

**Interbasin Compact Committee
Gunnison Basin Roundtable Meeting
Virtual and In-Person Meeting
Delta
July 15, 2024**

Voting Members Present:

Thomas Alvey	North Fork WCD
Bruce Bair	At-Large Member
Sonja Chavez	Upper Gunnison River WCD
Kathleen Curry	Saguache County
Allen Distel	Bostwick Park WCD
Joanne Fagan	Ouray Municipalities
Steve Fletcher	At-Large Member
Jonathan Houck	Gunnison County
Austin Keiser	Grand Mesa WCD
Wendell Koontz	At-Large Member
Mark LeValley	At-Large Member
John McClow	House and Senate Ag Committees
Scott Murphy	Montrose Municipalities
Bill Nesbitt	Gunnison Municipalities
Jim Plumhoff	Industrial
Steve Pope	At-Large Member
Mark Roeber	Delta County
Dave Traylor	Ute WCD
Adam Turner	Local Domestic Water Supplier
Martha Whitmore	Ouray County
Henry Woods	Hinsdale Municipalities
Jerry Young	Tri-County WCD

Voting Members Excused/Absent:

Steve Anderson	Agricultural
Mike Cleary	Crawford Water Conservancy District
Bobbie Daniel	Mesa County
Nancy Fishing	Montrose County
Michael Murphy	Hinsdale County
Mark Ritterbush	Mesa Municipalities
Neal Schwieterman	Recreational
Vacant	Colorado River Water Conservation District
Vacant	Delta Municipalities
Vacant	Environmental

Liaisons and Non-Voting Members Present:

Sharon Dunning (Assistant Recorder), Raquel Flinker (CRWCD), Jeff Rodriguez (CWCB), Ryan Unterreiner (CPW).

Public: Becky Mitchell (State of Colorado), Tanya Ishikawa (Uncompahgre Watershed Partnership), Drew Matsushima (Western States Ranches), Ashley Garrison (CWCB), Emerson Kennedy (Western States Ranches), Cheryl Cwelich (River Network), Michael Elizabeth Sakas (DNR), Robert Sakata (CO Dept Ag), Savannah Nelson (PEPO), Brett Specht (Crawford Water Conservancy District), Cindy Dozier (Club 20), Randy Hobbs (DDWC), Cole Buerger (Candidate – State Senate District 5), Russ Sands (CWCB), Emily Zmak (CWCB).

Welcome

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Chairperson Wendell Koontz.

Roll Call/Introductions

After roll call a quorum was declared to be present.

Agenda Approval

There was an update to the order of agenda items. There were no objections to the agenda as revised.

Approval of Minutes from the May 20, 2024 Meeting

John McClow requested several revisions to the minutes.

John McClow moved to approve the minutes of the May 20, 2024 meeting as amended. Alan Distel seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Membership Update (W. Koontz)

Wendell Koontz announced there will be advertisements in local papers for the vacant Environmental At-Large seat and the vacant Delta County Municipalities seat on the Gunnison Basin Roundtable.

Status on Post 2026 Negotiations (B. Mitchell and Michael Elizabeth Sakas)

Commissioner Mitchell gave updates on the status of post 2026 negotiations. Michael Elizabeth Sakas, Communications Specialist on the Colorado River with the Division of Water Resources, gave updates on communications efforts and tools, including upcoming webinars and infographics in progress.

Education Committee Report (Savannah Nelson)

Savannah Nelson reported on PEPO efforts, including:

- Letter to the editor campaign
- September newsletter
- Updating the Gunnison Basin Handbook

Grant Review Committee Report (Tom Alvey)

Tom Alvey introduced the following topics:

- a. **Deutsch Domestic Water Letter of Support**
This is a request for a modification to the letter of support previously provided by the GBRT. Marti Whitmore moved to ratify the letter of support. Bill Nesbitt seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
- b. **Ryan Reservoir**
This is a request for Ryan Reservoir for \$40,000 from the Basin account, \$100,000 from the State. Marti Whitmore moved to approve the application for Ryan Reservoir for \$40,000 from the Basin account, \$100,000 from the State to line the outlet pipe with a CIPP liner. Austin Keiser seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
- c. **2024 WRSF Funding**
Jeff Rodriguez reported there will be a refresh of funding after the September board meeting, which should be available around October 1.
- d. **Screening Committee Member**
The Screening Committee needs a new committee member to fill the vacancy left by Cary Denison. If interested send an email to Kathleen Curry, Tom Alvey and Wendell Koontz.

2024 Legislative Review (K. Curry)

Kathleen Curry reported the Water Resources and Ag Review Committee met on July 11. The committee will meet again August 7, and then will meet at Water Congress where they will begin talking about legislation.


The CDPHE rulemaking for the dredge and fill permitting program is starting a stakeholder process. Kathleen will find out more information and get it to the Roundtable.

Colorado Water Conservation Board Report (J. Rodriguez)

Jeff Rodriguez discussed the upcoming C9 Summit Conference on October 1-2 in Crested Butte and gave the following CWCB updates and reminders for July:

JULY CWCB UPDATES

<p><u>CWCB Guide</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Draft on EngageCWCB <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Finalize in Fall <p><u>C9 Summit</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Register Early <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ October 1 & 2 ○ Crested Butte Arts Center 	<p><u>Water Conditions</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Next meeting 7/23/24 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 9:30 am ○ Virtual <p><u>Water Plan Grant Cycle 1</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 41 applications ● \$11.6M ● Updated Web page <p><u>Colorado River Webinars</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 7/11 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Cancelled ○ Next one is August 8 ○ CWCB Calendar 	<p><u>Reminders</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● CWCB Board Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ July 17-18 - North Platte Basin ● CWCB Deadlines <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ WSRF Deadline August 1 ● Wildfire Ready Watersheds <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Accepting Applications ● Technical Assistance & Local Capacity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Accepting Application ○ Both Programs (ARPA Funds) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Contracted by 12/31/24
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Colorado River District Update (R. Flinker)

Raquel Flinker gave general Colorado River District Updates, including:

- Colorado River District Board meeting July 16-17
- 10 State of the River Meetings
- SPCP re-authorization updates
- Shoshone Water Right Preservation
- 2024 Annual Water Seminar on Friday, September 20 at Colorado Mesa University

Raquel gave a project overview and demonstration of the Water Conservation Decision Support Tool, a project the River District has partnered on with the Uncompahgre Valley Water Users Association (UVWUA). Steve Pope shared his thoughts for UVWUA’s motivation to work together with the River District on the tool. There was discussion on what the tool would be used for.

Interbasin Compact Committee Report (J. Fagan, M. Roeber)

Russ Sands gave a presentation on the IBCC Drought Resilience Action Plan, which is an update to IBCC’s 2013 No & Low Regrets Action Plan.

Joanne Fagan discussed her perspective on the snow survey and the next steps to try and bring the cost down as well as the economic benefits. Joanne asked the Roundtable to think about what it would like to see the IBCC do. She will send out an email survey to members.

Mark Roeber discussed his view of working on aging infrastructure versus snow surveys.

Wendell Koontz discussed the IBCC representatives' 5-year terms. Joanne Fagan was selected in 2017 and her term has expired, Mark Roeber was selected in 2022, and the alternate position is now vacant. Joanne and Mark both indicated they were interested in continuing, and Sonja Chavez said she would be interested as well. Tom Alvey moved to appoint Joanne Fagan for another 5-year term and Sonja Chavez as the alternate. Kathleen Curry stated she also is interested. Tom Alvey retracted the motion and the item will be voted on at the September GBRT meeting by paper ballot.

Bylaws Amendment for Colorado River District Member

John McCloy sent out a summary to Roundtable members regarding a proposed amendment to the bylaws. Jeff Rodriguez discussed codifying something that goes against the statute. However, the Roundtable would like to treat the River District as a member to show that respect.

Tom Alvey moved to appoint a Colorado River District representative who does not live within the basin boundary as a voting member. Kathleen Curry seconded. Only 13 members voted for the motion and the motion did not pass.

Public Comment

None.

Other Business

None.

Future Meetings

The next regular Roundtable meeting will be September 16, 2024 at 3:00 p.m. in the Roubideau Room in Delta, Colorado.

The C9 Summit will be October 1-2 in Crested Butte.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Roundtable, the meeting was declared adjourned at 5:48 p.m.

Adam Turner, Recorder

Action Items

Joanne Fagan will send out an email survey to Roundtable members for input on what the Roundtable would like the IBCC to do.

Kathleen Curry will send information to the Roundtable regarding CDPHE rulemaking for the dredge and fill permitting program