



Task Force Meeting #7 – Meeting Notes

Thursday, October 26, 2023

11:00 am-4:00 pm

In-Person Meeting

Ute Mountain Community Center

485 Sunset Blvd. Towaoc, CO 81334

Meeting Attendance

Attended?	Appointed Representative	SB-295 Seat
Yes	Orla Bannan Western Resource Advocates	Representative of a statewide environmental nonprofit organization with expertise in water rights and Colorado River interstate governance.
Yes	Jackie Brown Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association	Representative of an industrial water user located on the western slope.
Yes	Mike Camblin Colorado Cattlemen's Association; Rancher	Representative of a statewide agricultural organization that is the owner of water rights.
Yes	Kathy Chandler-Henry Eagle County Government	Non-voting Chair.
Yes	Aaron Citron The Nature Conservancy	Representative of a statewide environmental nonprofit organization with expertise in water rights and Colorado River interstate governance.
Yes	Alex Davis Aurora Water	Representative of a front-range municipal water provider that diverts water from the Colorado River.
Sent Designee	Kate Greenberg Department of Agriculture <i>*Designee Les Owen attended virtually</i>	Commissioner of Agriculture.
Sent Designee	Daris Jutten Uncompahgre Valley Water Users Association <i>Designee Steve Pope attended in-person</i>	An agricultural producer that owns water rights within the boundaries of the Colorado River Water Conservation District (CRWCD).
Yes	Randi Kim* City of Grand Junction <i>*attended virtually</i>	Representative of a local government located within the boundaries of the Colorado River Water Conservation District that provides water for municipal purposes.
Yes	Gerald Koppenhafer Montezuma Irrigation Company; Farmer	Agricultural producer that owns water rights within the boundaries of the Southwestern Water Conservation District (SCWCD).
Sent Designee	Lee Miller SCWCD Designee Jim attended in-person	Representative of Southeastern SCWCD.
Yes	Andy Mueller CRWCD	Representative of CRWCD.
Yes	Kevin Rein* Division of Water Resources <i>*attended virtually</i>	State Engineer; non-voting member.



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Yes	Kelly Romero-Heaney Department of Natural Resources	Designee of the Executive Director of the Department of Natural Resources.
Yes	Kyle Whitaker NCWCD	Representative of Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District (NCWCD).
Yes	Steve Wolff SWCD	Representative of Southwestern Water Conservation District (SWCD).
Yes	Letisha Yazzie Ute Mountain Ute Tribe	Representative of Ute Mountain Ute Tribe.
Sent Designee	Lisa Yellow Eagle Southern Ute Indian Tribe <i>*Designee Peter Nylander attended in-person</i>	Representative of Southern Ute Tribe.
No	Allison Baker City of Durango	Representative of a local government within the boundaries of the SWCD that provides water for municipal purposes.

Alternates in audience:

- Jason Ullmann
- Carlyle Currier
- Dave Payne
- Erin Karney
- Nancy Fishing
- Peter Fleming

1. Welcome (1:20 in Recording)

- a. Chair welcomed the task force and thanked the tribe for the tour they provided for the task force earlier in the day. Darwin Whiteman, Jr, Ute Mountain Ute Tribal Council Treasurer & Conrad Jacket, Tribal Council Member provided remarks and invocation for the group on behalf of the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe.

2. Approval of Agenda (13:03 in Recording)

- a. **MOTION:** Alex Davis moved to approve the agenda with a second from Kelly Romero-Heaney. Agenda for 10/26 meeting approved.

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes from 10/12 meeting (14:28 in Recording)

- a. **MOTION:** Moved by Kelly Romero-Heaney and Orla Bannan seconded – 10/12 meeting minutes approved.

4. Roll Call (15:05 in Recording)

- a. *If you were able to join the tour, what did you learn that was new or interesting for you about tribal water. If you couldn't join, what do you hope to learn about tribal water issues today?*
- b. Task Force members shared their thoughts in response to the question about tribal water issues.



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5. Public Comment (29:25 in Recording)

- a. The public provided comments to the Task Force both in person and virtually. In the meeting recording, the comment period begins at 30:34 and ends at 44:13 in the [Zoom Recording](#). Public Comment closed out at 11:49 pm by Chair Chandler-Henry.

Attendees who provided comments in person	Attendees who provided comments virtually
Ken Curtis	Kelly Bastone
Sam Carter	David Kamin, Excel Energy
	Nate Klema

6. Updates & Reports (44:32 in Recording)

- a. Travel Reimbursement
 - i. If you are requesting reimbursement for September or October meetings, please do so by the 20th of each month.
- b. Task Force Panel at C9 Summit
 - i. Kelsea will be facilitating a panel of Task Force members.
- c. Letter from the Attorney General
 - i. Chair Chandler-Henry received this letter and forwarded it to the group, this will be placed on the task force website.

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7. Tribal Water Issues Presentation (1:16:53 in Recording)

- a. Peter Nylander and Letisha Yazzie provided a presentation on the tribes and tribal water rights (specifically, Southern Ute Indian Tribe and Ute Mountain Ute Tribe). Presentation slides will be posted on the task force website.

8. Sub-Task Force Report (1:56:53 in Recording)

- a. Letisha provided a report on the October 23, 2023 meeting of the Sub-Task Force.
- b. Next Sub-Task force meeting information is on the website [here](#).

9. Results of Polling on Intrastate (1:58:51 in Recording)

- a. The polling results were shared with the Task Force and will be placed online.
- b. Kelsea reviewed the results with the Task Force.

10. Discussion on Intrastate Priority Tools (2:00:37 in Recording)

- a. The Proposals for Recommendations document was shared with the Task Force members to inform this conversation. This will also be placed online.
- b. The Task Force discussed Intrastate Tools with an eye to moving them to recommendations.
- c. Whiteboard photos from this discussion are available in Appendix A of this notes document.
- d. Process Check-in by facilitators: for the remaining time in this discussion item, We will (1) review the remaining proposed recommendations (2) others on the list will be addressed at the next meeting if members take time to add detail to them between meetings (3) if no additional detail is added to an item, it will be reported with a brief statement on potential next steps for these. The group agreed to this path forward given the limited time.

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11. Review, Discuss, and Revise Talking Points for Water Resources and Agricultural Review Committee Report on 10/31 (4:26:12 in Recording)

- a. The Chair shared draft talking points for this meeting.
- b. Jackie Brown asked that if the committee wants to dialogue or bring suggestions that the facilitators don't speak on behalf of the Task Force without additional Task Force discussion.
- c. The group asked that they get emailed the link to view the meeting.

12. Agenda Setting for Upcoming Meeting 11/9 (4:33:28 in Recording)

- a. The group decided to have draft recommendations entered into the shared Word document before the November 9th meeting. By November 6 @ 11:59pm.
- b. They do not want to be asked to vote on the 9th or the 16th. Straw polls may happen on the 16th.
- c. Any adjustments need to be made by November 30th.
- d. December 7 is when the official vote would take place. Amendments may still be made as needed at this meeting.

13. Wrap Up (4:52:25 in Recording)

- a. Round Robin asking the Task Force for thoughts on the next meeting's agenda.
- b. See photos in Appendix A

14. Adjourn. (Meeting Adjourned at 5:06:18 in Recording)

- a. Next meeting: Thursday, November 9th, 9:30am – 4:00pm, Glenwood Springs, CO

(See Appendix A – for Whiteboard Photos).

Appendix A: Whiteboard Notes from Meeting

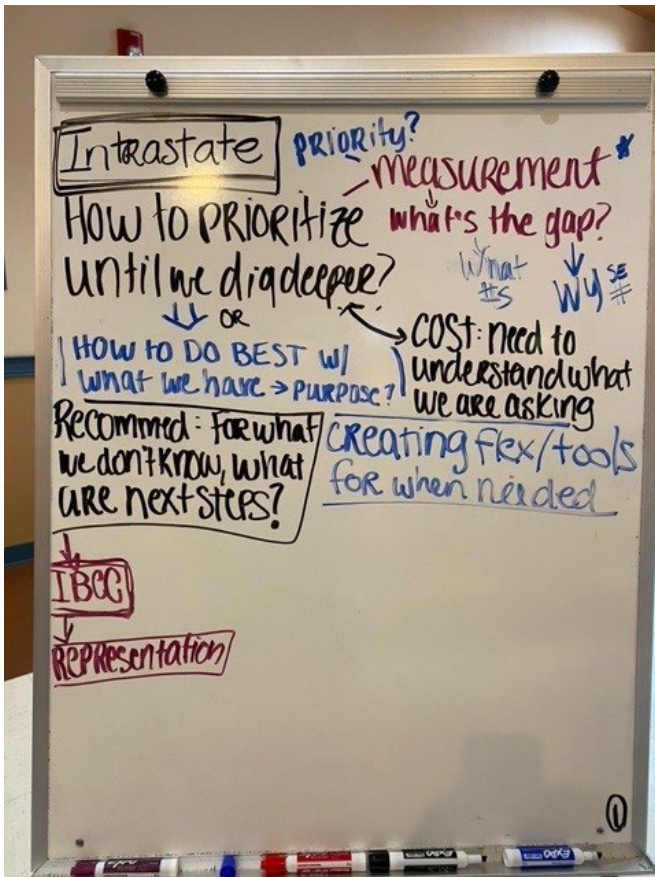


Figure 1. Whiteboard 1

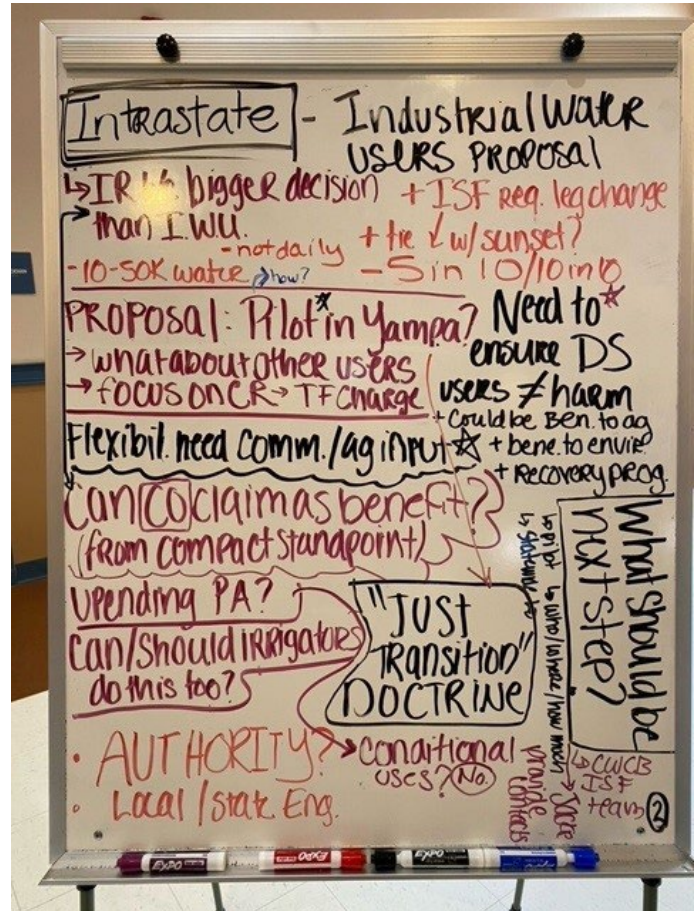


Figure 2. Whiteboard 2

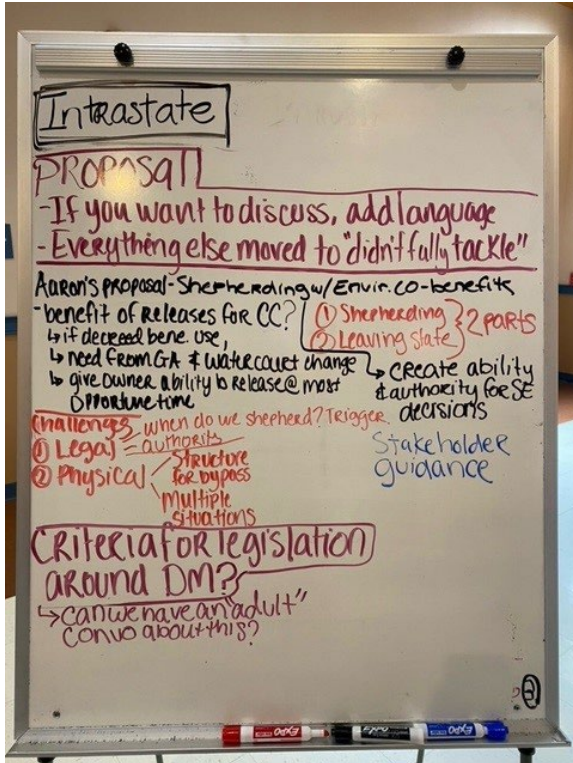


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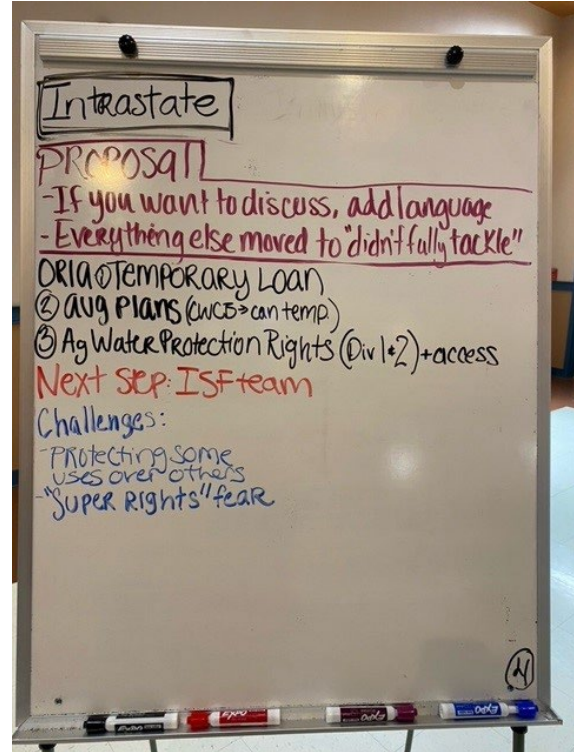


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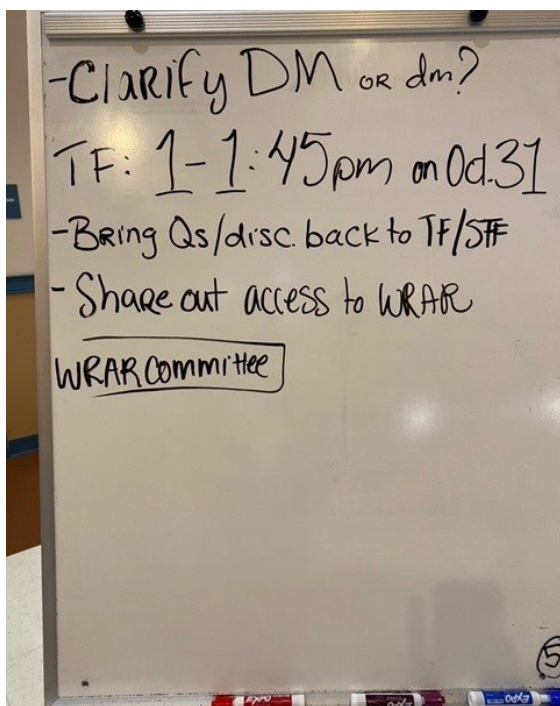


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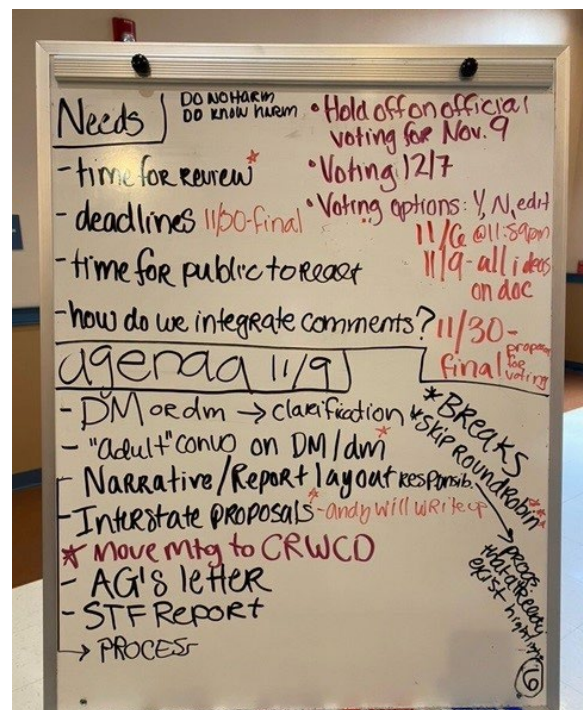


Figure 6. Whiteboard 6