

Basin Roundtable Project Exploration Committee: Flaming Gorge
April 25, 2012

Agenda

Location: Ute Water - 2190 H 1/4 Road in Grand Junction

Objectives

- Learn about the legal issues stemming from how project proponents would acquire water from Flaming Gorge (i.e., contract with the Bureau of Reclamation, Colorado water right, Wyoming water right)
- Learn about how a Flaming Gorge project could meet some portion of the statewide water gap
- Learn about Bureau of Reclamation studies, permitting, and other issues related to a Flaming Gorge project
- Begin Committee work to answer the identified questions in the preliminary interests and issues list

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10:00 am Introductions and Agenda Review

10:20 am Public Comment

10:30 am Legal Issues - How Water Is Acquired for a Flaming Gorge Project

- Discussion with State Engineer Dick Wolfe
- Discussion of additional information needs related to acquisition of water rights

11:45 pm Potential Impact on the Gap from a Flaming Gorge Project

- Review of the timing, location, and size of the gap information prepared by CWCB staff for the IBCC
- Review of a summary of the location of the water supply anticipated by each project proponent (based on information provided at March 27 meeting)

12:15 pm Lunch

12:45 pm Bureau of Reclamation – Studies, Permitting, and Related Issues

- Discussion with Rick Gold (invited)
- Discussion of additional informational needs regarding the Bureau of Reclamation

2:00 pm Break

2:15 pm Committee Work: Answering Questions in the Preliminary List of Interests and Issues

- Debrief presentations from proponents and determine if the Committee would like to follow up on anything from those discussions
- The Committee will begin to discuss which of the questions in the preliminary list of interests and issues they can answer and what the answers to those questions are
- The Committee will work to identify which of the questions/answers apply uniquely to a Flaming Gorge project and which apply to any new transbasin diversion
- If appropriate and possible, the Committee will note those questions that cannot be answered based on current information

3:40 pm Next Steps

3:50 pm Public Comment

4:00 pm Adjourn