



# Arkansas Basin Roundtable

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## ROUNDTABLE MEETING NOTES

September 12, 2018 – Pueblo Community College, Pueblo, CO

### Roundtable Business

Sandy White called the meeting to order at 12:30 pm. Members and visitors introduced themselves. Twenty-five (25) members were present.

### Approval of minutes of prior meeting

*A motion was duly made, seconded and passed unanimously to approve the meeting notes of the August meeting.*

### Public Comment – none

### REPORTS:

#### Executive Committee – Sandy White

- BIP Coordinator funding will run out after November. The Executive Committee has tasked Al Tucker and Gary with finding other funding.
- New PEPO Coordinator – more later
- Next month is our annual meeting, with election of officers. We have vacancies for most positions. Self-nominations until October 1<sup>st</sup> to Elise and/or Sandy.
  - Chair: Sandy will step down. Mark Shea is a candidate.
  - Mark will be vacating vice-chair for consumptive use. This person puts together the program.
  - Vice-chair for non-Consumptive Use is open. We will recognize SeEtta for her contributions at the October meeting. Bob Hamel is a candidate
  - Recorder. Al Tucker will run again.
  - One IBCC rep position is open. Terry Scanga will run for that spot.
  - IBCC alternate position has been Jim Broderick. He is stepping down.
  - Two candidates for Environmental Rep thus far: Amber Shanklin, Palmer Land Trust; Reed Dils, Trout Unlimited.

#### IBCC Report –Jeris Danielson, Terry Scanga

- The IBCC will meet next on October 18<sup>th</sup> in Durango.
- Major topic will be funding sources.

John Stulp – The IBCC has had a funding working committee for the last several months. At the same time, there have been two parallel groups meeting – the Keystone effort is funded by Walton and Gates Foundations. The IBCC indicated that they don't think they have the expertise of figuring out what the source should be. They also don't think they have the expertise to run a ballot initiative if that is what is indicated. The IBCC would want to be involved in how the money is spent. Out of the IBCC process, five categories of areas of investment. Draft document has been shared with Walton/Gates group, who added compact compliance as a 6<sup>th</sup> category. The Walton/Gates group has 25-30 people on that committee. Ag Water Network has 10-12 people. Regarding governance – IBCC has discussed whether it be appropriate to have a new entity to manage the resources. Prevailing wisdom so far is to continue with the CWCB for that.

1. Healthy Rivers
2. Water Quality
3. Conservation and Efficiency



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4. Sustainable Agriculture
5. Infrastructure
6. Colorado Compact Compliance

They sent out an email last Friday describing the efforts. Your feedback on the IBCC working group document is encouraged. The other working groups are outside CWCB control. A link to this document was circulated by Viola Bralish and will be re-circulated by Elise.

## CWCB Report – Jack Goble, Ben Wade

### **Jack Goble**

- CWCB has not met since the last roundtable meeting
- Next Wed and Thu in Steamboat Springs. A finance meeting will be held on Tuesday before the regular CWCB meeting convenes.
  - 14 WSRF grant requests will be heard, including four from our basin.
  - If all grants are approved, Ark Basin will have \$104,000 remaining. There will be additional distributions in January and April.
  - 4 loans up for approval.
  - Demand management/draft contingency planning for the Colorado River Basin. Will hear an update on these efforts and ask for public testimony on the topic.
  - Will also hear an update on flood recovery from the 2013 flood on the Front Range. At \$4 billion, it was the costliest natural disaster in Colorado's history.
  - Introduced Alex Funk, new CWCB staff member. Ag Water Resources specialist.
    - New position at CWCB. Alternative Transfers Methods, Ag working groups.

### **Ben Wade**

- CWCB website survey – working to improve the website.
  - Link: [bit.ly/CWCBwebsite](http://bit.ly/CWCBwebsite). Deadline: Monday, October 1<sup>st</sup>
- Implementation Working Group Survey – guidance on SWSI implementation and BIP update planning
  - LINK: [bit.ly/cwcbssurvey](http://bit.ly/cwcbssurvey). Deadline: Thursday September 20<sup>th</sup>
- Upcoming
  - TAP IN + CWCB Board Meeting: November 13 – 15, Denver Metro Area
  - South Slope BRT Meeting: November TBD: Take Poll

## Non-Consumptive Needs Committee – Mark Shea

- The Non-Consumptive Needs Committee will meet on the last Monday each month. In Canon City, at the BLM office at 10:00 am. The committee meeting will move their meeting within the basin from time to time.

## PEPO/ARBWF – Jean Van Pelt

- Two resumes were received for the PEPO Coordinator position. Jeris Danielson, Chelsey Nutter, Bob Hamel and Jean Van Pelt acted as the search committee. Amber Weber has been selected. She has been working with Jean for some time regarding PEPO events and is willing to job share with Jean for some time to ensure that the PEPO committee continues to be successful.
- This is the time of the year we prepare the education action plan for the \$6,500 annual funding of PEPO.
  - This year, we will add website and communications updates to the PEPO action plan.
- Arkansas River: Leadville to Lamar continues to have successful showings, with these upcoming:



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- September 26 at Centennial Hall in Colorado Springs
- September 27 at the Tabor Opera House in Leadville
- October 19 at the Trout Unlimited annual fall meeting in Salida
- Will also be bringing the documentary into schools. Amber is a former teacher and is developing a curriculum to use the documentary as a learning tool.

## **Needs Assessment Committee – Mike Weber**

Four grants are up for approval next week and are available for view on the CWCB website. If you need letters of support, please contact either Mike or Chelsey.

## **Arkansas River Watershed Collaborative – Mark Shea**

- The CO Water Congress was held at the end of last month. Beforehand, stakeholders had a forest health alliance discussion. This effort was promoted by Travis Smith and Ellen Roberts. The discussion was beneficial and highlighted that people are looking at forest health and fire mitigation as a real need.
- There will be a ballot initiative in Chaffee County for a new funding source for forest health and fire mitigation on November 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Carol will be testifying before the Wildfire Matters Subcommittee on September 27<sup>th</sup>.
- Moving forward with Picketwire Canyon work.

## **Colorado River Risk Study – Phase III – Ben Wade**

- The group has opted not to seek WSRF monies and are working on a Scope of Work. They have expressed a willingness to share their methodologies as they move forward.

## **BIP Coordinator – Gary Barber**

- Poll information has been forwarded to you regarding the scheduling of a joint South Slope Roundtable meeting, of the Southwest, Rio Grande and Arkansas River Basins
- Draft Agenda
  - 8:30 Breakfast and Social Time
  - 10:00 Welcome and Purpose of the Meeting
  - 10:15 Panel 1: Learning about our Roundtables
    - What do we need to know about your basin (geography, demographics, economy, etc)?
    - How is your Roundtable structured?
    - What are your Roundtable's priorities?
    - What projects are you working on right now?
    - How are you funding your projects?
    - What have you learned from your successes and your failures?
    - What are your top 3 challenges for the future?
    - How can the other two roundtables help you?
  - 11:45 Lunch
  - 12:45 Panel 2: Key Issues Facing the South Slope
  - 1:15 Table Top Discussion on Key Issues
  - 1:45 Reports from Table Top Discussions
  - 2:00 Next Steps
  - 2:30 Adjourn



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**BREAK**

**PROGRAM**

Please check out full presentations at [www.arkansasbasin.com](http://www.arkansasbasin.com).

**SWSI UPDATE: AGRICULTURAL DIVERSION DEMAND – Greg Johnson and Russ Sands, CWCB/Kara Sobieski, Wilson Water Group**

- Looking Back
- Water Plan Scenarios
  - Business as Usual
  - Weak Economy
  - Cooperative Growth
  - Adaptive Innovation
  - Hot Growth
- New Stakeholder-Drive Methodologies
  - 2050 Demand Projections
    - IPPS
    - = 2025 M&I Gap
  - Hydrologic Modeling
  - Municipal Modeling
  - Agriculture Modeling
  - Environmental Modeling
  - Scenario Planning Across Major Drivers
- Supporting Case Studies
  - Water Markets
  - Economic Impacts of Shortages
  - Reuse
  - Alternative Transfer Methods
  - Storage Opportunities
- SWSI Fact Sheets (available at the meeting)
  - Agricultural Diversion Demand
    - Now reflects true amount of water supplied required for irrigation, not just on-farm supply/shortages
  - Municipal and Self-Supplied Industrial Demand Methodology
  - Scenario Planning & Gap Analysis
  - Environmental and Recreational Methodology
  - Finance Methodology
  - Water Supply Methodology
  - Population Projection Methodology
  - SWSI Update Overview
- Cyclical Planning Process
  - 2013 Colorado's Water Plan
  - 2016 SWSI
  - 2018 Basin Implementation Plans



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- 2020 Colorado's Water Plan
- 2022 SWSI Update

## NEW BUSINESS

- Should we consider changing the frequency with which we meet? More on this later.

## NEXT STEPS/LINKS

- Next Meeting – October 10, Pueblo Community College
- Arkansas Basin Roundtable: [www.arkansasbasin.com](http://www.arkansasbasin.com)
- PEPO: [www.pepoarkbasin.com](http://www.pepoarkbasin.com)
- Arkansas River Basin Water Forum: <http://www.arbwf.org/>
- CWCB: <http://cwcb.state.co.us/Pages/CWCBHome.aspx>
- Colorado Water Plan: <http://coloradowaterplan.com/>