



Arkansas Basin Roundtable

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ROUNDTABLE MEETING NOTES

March 8, 2017 – Pueblo Community College, Fortino Ballroom A

Welcome And Introductions:

- **Introductions:** Sandy White called the meeting to order at 12:30 pm. Members and visitors introduced themselves.
- **Approval of Minutes:** Sandy called for the February 8, 2017 minute's approval. It was moved and seconded, motion carried.
- **Public Comment:** none

Reports:

- **Phase II: Joint West Slope Roundtable Risk Study – Brett Gracely, Seth Clayton, Jim Broderick, Alan Hamel:**
 - Brett led off with the discussion of the Phase II West Slope Risk Study disclosing there still isn't a final Scope of Work out to date. As soon as it is released the technical committee will offer its recommendations based on further review. Barbara Biggs Metro Roundtable Chair agrees that at the current time more information is needed before committing funds. The bigger issue is that no-one wants to be perceived as dictating to other Roundtables on how they should use their own funds.
 - Sandy reiterated what has been discussed;
 - A) the roundtables abstain from making decisions based on current information
 - B) A letter circulated to Roundtable Chairs iterating our decisions
 - Lastly, delegating the review of the SOW to our technical committee comprised of Brett, Seth and Jim so that they may draft for signature from the chair for distribution.
 - Terry stated that we shouldn't separate Basin funds from state funds as they'll all state funds. Brett cautioned that this could get tricky in dealing with a particular Roundtable's funds for projects we need to consider is this a statewide concern or not. Alan cautioned the Roundtable about getting involved with how a basin uses their funds. This could set a precedent that may not be desirable for funding future projects.
 - Sandy clarified and called for a motion stating that this Roundtable will not seek funds from its basin account to support phase II of the Colorado River study. Sandy called for a motion to this affect. Mark moved Dave seconded motion carried.
 - Sandy called for another motion to delegate authorization for our technical committee, Brett, Seth and Jim to draft a letter to James Eklund explaining our reluctance to draw funds from our basin account to support this study. It was moved and seconded, motion carried with one nay vote. Dave Taussig felt the letter would be over the top and it would be better to openly discuss this with them.
 - Sandy opened the discussion regarding if there is any opposition with how this study will proceed with only allowing participation and input by the Roundtables who contribute dollars.
 - This topic was turned over to Terry for discussion. Terry pointed out that if the Ark Roundtable isn't allowed to participate and make recommendations in the study through their technical committee we can't be expected to support with their conclusions. At minimum we need to voice this with the Director of the CWCB. Brett clarified our position isn't with the use of a Roundtable's funds but with lacking a voice in the study. It was decided to Table this discussion until further information is available.
- **Executive Committee: Sandy**
 - Sandy opened the discussions on the formulation of a 501c3 IRS determination for the Arkansas River Watershed Collaborative (ARWC). This would open up funding sources not yet available as it is a sub-



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committee. Articles are now being drafted and should be available for review by the next Roundtable meeting. There was no further discussion by the membership.

- **IBCC Report – Jeris & Terry:**
 - Jeris indicated there isn't anything new to report since the last meeting was held in September 2016 and then next meeting is scheduled for April 2017 for new business.
- **CWCB Report – Alan/Staff:**
 - Alan reported that to date the governor hasn't replaced his seat on the CWCB. There is a meeting scheduled in two weeks in Greely and until further notice will attend.
- **Nonconsumptive Committee Report – SeEtta:**
 - Sandy reported in SeEtta's absence that on March 10th a nonconsumptive meeting will be held in Canon City at 10 am.
- **PEPO/ARBWF – Jean VanPelt/Chelsey Nutter:**
 - Jean announced that the ARBWF, working with the Roundtable Executive Committee, has arranged for our next Roundtable meeting to be held at the Hotel Elegante, (2886 S Circle Dr, Colorado Springs, CO 80906 (719) 576-5900) on Tuesday April 25th in conjunction with the Water Forum. The Roundtable members will receive invitations to the VIP dinner held that evening at the Penrose House, 1661 Mesa Ave., Colorado Springs. The Hotel will have reduced rates for those wishing to stay and attend the Forum's conference. You can reserve a discounted room through the Forum website, www.arbwf.org. The reservations will need to be in no later than April 9th to receive the discount. To attend the Forum's conference you'll need to register by April 14th.
 - PEPO is moving forward and the grant application has been submitted with the reduced amount that has been requested due to limited funds now available.
- **Needs Assessment Committee – Chelsey Nutter/Blake Osborne/Jack Gobel:**
 - Jack discussed the process document Chelsey developed for grant applications. These are posted on the Website. If the two grants currently being reviewed are approved our Basin account will be left with \$9,000 until the new state funding is available.
- **Arkansas River Watershed Collaborative – ARWC, Mark Shea/Carol Ekarius:**
 - Mark reported that the final work is being done on the three Ark Basin burn scars. South Region recovery meeting is scheduled for this week.
 - Mark reported on the Water Quality Workshop and its successful conference held at Otero JC this past month.
 - The Force Management work in Lake County will kick off later this spring.
 - Work is continuing on documenting structures on Forest land.
- **BIP Coordinator – Gary Barber:**
 - Gary gave a brief history on the Statewide Water Supply Initiative first published in 2004. Giving a brief history of the development of this document which has continued to evolve into the third rendition currently being used. Early mistakes with the counting of the municipal supplies required readdressing the actual supply leading to the SWSI 2012.
 - Nick gave a brief presentation on the work done on the Holbrook Mutual Irrigating Company's 2 Stage Weir Project.

Program – Mark Shea:

The following were presentations to the Roundtable membership:

Mark Introduced Greg Johnson CWCB

- **Statewide Water Supply Initiative – Methodology & Data Collection; Greg Johnson CWCB:**
 - Greg gave a presentation on the Data Collection and SWSI work currently in progress with the CWCB.



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Jean VanPelt introduced the following speakers who provided information on the state revolving funds for grants and loans.

- **Funding Series:**
 - **Bradley Monson, Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment-CDPHE**
 - **Jim Griffiths, Colorado Water Resources and Power Development Authority-CWRPDA**
 - **Barry Cress, Department of Local Affairs-DOLA:**

Other matters from the Membership – Sandy:

- None

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm

Next Meeting - Tuesday April 25th

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