



Task Force Meeting #5 – Meeting Notes

Thursday, September 28, 2023
 12:00 pm-4:00 pm
 In-Person Meeting

Northern Water’s Willow Creek Campus, Colorado Conference Room
 725 Grand County Rd 40, Granby, CO 80446

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>Alternate: Jordan Beezley attended in person</i>	Commissioner of Agriculture
Sent Designee	Daris Jutten Uncompahgre Valley Water Users Association <i>Alternate: Nancy Fishing 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 *Attended Virtually	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 *Attended Virtually	Agricultural producer that owns water rights within the boundaries of the Southwestern Water Conservation District (SCWCD).
Yes	Lee Miller SCWCD	Representative of Southeastern SCWCD.
Sent Designee	Andy Mueller CRWCD <i>Alternate: Peter Fleming attended in person</i>	Representative of CRWCD.
Yes	Kevin Rein Division of Water Resources	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).
Sent Designee	Steve Wolff SWCD <i>Alternate: Amy Huff joined virtually</i>	Representative of Southwestern Water Conservation District (SWCD).
Yes	Letisha Yazzie Ute Mountain Ute Tribe	Representative of Ute Mountain Ute Tribe.
Yes	Lisa Yellow Eagle Southern Ute Indian Tribe	Representative of Southern Ute Tribe
No	Allison Baker City of Durango <i>*Allison was ill the day of meeting</i>	Representative of a local government within the boundaries of the SWCD that provides water for municipal purposes.

Alternates in audience:

- Dave Payne
- Jason Ullmann

1. Welcome.

- a. Chair welcomed the task force, Kyle Whitaker from Norther Water welcomed everyone to their Willow Creek Campus facility.
- b. Statement of meeting objectives

2. Approval of Agenda (2:45 in Recording)

- a. **MOTION:** Remove Item 5, "Proceed to Interstate Tool Discussion" from September 28th agenda- Kelly Romero Heaney motioned, Jackie Brown seconded. All in favor. No nays or abstainers, motion passed unanimously.

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes from 8/31 and 9/14 meeting (6:45 in Recording)

- a. Discussion: Nancy Fishing like the shortened notes- approve both- Alternate- been at every meeting, note when alternates are present in person or online. Show when they are at the meeting- have both names.
- b. **MOTION:** Add alternates present at meetings to be noted in meeting minutes. Nancy Fishing motioned, Second by Lee Miller, all in favor, no nays or abstainers, motion passed unanimously to approve 8/31/ and 9/14 meeting minutes.

4. Roll Call (9:04 in Recording)

- a. *Please share a brief reaction or thought about a public comment you’ve heard related to the work of the Task Force.*



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- b. Task Force members shared their thoughts and reactions to topics and comments from public.

5. Public Comment (27:18 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 27:19 and ends at 1:00:37 in the Zoom Recording. Public Comment closed out at 1:05 pm by Chair Chandler-Henry

Attendees who provided comments in person	Attendees who provided comments virtually
Ryan Barwick	Ben Beall
Merit Linke	Peter Van De Carr
Daniela Gosselova	Kathleen Curry
Ken Curtis	Pete Kolbenschlag
Jeff Meyers	JoAnn Hackos

6. Updates (1:01:50 in Recording)

- a. Meeting location updates:
 - i. Lisa will let people know about time of field trip for 10/12 meeting in Ignacio, roughly 8:30am. Email information to follow.
 - ii. Letisha provided information on group lodging at the Ute Casino/Hotel. The tour will either have a shuttle or meet at community center, start at 8:00 am be back around at 11:30. She will send out more information as it gets closer.
 - iii. Kelsea stated that the Dec 7. Meeting will be in person with more updates to follow.
- b. Budget report, on track to facilitate all in person meetings moving forward.
 - i. Please send travel reimbursement for August as soon as possible.
- c. Public viewing and participation report- No updates.
 - i. Jackie suggested that the locations of future meetings be listed more clearly on the website

7. Continued: Discussion of Intrastate Tools using Worksheet (1:21:43 in Recording)

- a. Presentation from Kevin Rein, State Engineer, on “Water Sharing Agreements” (Slides will be shared on SharePoint, email, and uploaded to website)
- b. Presentation from Jackie Brown, Tri-State Generation & Transmission, on ideas for intrastate tools from industrial water users (no additional documents)
- c. Introduction to Stream Restoration Tools from Orla Bannan, Western Resource Advocates (Document on tools will be shared on SharePoint, email, and uploaded to website)
- d. Chair and Kelsea- shared with the group that a spreadsheet and google doc will be on website at the bottom of the “Resources” page. Task Force will have access to provide comments, adding information to recommendations so work can progress and in full view of public. Make suggestions rather than edit other’s contributions out.
- e. Continued Task Force Discussion on Tools from presentations (1:58:38 in Recording)
 - i. Jackie Brown’s proposed Tool from Industrial Water Users



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- ii. Discussion: Water policy as multi-purpose and barriers to implementation of tools of water sharing and other existing tools.
- f. Chair asked Task Force how they would like to proceed. (3:03:57 in Recording)
 - i. The Task Force encouraged each other to put something out as Jackie and Orla did. Agreed to discuss further. Any discussions on water leaving the state, tabled for interstate conversation with Commissioner Mitchell.
 - ii. Agreement to hear from Lee Miller on Water Banking after break.

(BREAK)

- g. (3:26:45 in Recording) Kelsea went through the 5 tools to be discussed further, what is on table. (See Appendix A – Whiteboard Photos)
- h. Presentation from Lee Miller, Southeastern SCWCD on Water banking (3:32:10 in Recording)
- i. Discussion on Water Banking from Lee's Presentation (3:40:41 in Recording)
 - i. Continued discussion about difference between water sharing and banking; barriers to implementation of this and other tools.
 - ii. Task Force agreed to discuss water sharing/water banking and continue to discuss Orla's proposed tool.
- j. Discussion on Stream Restoration Tools from Orla's Presentation (3:51:24 in Recording)
 - i. HB20-1157- loan bill, enhancements to preserve environment- instream decreed flow rights, expanded number of years, does not work on non-decreed in stream flow rights
 - ii. Augmentation bill HB20-1037 does allow for augmentation for stream, only used on Poudre
 - iii. Leverage spreadsheet to get more detail.

7. Wrap-up (3:55:19 in Recording)

- a. Homework:
 - i. Narrow focus/rank/prioritize intrastate tools in worksheet
- b. Suggestions for next meeting:
 - ii. Task Force discussed getting more information on table sooner to look through.
 - iii. Will reserve more time to talk about Orla's tool next time.
 - iv. Kevin will take his list of tools and put into matrix, document shortcomings and what fills the gap, what's necessary to make it more accessible- put that out for group.
 - v. Discussion on not losing momentum
 - 1. More frequent and longer meetings- to be successful in coming to some consensus. We need more time.
 - 2. Poll will be sent out for regarding additional time.

8. Adjourn. (Meeting Adjourned at 4:23:01 in Recording)

Next meeting: Thursday, October 12th, Ignacio, CO

Appendix A: Whiteboard Notes from Meeting

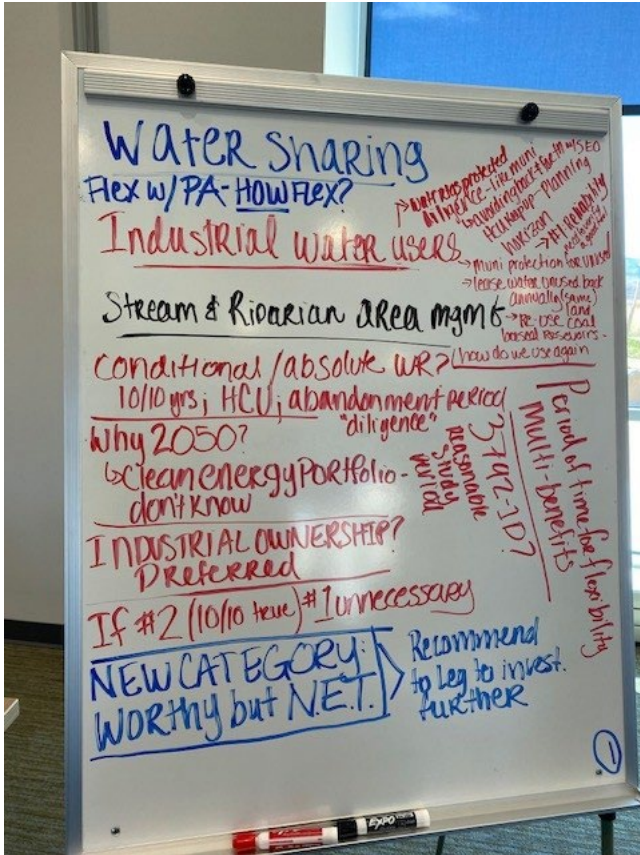


Figure 1. Photo of Board 1

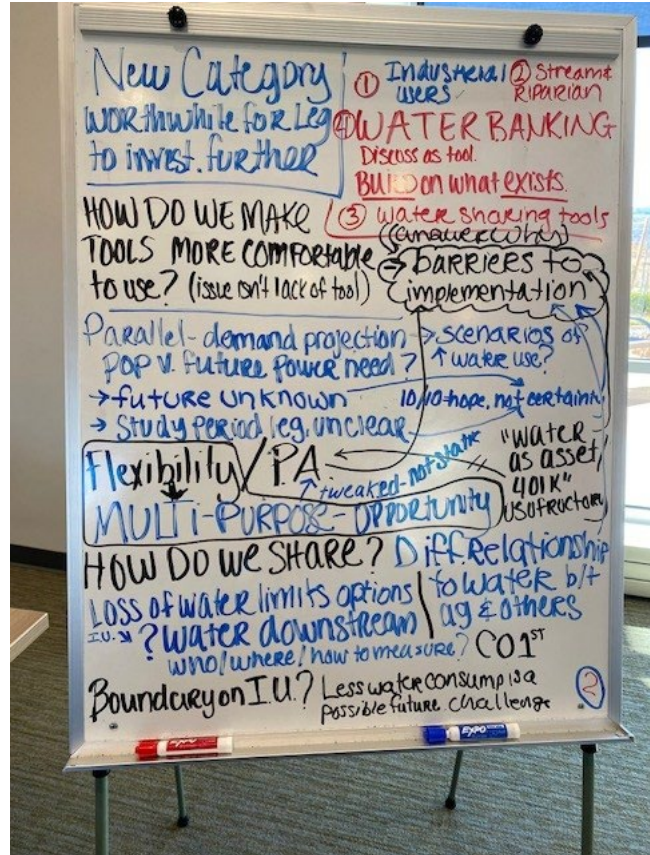


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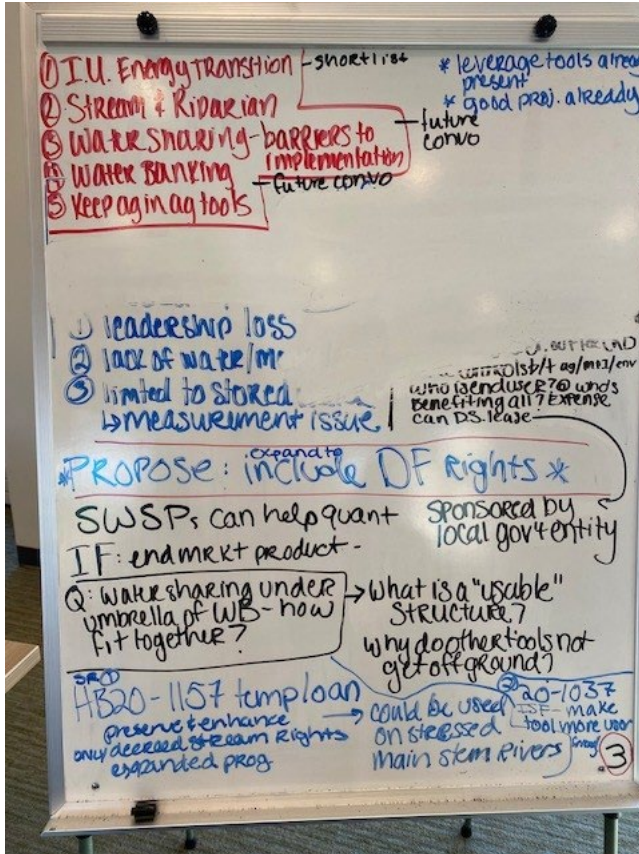


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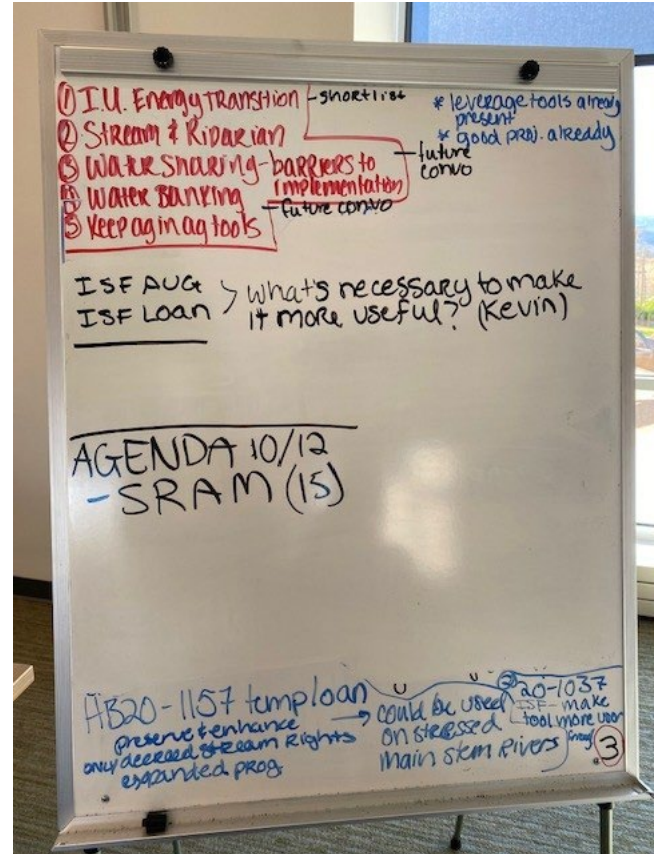


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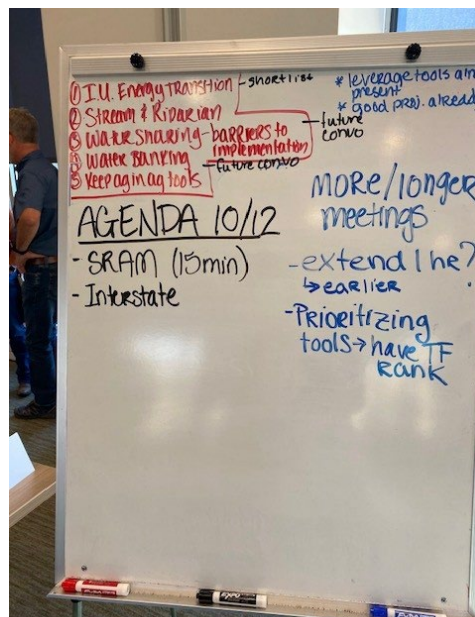


Figure 5. Photo of Board 5