

**Arkansas Basin Roundtable**  
**September 10, 2014 – CSU, Pueblo; Occhiato Center**  
**Meeting Notes**

**Roundtable Business**

Betty Konarski called the meeting to order at 12:30 am. Members and visitors introduced themselves. Twenty (20) members were present. There are 40 active roundtable members at this time – 20 is a quorum.

**Approval of Minutes of July 9 and August 13**

A motion to approve the minutes of July 9<sup>th</sup> and August 13<sup>th</sup> was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

**Public Comment - none**

**IBCC Report**

Jay Winner – The IBCC does not expect to meet until after the first of next year.

**PRESENTATION-COMPLETED PROJECT**

**Royal Gorge Wildfire Water Quality Impact and Protection Project – Emergency Mitigation, Stabilization, and Reclamation – Bob Hartzman**

Find this presentation on our website, at [www.arkansasbasin.com](http://www.arkansasbasin.com).

**BIP PHASE 2 SCOPE OF WORK – TASKS: Jay Winner**

More detail was added to the Scope of Work since approval at last month's roundtable meeting. The application will go in front of CWCB this week at their meeting in Glenwood Springs.

**BIP PHASE I FEEDBACK - Betty Konarski and Gary Barber**

Binders (by region) containing a log of input forms and the forms themselves were made available to Roundtable members, to continue review begun at last month's meeting. The log is a working tool for us rather than a part of the BIP. A ranking has been added to the log, based on last month's feedback. (1) means that the feedback is to move the project or idea forward. (2) means that we need more information. (3) means that it's an idea or broad thought regarding water. 97 projects are listed as #1s from the input forms.

Section 4.7 had an appendix called the IPP list. This appendix includes six lists, including a non-consumptive project list, a Parks and Wildlife IPP list, and the SWSI 2010 list. Those are included and can be compared with those in the binders. The aim is to come up with a list of projects and processes that might make a difference in small areas of the state, as well as large municipalities.

**INDIVIDUAL ROUNDTABLE MEMBER INPUT TO BASIN IMPLEMENTATION PLAN**

All Roundtable members were given a chance to share. Their feedback was recorded on a flip chart, as follows:

- SWSI 2016 linked to State Water Plan
- Land Use planning statement
- Identify more sources of funding for infrastructure
- Fountain Creek Watershed Master Plan (has funding info)
- Food security – more food and water will be needed
- Better use of water
- Protect what we have (use water here first before sending to other basins)
- Local control (integrated land use planning starting locally)

- Protect water rights
- Strong language that emphasizes protection of Ag (within the Prior Appropriations Act)
- Emphasize the long view
- Statewide standardization of length of water supply to new development (ensure water supply lasts for lifespan of development)
- Ag efficiency
- Education – water curriculum
- Muni water efficiency – conservation
- Phreatophyte control
- Acknowledge Ag efficiency measures thus far
- Protect the Prior Appropriations Act (add statement in BIP)
- Through land planning, incentivize water-wise development
- Identify and fix failed augmentation plans
- Use state tax credits to create generational transfers and encourage continued farming
- Watershed health and restoration paid by state tax credits
- Land use and water (state water plan)
- Non-consumptive vs environmental & recreational – which are often consumptive (statement)
- Table 2.2.1 – make sure tables used are the most current
- Watershed Health – apply local experience and get specific. How do we prepare for the inevitable fire? (pull in some of the illustrative material from appendices)
- Watershed Health – prioritize water assets and critical areas in the basin
- RT should choose what's in the BIP
- Upstream storage's impact on Lower Ark water rights
- Address disincentives for Ag water efficiencies. Water rights are affected because of historic consumptive use
- Infrastructure needs. Storage. Pipelines
- Mechanism to ensure we're at the Statewide table
- Groundwater studies
- Public Trust – take a stand?
- Policy issues we should include:
  - Land use
  - Local control
  - Ag efficiency
  - Value of ag
  - Funding
  - Streamline permitting processes

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

- Next Meeting – October 8th, 12:30 pm, at CSU Pueblo
- At October's meeting –
- Next CWCB Meetings:
- Adjourn

#### **Links:**

[www.arkansasbasin.com](http://www.arkansasbasin.com) Agendas, meeting notes and most presentations may be found here, as well as a link to Phase I of the Basin Implementation Plan and other information regarding the Arkansas Basin.

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