

**Arkansas Basin Roundtable  
April 8, 2015  
CSU-Pueblo, Occhiato Center  
Meeting Notes**

**Roundtable Business**

Sandy White called the meeting to order at 10:35 am. Members and visitors introduced themselves. (31) members were present. There are 41 active roundtable members at this time – 20 is a quorum.

**April 2015 BASIN IMPLEMENTATION PLAN PRESENTATION: Project Team**  
**(see [www.arkansasbasin.com](http://www.arkansasbasin.com) for pdf of this presentation)**

**Review Draft Presentation & Public Comment**

Overview

Introduction – Gary Barber

Plan Elements: Detailed Descriptions

ArkSWAM – CDM Smith – Mr. Chris Kurtz, P.E.

Needs Data Base & Report Generator – CH2MHill – Ms. Becky Moores

Conservation – Sustainable Practices – Mr. Tracy Bouvette

A Cyclical Planning Process

Assumes a six year cycle

Starts with quality input

Moves projects from Concept to Planned to Implementation Ongoing to

Complete

Protocol for Public Comments

Three forms available for use

Comment – comments about the Plan

Project Summary – to add or change your project

Suggested Edits – i.e. grammar

Panel to Answer Questions

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Kip Peterson, Donala Water and Sanitation: Kip expressed Donala's and Pikes Peak Regional Water Authority's commitment to the Roundtable process. They want to be part of the solution, not part of the problem.

**ADMINISTRATIVE**

**February minutes**

February minutes were approved by consensus.

**IBCC Report – Jay Winner and Jeris Danielson**

Jeris – The IBCC last met at the Roundtable Summit. The next meeting will be held at the end of April.

Jay – Three sub-committee meetings are coming up this month: Conservation, Funding and Agriculture.

**CWCB Report – Alan Hamel**

The Roundtable Summit was a great success. At the March CWCB meeting, the Arkansas Roundtable had put forth three grants – the Watershed Health Collaborative, LAVWCD's Share Purchase, and PPRWA's Area 3 Infrastructure Project. All three projects were approved by the CWCB. CWCB

statewide grant funds available are at their all-time low. The funds are refreshed three times each year, and the next replenishment is coming soon.

Alan announced that a Watershed Health Collaborative kick-off meeting would be held on April 14<sup>th</sup> in Pueblo, at the fairgrounds.

Jay encouraged members to continue to bring projects forward.

#### **BASIN IMPLEMENTATION PLAN: Roundtable Member Discussion and Approval**

Sandy thanked Gary Barber and the BIP team for their excellent work. RT members gave them a round of applause. The approved document will be submitted to the CWCB by April 17<sup>th</sup>.

Roundtable members discussed their concerns, and wish for certain policy statements to be made. The result of these discussions is captured below.

*Policy Statement: The Arkansas Basin Roundtable supports the integration of land use and water resource planning.*

This statement was approved by consensus.

*Policy Statement: It is the preference of the Arkansas Basin Roundtable that Arkansas Basin water be used first to meet Arkansas Basin needs, and that the roundtable will investigate the development of a mechanism to make sales of water rights more attractive within the basin than without.*

After discussion this statement was approved by consensus, with a minority opinion expressed by Dan Henrichs.

Minority opinion, Dan Henrichs: Based on the original intent when the Roundtables were created of protecting the Prior Appropriations Doctrine, I disagree with this policy statement.

*Policy Statement: The Arkansas Basin Roundtable supports the full development of Colorado's entitlement under the Colorado River Compact, for use in Colorado.*

This statement was approved by consensus, with two dissenting opinions, by SeEtta Moss, Reed Dils.

Minority opinion: Reed and SeEtta would have liked to have the IBCC Conceptual Framework Summary Points to be included in the policy statement regarding the Colorado River Compact.

Regarding the Flaming Gorge task force work and the description of that work in the BIP, Roundtable members agreed by consensus to add a sentence stating: *"the Arkansas Basin Roundtable neither endorses nor opposes such a proposition."*

After these discussions and additions, Roundtable members approved this draft and agreed by consensus to submit the final draft to the CWCB.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

- Next Meeting – May 13<sup>th</sup>, 12:30 pm, at Pueblo Community College. Lunch will be provided for Roundtable members.

**Adjourn**

Adjourned at 1:20 pm

**Links:**

[www.arkansasbasin.com](http://www.arkansasbasin.com) Presentations made at Roundtable meetings can usually be found on the roundtable website, along with agendas and meeting notes. A link to Phase I of the Basin Implementation Plan may also be found, along with other information regarding the Arkansas Basin.

<http://coloradowaterplan.com/>