

**HEALTHY RIVERS AND STREAMS  
CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD  
Airport Operations Center  
Owl Creek Road  
Aspen, CO  
November 15, 2012 - 4 p.m.**

<b>4:00</b>	<b>Public Comment</b>	
<b>4:05</b>	<b>Board Comment</b>	
<b>4:15</b>	<b>Approval of Minutes</b> October 18, 2012 minutes	
<b>4:20</b>	<b>Follow up on Retreat Topics and Work Plan</b>	John Ely

**Upcoming regular meeting dates**

*Dec 20*

**2013**

*January 17*

*February 21*

**HEALTHY RIVERS AND STREAMS CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Airport Operations Center**  
**4:00 p.m.**  
**October 18, 2012**

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**Board members present:** Lisa Tasker, Bill Jochems, Andre Wille  
Steve Hunter, Greg Poschman

**Board members absent:** Ruthie Brown, Rick Neiley

**Others present:** John Ely, Lisa MacDonald, Ken Ransford, Ken Neubecker,  
Shannon Ullman, Jim Pokrandt

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**Public Comment** – None

**Board Comment** – Mr. Wille noted that schools up and down the valley are participating in a discussion on the Roaring Fork Watershed and Western Colorado water issues and conservation on October 19, 2012. Eco-Flight will provide children with flights around the watershed, with a discussion to follow at the Aspen High School. The public is welcome.

**Approval of Minutes**

***Mr. Jochems moved to approve the minutes of June 21, July 9 and August 21, 2012. Mr. Wille seconded the motion. The motion passed 4 to 0.***

Ms. Tasker joined the meeting at 4:20 pm.

**Update on the Statewide Water Supply Initiative - Ken Ransford**

Mr. Ransford provided an update on the statewide water supply initiative. Mr. Ransford is the recreational representative to the Colorado Basin Roundtable. His talk focused on three potential sources of water to fund the pending supply gap: diverting more water from the Colorado River, drying up irrigated agriculture or adopting more stringent water conservation practices and the impacts on the Roaring Fork Valley. Mr. Ransford presentation was video-taped and will be available on the Board's website.

**Update on the Grace-Shehi Ditch Improvement project – Shannon Ullman - SGM**

Ms. Ullman described efforts to improve the diversion structure to the Grace-Shehi ditch in the Roaring Fork River which should improve the flow the river and increase the rate and flow of water diverted into the ditch by use of a Rubicon ditch device. The diversion is located just upstream of the Rio Grande Bridge as it cross the river and near the Roaring Fork Club in Basalt.

***Chairman Poschman moved to sign a letter of support for SGM to the Colorado Basin Roundtable and Colorado River Water Conservation District to fund the feasibility study for the project. Ms. Tasker seconded the motion. The motion passed 5 to 0.***

**Grant request for videos – Ken Neubecker, The Western Rivers Institute**

Mr. Neubecker requested funding of \$10,000 for a series of three short videos for internet use on the history of rivers and water development in Colorado, water rights law & administration and climate change and the future.

While the Board supported the idea, it had several questions and time did not allow for answers. Of general concern was the budget, length, formats, how it's distributed, marketed and PR. The Board will discuss at a future meeting.

**Direction on Elk Mountain Consulting and Hydrologic Systems Analysis Proposals**

The Board received two proposals from Elk Mountain Consulting for \$1600 for a report on using conservation easements for regional water management purposes and an addendum to the GIS groundwater resources evaluation by Hydrologic Systems Analysis for \$18,000. The Board did not see a need for either proposal at this time.

**Retreat Follow-up**

The Board discussed ideas and the direction it wants to take in the future. This discussion will be continued at the next meeting.

**Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at approximately at 7 10 p.m.

**Approved:**

**Attest:**

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Greg Poschman – Chairman  
Healthy Rivers and Streams Board

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Lisa MacDonald

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