

River Board Meeting Agenda

530 E Main St Plaza 1 Aspen

Aug 14, 2014

Time	Description
4:00 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Board Comment• Public Comment• Additions – Deletions to Agenda
4:10 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Approval of Minutes July 17, 2014
4:15 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• GIS Opportunities Ruthie Brown – Morgan Boyles
4:35 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Northstar future work Andre Wille
5:00 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sponsorship Requests Colorado Foundation for Water Education \$1000 for the Sustaining CO Watershed Conference Oct 2014 \$2000 for the transbasin fall tour
5:15 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• CO Water Plan Discussion/Comments
5:45PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2015 Budget Discussion Finance Committee
6:15 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Executive Session RICD Property Acquisition C.R.S. 24-6-402 (4)(b)
6:45 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Adjourn

Future meeting dates 2014:

Sept 18

Oct 16 or Oct 23 possible joint meeting with OST

Nov 20

Agenda items are subject to change – Times are approximate and are also subject to change

HEALTHY RIVERS AND STREAMS CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD

Meeting Minutes

530 E. Main St Plaza 1

Aspen, CO 81611

July 17, 2014– 4:00 p.m.

River Board members present: Bill Jochems, Andre Wille, Lisa Tasker, Ruthie Brown, Greg Poschman

River Board members absent: Rick Neiley

Others present: Lisa MacDonald, John Ely, Laura Makar

Board Comment –

Dave Nixa and Lisa Tasker attended an event hosted by the Roaring Fork Conservancy in May. Acting Assistant Administrator, Nancy Stoner, with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Water spoke and shared information on a proposed rule to clarify protection under the Clean Water Act for streams and wetlands.

Chairman Wille made comments on Northstar and his desire to move forward with work on the property. He proposed at site visit to the property.

Mr. Poschman noted he's hearing from people about Northstar and the pressure people are feeling with increased use. He feels perhaps a community wide conservation sensitivity training could happen.

Public Comment – None

Additions/Deletions to Agenda –

John Ely asked for time to discuss the current status of the CWCB Trust Agreement and for a quick executive session to discuss property acquisition. Chairman Wille agreed to the addition.

Approval of the Minutes

Ms. Brown moved to approve minutes of May 15, 2014 meeting. Ms. Tasker seconded the motion. The motion passed 6/0.

Crystal River Restoration Funding Request - Roaring Fork Conservancy

The Board did not support the funding request of \$50,000 for the Crystal River Restoration Project.

Mr. Nixa moved to recommend a resolution of support for the endeavor and to encouraged Roaring Fork Conservancy to apply for future grants for shovel ready or on the ground projects that are a consequence of the study work that do not conflict with the other goals of the river board. Ms. Tasker seconded the motion. The motion passed 6/0.

The Great Divide Film Funding Request – Havey Productions

Ms. Tasker moved to:

Recommend funding for \$5000.00 for The Great Divide, a feature length documentary that illustrates the timeless influence of water in both connecting and dividing an arid state and region.

The film company shall not use Pitkin County's name in promotional or fundraising efforts until the River Board has reviewed the film and use of the healthy rivers logo must be specifically authorized by Pitkin County in advance of any use.

Chairman Wille seconded the motion. The motion passed 6/0.

GIS Discussion

Mr. Nixa and Ms. Tasker provided a short update on the progress of a GIS mapping project. They are working with the county's GIS department on an informational interactive mapping project. The interactive map will show where grant funds have been used, photos if available, and costs.

They are also identifying some experts to define what it is the Board wants to accomplish through a larger interactive project. They will then come back to the Board with that answer, get input and put together an RFP.

Board Updates –

There were no updates on the futures committee.

Ms. Brown updated the Board on the economic study, (how to relate healthy river flows to economic vitality). The concept is to protect instream flows by recognizing the economic value of the water resources here on the western slope. It has been suggested to bring this issue back to the BOCC with a tentative date of October 21st. Ms. Brown will work with Ms. Makar on a summary and a strategy and make suggestions on what areas of focus individual board members could present. Each board member should reach out to a certain interest groups to bring to the BOCC meeting.

Grant Procedures will be discussed at the next meeting. This will include how the Board deals with small sponsorships, grants, educational pieces and what the threshold levels should be.

Chairman Wille noted that Ruedi Water and Power Authority, through Mark Fuller, informed him the \$10,000 we awarded them for the invasive species boat inspections was not needed. They unexpectedly received full funding from the USFS and the CO Dept of Parks and Wildlife. They will hold the money until February of next year and will contact us at that point to either return it or use it in 2015.

Current status of the CWCB Trust Agreement – John Ely

Mr. Ely discussed the status of the trust agreement with the Board and a possible change concerning water associated with open space and trails property.

Ms. Brown moved to enter into executive session pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(b) to discuss potential property acquisitions. Ms. Brown seconded the motion, the motion passed 6/o.

Ms. Brown moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Tasker seconded the motion. The motion passed 6/o.

The Board adjourned at approximately 6:33 p.m.

Approved:

Attest:

Andre Wille-- Chairman
Healthy Rivers and Streams Board

Lisa MacDonald

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Transbasin Diversion Tour Draft Itinerary September 22-23, 2014

Tour Goals

- Provide a common learning experience for a diverse group of statewide decision-makers, water resource consultants and interested citizens
- Highlight the legacy of transbasin diversions, including the benefits and impacts of moving water across watershed boundaries
- Impart lessons for addressing future water demands through integrated and cooperative planning from multiple perspectives

Monday, September 22

10:30 *Registration at Colorado Springs Utilities' Conservation and Environmental Center*

11:00 *Depart with opening remarks*

Topic Group welcome and introductions; Colorado's legal and technical frameworks for transbasin diversions

Speaker TBA

12:00 *Lunch and tour of Pueblo Dam and Reservoir*

Topic History and operations of the Fryingpan-Arkansas Project; Benefits of imported water supplies; Technical requirements for water exchanges through the Southern Delivery System

Speaker Roy Vaughan (U.S. Bureau of Reclamation), Jim Broderick (Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District), Brad Henley (Colorado Parks and Wildlife), John Fredell (Colorado Springs Utilities)

2:00 *Depart with traveling commentary*

4:00 *Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area*

Topic Maintaining recreational and environmental flows with a voluntary agreement; Promoting river use with recreational in-channel diversions

Speaker Rob White (Colorado Parks and Wildlife), Andy Neinas (Arkansas River Outfitters Association), Mike Harvey (Recreation Engineering and Planning)

5:30 *Dinner at River's Edge in Salida*

Topic Transbasin water for augmentation use in the Upper Arkansas Valley

Speaker TBA (Upper Arkansas Water Conservancy District)
8:00 *Hotel check-in at Hampton Inn in Salida*

Tuesday, September 23

7:00 *Breakfast and hotel check-out*

7:30 *Depart with travelling commentary*

9:00 *Guided walk to Ewing Ditch at Tennessee Pass*

Topic Colorado's first transbasin diversion and transition from irrigation to municipal water supplies

Speaker Alan Ward (Pueblo Board of Water Works)

10:00 *Depart*

10:30 *Bousted and Homestake tunnel outlets and lunch at Turquoise Lake*

Topic Interconnecting water diversion and delivery systems and related maintenance projects; Collaborative water supply planning from both sides of the Divide

Speaker Brett Gracely (Colorado Springs Utilities), TBA (Aurora Water), TBA (Eagle River Water & Sanitation District)

12:30 *Depart with commentary in regards to Busk-Ivanhoe Diversion*

Topic Seeking negotiations to modify existing water uses and mitigate West Slope impacts

Speaker TBA

1:00 *Tour of Mt. Elbert Forebay and Powerplant*

Topic Operations to convey transbasin water and generate hydroelectric power

Speaker Scott Wik (U.S. Bureau of Reclamation)

2:30 *Depart with closing remarks*

5:00 *Tour concludes in Colorado Springs*