Inter Basin Compact Committee Basin Roundtables

Rio Grande Basin Roundtable

MEETING MINUTES

December 10, 2024, at 2:00pm

Rio Grande Water Conservation District

Alamosa, Colorado

**Call to Order**

Amber Pacheco called the meeting to order.

The agenda was approved as presented

Gene Farish moved to approve the November 12, 2024, minutes. Heather seconded the motion and the motion carried.

**Public Comment:**

Casandra McCuen announced the Education Committee will be having their retreat in January 2025.

Paul Formisano announced the Rio Grande State of the Basin Symposium will be March 29th, 2025.

Kevin Terry noted that the Rio Grande Cutthroat Trout is not going to be Federally listed. The species is still listed as a species of special concern in both Colorado and New Mexico.

Judy Lopez noted that the Snowtel Project with the Trinchera Water Conservancy District no longer needs Roundtable funds as other funds were secured.

Judy Lopez presented a preview for the San Luis People’s Ditch Restoration Project. She noted it is the oldest ditch in Colorado and serves 13 “parciantes”. Steven Romero is the lead for the project. The first phase is for an assessment for the project and will be requested out of the basin account. There are 13 shareholders and has an annual delivery of 16cfs. The project cost is $45,000 with a request of $30,000 to the Roundtable.

Sanford Schools Strategic Planning and Grant Writing Committee presented a preview on the Conejos Pipeline Project. The stockholders on the Sanford Ditch are Kip Canty, Ryan Reynolds, and Dennis Crowther. This project will be one phase of a bigger project including the Revitalizing Mainstreet Grant to redo sidewalks in town. The total project budget is $128,000. The Statewide account request is $96,000, the Basin account request is $12,800 and the Applicant match is $19,200.

Lunch was served and the meeting was adjourned.