPO and asked how members liked the combined IBCC and PEPO format. Closing thoughts were provided by Director George and hopes for future IBCC and PEPO meetings were discussed.</p>
20	<p>Adjourn</p>

ATTACHMENT A: ZOOM MEETING CHAT LOG

IBCC OCTOBER 21, 2020 MEETING

Zoom Chat Log

- 08:16:24 From Mely Whiting (IBCC Governor Appointee & member of SWBRT) : Individuals in the SWBRT may have offered views. The SWBRT has not commented on a facilitator.
- 08:17:34 From Ed Millard, SW, IBCC : if you are recording that is the best record, notes aren't essential
- 08:22:07 From Lisa Darling : With so much uncertainty, I'd like to thank staff for their continued efforts toward IBCC success!
- 08:22:19 From Aaron Citron - Gov. Appointment - IBCC : I'll second that!
- 08:24:19 From Barbara Vasquez-NPB, IBCC : I believe planning for virtual meetings for 2021 is in line with forecasts by the medical community regarding wide spread deployment of an effective vaccine.
- 08:36:53 From Jayla Poppleton : Hey Russ, Kat and Sam, the snapshot of the new site for the CWP update looks great. Will you please put the url in the chat? I missed it....Thanks!
- 08:37:15 From Ed Millard, SW, IBCC : This engagement tool is great, if you can make the public aware, and get people to participate, through PEPO or other means
- 08:37:27 From Sam Stein (CWCB) : <https://engagewcb.org/>
- 08:37:36 From Lisa Darling : I'm in
- 08:37:39 From Jayla Poppleton : Thanks Sam!
- 08:37:53 From Elaine Chick : Im in
- 08:37:54 From Robert Sakata IBCC Gov Appointee : I would
- 08:45:08 From Casey Davenhill, Colorado Watershed Assembly : Can you please give an example of what is meant by public input?
- 08:47:04 From Barbara Vasquez-NPB, IBCC : What is the avg temp increase assumed in 'no change' ?
- 08:49:15 From Aaron Citron - Gov. Appointment - IBCC : Will the Climate Roadmap be used to help update the climate scenarios to provide consistency across statewide processes?
- 08:53:45 From Mely Whiting (IBCC Governor Appointee & member of SWBRT) : We are planning for the next year. Those topics on hold may have a path forward within that year. Not sure it's appropriate to set them aside.
- 08:54:56 From Greg Felt : It would be interesting to understand the extent to which "drought/climate change" and "forest/watershed health" overlap, or potentially even equate, in respondents' minds.
- 09:16:50 From Ed Millard, SW, IBCC : Very good comments on the funding issue

09:38:04 From Robert Sakata IBBC Gov Appointee : It is interesting if you look at the IBCC Charter in section III. "Foundational Guiding Principles" #3 states mentions Demand Management. I agree that DM discussion could be of value as we try and meet principle #1 "All Colorado water users must share in solving Colorado's water resource problems. When I was first appointed to the IBCC I tried to travel and attend the other basin roundtables...and it was interesting to me the different character that each has, something that is harder to see now with virtual meetings. In some ways I feel the structure of individual basin roundtables sometimes creates walls between basins, I think the role of IBCC should be to build bridges across the state.

09:38:49 From Ed Millard, SW, IBCC : I learn more at other roundtables because I hear new people talking, listening to same people in our Basin gets stale with time

09:39:22 From Rebecca Mitchell : Well said Jim!

09:39:25 From Kelly Romero-Heaney : Jim - You are always welcome in the Yampa!

09:40:19 From Barbara Vasquez-NPB, IBCC : Did you want a report from the North Platte? I was trying to speak but perhaps wasn't heard?

10:15:27 From Sam Stein (CWCB) : Break until 10:24

10:39:30 From Aaron Citron - Gov. Appointment - IBCC : What do you mean by an "appropriate" release schedule?

10:39:40 From Aaron Citron - Gov. Appointment - IBCC : what would make it "appropriate?"

10:39:54 From Aaron Citron - Gov. Appointment - IBCC : I think he answered this - disregard!

10:41:25 From Jeff Meyers YWG : Thanks, Kevin. Look forward to hearing from you in Nov at our RT.

10:43:01 From Mely Whiting (IBCC Governor Appointee & member of SWBRT) : When is report expected?

10:47:42 From Mely Whiting (IBCC Governor Appointee & member of SWBRT) : Thanks

11:11:21 From Aaron Citron - Gov. Appointment - IBCC : I think providing options for stakeholders to respond to is a very good approach. Thanks, Amy.

11:35:09 From Jackie Brown : Hello, just chiming in that the timing is awkward if CWCB moves forward into the next phase of setting up scenarios to get feedback from, while IBCC works on DM on a parallel track. It just seems clumsy, which may lead to frustration later.

11:35:52 From Sam Stein (CWCB) : You can raise your hand by navigating to the participant tab. The raise hand feature should show up at the bottom.

11:36:03 From Mely Whiting (IBCC Governor Appointee & member of SWBRT) : I think the idea is to wait for CWCB to develop scenarios

11:37:14 From Aaron Citron - Gov. Appointment - IBCC : I agree with Mely

11:38:00 From Jackie Brown : Just clarifying. thanks

11:40:22 From Mely Whiting (IBCC Governor Appointee & member of SWBRT) : Maybe explore funding in February?

11:50:40 From tom gray : I agree Amy, unless it's equitable and proportional, many do not want to pursue funding

11:59:26 From Nathan Coombs, Rio Grande, IBCC Alternate : Tom, I believe equity and proportionality is key to the whole thing, including funding. I would like to see the Colorado avoid the very difficult path of administration based solely on Priority within our state.

12:00:21 From Mely Whiting (IBCC Governor Appointee & member of SWBRT) : Of course, voluntary, temporary and compensated are key. Impartial decision maker with a process that allows for public input

12:00:33 From Mely Whiting (IBCC Governor Appointee & member of SWBRT) : Clear, predictable rules

12:04:14 From Ed Millard, SW, IBCC : If it's voluntary, temporary, compensated some have argued that is fair and proportionality doesn't matter. This assumes secondary impacts are mitigated. I'm not saying this, I think Aaron and Patti Wells have

12:10:54 From Ed Millard, SW, IBCC : when can we be briefed in detail on what other states are doing and the UCRC study. would like to see the big picture

12:14:43 From jfagan : what about scheduling the meetings to fit with when the CWCB has given some direction.

12:19:34 From Ed Millard, SW, IBCC : there is an RMRI public meeting on forests down here I think. our RT is doing a forest workshop in November too

12:19:51 From Ed Millard, SW, IBCC : RMRI is Oct 29

12:20:51 From Allan Pfister, San Juan, IBCC : Forest Workshop in SW is Nov 19

12:23:03 From Elaine Chick : WHAT: Getting to know the Rocky Mountain Restoration Initiative – Southwest; a Public Meeting. RMRI-SW is working to increase the resiliency of SW Colorado forests to protect our water, wildlife, communities and recreation. Find out more!
WHEN: October 29, 2020 from 4 – 6 PM
Register: <https://peakfacilitation.wufoo.com/forms/pht4ggy025d5sj/>

12:24:58 From Ed Millard, SW, IBCC : Great job Russ, Russ, Kat, Sam and Amy

12:25:36 From paul bruchez CBRT IBCC : thanks all!

12:25:43 From Sam Stein (CWCB) : Break for lunch until 1:00pm

12:25:44 From Ann Bunting, Rio Grande Basin RoundTable, IBCC : Thanks, everyone !

12:26:02 From Elaine Chick : Great discussions.!

12:26:58 From Jim Yahn (South Platte IBCC) : Thanks Russ and Russ and Kat and Amy and Becky and Kevin!....and everyone else for your participation

12:28:15 From Russ Sands : Thanks very much for the great conversation, kind words and we look forward to seeing as many of you as we can back here at 1:00 as we talk more about education and outreach.

13:10:08 From Elaine Chick : That is a great idea. I would love to have access to more resources and collaboration.

13:29:54 From Elaine Chick : When that literature is complete will it be available to the PEPO groups to use.

13:44:17 From Russ Sands : Elaine - Good question. Yes. There will be publicly available reports coming out of the investigation and lit review.

13:44:25 From Casey's iPhone : May we have a copy of this presentation?

13:48:26 From Russ Sands : Casey - We will post the slides, this presentation and notes on the IBCC website within the next two weeks. We will let everyone know when that's posted.

13:48:55 From Mely Whiting (IBCC Governor Appointee & member of SWBRT) : This information is very helpful. Has anyone looked at concerns and issues raised by those who would not participate but may be affected by a program?

13:51:11 From Elaine Chick : Agree Aaron. We need to bring these topics to the general public outside of those in the roundtable. How do we do that?

13:53:04 From Robert Sakata IBCC Gov Appointee : Thanks Aaron, my favorite bumper sticker is No Water, No Food!

13:53:33 From Jayla Poppleton, Water Education Colorado : Water Education Colorado published an issue of Headwaters magazine last year framing up demand management as one piece of the broader Drought Contingency Plan...it provides the background on why we're talking about demand management and where it fits in the context of the state's water scarcity issues. We have more copies that could be shared...please message me if you have an audience who you'd like to get into their hands! Here is the link to the digital version: <https://www.watereducationcolorado.org/publications-and-radio/headwaters-magazine/fall-2019-contingency-plan/>

13:54:33 From Aaron Citron : Thanks, Jayla!

13:59:25 From Jayla Poppleton, Water Education Colorado : Thanks Patrick!

14:09:21 From Barbara Vasquez : Mely...appreciate this question.

14:09:39 From Elaine Chick : Yes, good question Mely!

14:13:23 From Jayla Poppleton, Water Education Colorado : Piping in as an observer: It strikes me that the first goal is about stakeholder engagement and Emily is suggesting it needs to happen now, as DM is being investigated. But what is the role of CWCB vs. PEPO vs. IBCC in accomplishing this? The second two goals can't happen until (if and when) a DM program is established. You can't invite someone to participate in the way it is framed up here (as a water right holder) until there is something to participate in.

14:14:23 From Barbara Vasquez : In an era of overwhelming electronic communication about issues that ask for attention, we all are starting to develop a form of attention-deficit. Sorting out what should merit attention is exhausting a lot of folks. So going out to the general public must be well justified and well targeted.

14:14:43 From Elaine Chick : Thanks Jayla. That has been a question I have...how would we engage people into a program if the terms of the program have not been defined?

14:20:19 From Abby Burk, CBRT PEPO : Yes - agree with Aaron. We need to get the public engaged that water scarcity as an issue.

14:21:40 From Jayla Poppleton, Water Education Colorado : Yes, Elaine...I think it would be to solicit their input in the program's development at this point., if that's what the state was looking for. Base knowledge about CO water like Aaron and Pat and Abby are saying is valuable to seed that interest and engagement for when the opportunities or the messaging gets more specific.

14:23:08 From Robert Sakata IBCC Gov Appointee : In concurring with what Pat and Aaron said I would add that it is important to emphasize and explain why this is a statewide issue.

14:32:22 From Emily Zmak : Thank you everyone! This has been a great conversation, specifically around messaging goals and target audiences. Please don't hesitate to email with additional ideas. --
ezmak@mediate.org

14:35:34 From Sam Stein (CWCB) : <https://engagecwcb.org/>

14:42:45 From Jayla Poppleton, Water Education Colorado : Yeah Water '22! Looking forward to working with everyone on that.

14:45:21 From Jayla Poppleton, Water Education Colorado : Scott Williamson: scott@wateredco.org

14:45:30 From Jayla Poppleton, Water Education Colorado : Jayla Poppleton: Jayla@wateredco.org

14:46:27 From Scott Williamson, WEco : I hope to reach out and connect with PEPO liaisons to get your thoughts on how SWEAP may be helpful. Thanks Russ for teeing that up.

14:49:02 From Kelly Romero-Heaney : Broken record here: we need capacity and \$ to implement our education plans

14:50:18 From Elaine Chick : Yes, very helpful

14:50:51 From Jayla Poppleton, Water Education Colorado : Kelly, have you looked at the models from the South Platte and Ark Basins where they have used WSRF funds to boost their PEPO budgets and hire some paid support? That might be a place to look. Though I know those funds are also getting pinched

14:51:38 From Elaine Chick : What are next steps from here? Will we receive some information about a statewide messaging?

14:53:18 From Sam Stein (CWCB) : <https://doodle.com/poll/heki4xfthyc4yka2>

14:56:33 From Jayla Poppleton, Water Education Colorado : Russ, I heard CWCB may be providing fact sheets on DM? When might those be available and will you make them available to PEPO to circulate in their basins? We could contribute copies of the Headwaters issue I referenced earlier (on the Drought Contingency Plan) to go along with that. Although physical distribution isn't the easiest avenue right now.

14:56:47 From Allan Pfister, San Juan, IBCC : Thanks all for a great day, discussion and exchange of ideas

14:57:16 From Abby Burk, CBRT PEPO : Thank you all, I appreciate this foundation for my first PEPO meeting.

14:58:26 From Robert Sakata IBBC Gov Appointee : For the IBCC and PEPO meetings it would be great to have a detailed agenda so we know if there is a topic that we have a particular interest in and if we get the agenda early enough we could visit with our basin roundtables and constituents about the topics prior to the IBCC and or PEPO meeting.

14:58:37 From Elaine Chick : There was great discussion here. Thank you everyone for all of the contributions and presentations. Always learn more each time.

14:58:56 From Scott Williamson, WEco : Great message to end on. Thank you Russ and all. I look forward to connecting with folks in the future.