



Arkansas Basin Roundtable

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ROUNDTABLE MEETING NOTES ANNUAL MEETING

October 9, 2019 – Pueblo Community College, Pueblo, CO
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Roundtable Business

Mark Shea 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

The meeting notes of the September meeting were approved by consensus.

Public Comment – none

REPORTS:

Executive Committee – Mark Shea

- Much of our discussion was on the upcoming BIP update process, and the different pieces that will need to fit within that. Please re-familiarize yourself with the 2015 Basin Implementation Plan as well as the Master Needs List as we prepare to move forward with this process, which is due to be complete by mid-2021.
- The State Water Plan technical update (was called SWSI) has new analysis as it relates to water demands within the different basins throughout the state.

CWCB Report – Ben Wade

- CWCB met last month in Alamosa. All twelve WSRF grant applications were approved and are in the contracting process.
- The technical update (SWSI) final product is available on the CWCB website.
- The General Contractor has been selected for the statewide BIP position but has not yet been formally announced.
- Demand Management – some new meeting dates have been announced. There are six meetings that will be held between now and the end of the year. Brent Newman has taken a job in New Orleans, a big loss for CWCB.

IBCC Report –Jeris Danielson

- The IBCC last met in July. October 23rd is the next meeting, which will be a joint meeting with CWCB.

PEPO – Jean Van Pelt

- Attended a statewide workshop to find ways to integrate the state's education action plan with PEPO's education action plan.
- The Demand Management Workgroup – for more information or to participate, please contact Amber.
- CWCB plans to start implementing the state's education action plan in January.
- WSRF grant – website. Amber is working with Chelsey on updating ARWC's website. Remaining funds will be dedicated to the Story Map.



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- CO Water Plan grant – La Junta community water festival is in the planning process.
- Webisodes are coming along. Fountain Creek tributary webisode is now posted on the website.
- Education to Action Plan – supported Huerfano County Water Days and the editing and printing of a grant guide.
- We are assisting ARWC with their outreach efforts regarding the ARWC Action Plan.

Needs Assessment – Abby Ortega

- Next round of applications is coming up, so folks should be putting project ideas together. Contact Abby if you have a project and would like some help.

Environment/Recreation Committee – Bob Hamel, Rena Griggs

- Met last month. Talked about the Black Hills project, which is not going anywhere soon. Looking at another site's possibilities.
- BLM draft management plan for Brown's Canyon National Monument is available for review on their website.
- They've received over 100 letters regarding their Eastern Colorado Management Plan.
- USFS Misty DeSalvo is putting together her BIP project list. We'll use that as a model to demonstrate to roundtable members the new criteria. CPW is also getting closer with their list.
- The Decker Fire is something we'll be looking at. That fire is only 14% contained at this time, and is located between Salida and Howard. Almost 1,000 people are fighting that fire, which is mostly in the Sangre de Cristo Wilderness Area.
- At the C9 Summit, Chelsey Nutter received the Water Hero award for the Arkansas Basin. Congratulations to Chelsey!
- The Ark River Diversion Project, with fish passage and boat chute will go through testing in December and be up and running next year, ideally.

Arkansas River Watershed Collaborative – Andy

Current Projects

- Lake County – Fuels Mitigation Projects, Chipper Program
 - 40 acres of fuels mitigation
 - Additional \$50k coming from CSU, so new projects are being identified.
 - High Mtn Institute – work is ongoing right now. Cut & Masticate.
- Chaffee County – Monarch Pass Forest & Watershed Health Project
 - Hayden Pass Fire & Flood Recovery Project
 - Work has been completed, including debris removal
- Monarch Pass
 - Release RFP by end of October
 - Contractor tours early November
 - Final contract awarded by years end
 - Work to begin Summer 2020

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ANNUAL MEETING - ELECTIONS

SLATE OF CANDIDATES:

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| Chair: 1-yr term | Mark Shea |
| Vice-Chair (Consumptive): 1-yr term | Mike Weber |
| Vice-Chair (Non-Consumptive): 1-yr term | Bob Hamel |
| Recorder: 1-yr term | Mike Fink |
| IBCC Representative: 2-yr term (Oct 19-21) | Jeris Danielson |
| At-Large, Water Rights Owner (2 openings) | Kevin Niles |
| Non-Voting Members (3 possible) | Tom Simpson |

An invitation was made for nominations from the floor. None were received.

A motion was duly made, seconded and approved unanimously to elect the above-listed slate by acclamation.

We'll have letters going out soon for vacant county and municipal seats. If you are interested in filling the other At-Large, Water Rights Owner seat, that appointment can happen outside the election cycle anytime throughout the year.

2020 Ark Basin Roundtable Meeting Schedule – Mike Weber

Mike proposed alternating regular meeting with focused workshops, excepting at the end of the year. This would allow for more in-depth conversations on certain topics.

Some workshops might need funding to pay for the presenter. Mike will work with PEPO to develop a 2020 WSRF or CWP grant application.

Roundtable members were supportive and in consensus with this proposal and expressed their appreciation for Mike's programming efforts.

MEETINGS/LINKS:

Please check out full presentations at www.arkansasbasin.com.

- Next Meeting – November , Pueblo Community College
- C9 Statewide RT Summit – September 25, 26. The 25th is tours and a dinner. The 26th is the main business.
- Oct 23 – IBCC meeting in the morning, Water Resources Review Comm mtg in the afternoon.
- Arkansas Basin Roundtable: www.arkansasbasin.com
- PEPO: 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/>
- Colorado Flood Threat Bulletin: www.coloradofloodthreat.com
- Stream Management Plan Resource Library: <https://coloradosmp.org/>