

PAC Meeting Minutes
March 14th, 2023
Meeker Firehouse

Attendance:

PAC Members/Staff

Chris Collins	Ron Reich	Ian Wilson	Stu Massey
Travis Day	Jerry Oldland	Albert Krueger	Deirdre MacNab
Ed Smercina	Brett Harvey	Callie Hendrickson	Elizabeth Chandler

Technical Advisors

Mario Sullivan	Robert Hampson	James Roberts	Curtis Keetch
Nakayla Lestina			

Public/Presenters

Leif Joy	Chris Lockwood	Ron Cousineau	Matt Schultz
Cory Williams	Brandon Forbes	Kari Brennan	

Outcomes

- There are 21 projects planned or completed as a result of the Diversion and Riparian Assessments in Phase II
- Conservation Districts have received grants for the Water Initiative from:
 - Colorado State Forest Service
 - Colorado River District
- Grant pending from Water Supply Reserve Fund
- Presentations made to increase our knowledge of water measurement
 - All presentations are available on the Conservation District website/water tab
 - <https://wrcd-dccd.colorado.gov/projects/white-river-integrated-water-initiative>

Minutes

Kari Brennan shared that as of last fall, there are 14 projects being planned or already completed on diversion systems assessed by the team. There are 7 projects planned or completed in riparian areas assessed by the team.

The CWCB is asking the Initiative to enter all projects recommended, planned, or completed into its Outcomes Tracking Program. This information will be used by the CWCB to quantify the work that is accomplished as a result of the Water Supply grants. All information will be reported by the ditch or area number that was used in the report writing.

The CWCB has asked that a task is added to the Phase III grant to include writing a stream management plan/report.

The DCT position with NRCS/CD is now a forestry position instead of a water position. The Forestry subcommittee is composed of Brett Harvey and Jerry Oldland. They will meet on March 27th to aid in finalizing the job description for the DCT Forestry position. If anyone is interested in being on this subcommittee, please contact Callie or Liz for the meeting time and location.

The Conservation Districts have received grants from the Colorado River District and the Colorado State Forest Service. The WSRF grant will be reviewed and voted on by the CWCB Board next week. We still

need \$5,000 in matching funds for the grants. Dr. Bailey will submit his own grant for his work on the water supply study.

The tasks the PAC will need to complete for the Water Supply Study are:

- Synoptic gauging of the White River
- Ditch Diversions
- Amount of water applied to fields
- Gauging of tributary inflow
- Getting the Meeker CoAgMet station online

Presentations were made by Cory Williams and Brandon Forbes from the USGS Water Science Center and Robert Hampson, BLM Hydrologist. These presentations are available on the CD website listed above.