

**CITY OF GUNNISON COUNCIL AGENDA
MEETING IS HELD AT CITY HALL, 201 W. VIRGINIA AVENUE
GUNNISON, CO, IN THE 2ND FLOOR COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**TUESDAY,
MARCH 10, 2015**

REGULAR SESSION

7:00 P.M.

- I. Call Meeting to Order:
- II. Consideration of Minutes:
 - A. Regular Session Meeting Minutes of February 24, 2015
- III. Pre-Scheduled Citizens:
Gunnison Basin Water Plan Input & Comments: UGRWCD General Manager Frank Kugel and District 8 Board Member George Sibley
- IV. Unfinished Business: None
- V. New Business:
- VI. Resolutions and Ordinances:
 - A. Resolution No. 4, Series 2015; Re: Set May, 2015 Election as a Mail Ballot Election
- VII. City Attorney: Kathleen Fogo
- VIII. City Manager: Ken Coleman: absent.
Acting City Manager: Parks & Recreation Director Dan Ampietro
City Clerk: Gail Davidson
WSCU Liaison: Stefano Ballesteros
- IX. Non-Scheduled Citizens: **At this agenda time, non-scheduled citizens may present issues of City concern to Council. Per Colorado Open Meetings Laws, NO action or Council discussion will be take place until a later date, unless an emergency situation is deemed to exist by the City Attorney. Speaker has a time limit of 3 minutes.**
- X. City Council Discussion, Meeting Reports, Items for Future Work Sessions:
- XI. Adjournment

This agenda is subject to change. The City Manager and City Attorney reports may include administrative items not listed. Regular Meetings and Special Meetings are recorded and action can be taken. Minutes are posted at City Hall and on the City website at www.cityofgunnison-co.gov. Work sessions are recorded, minutes are not produced and formal action cannot be taken. For further information, contact the City Clerk's office at 970-641-8140.

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Following a Work Session meeting, the City Council Regular Session meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M., by Mayor Drexel, with Councilors Ferguson, Steinbeck and Hagan present along with City Attorney Fogo, Acting City Manager Westbay, City Clerk Davidson, Finance Director Cowan, Police Chief Robinson, Public Works Director Bradford, WSCU student intern Katie Bledscoe, many citizens and the press. Councilor Riggs and WSCU Liaison Ballesteros were absent. Council quorum was present.

Consideration of Minutes:

Regular Session Meeting Minutes of February 10, 2015.

Councilor Steinbeck moved and Councilor Ferguson seconded the motion to approve the Regular Session Meeting minutes of February 10, 2015, as submitted.

Roll call vote, yes: Ferguson, Drexel, Steinbeck, Hagan. Motion carried.

Roll call vote, no: None.

Unfinished Business: None.

Pre-Scheduled Citizens: None.

New Business:

Excuse Councilor Riggs from the Regular Session Meeting.

Councilor Ferguson moved and Councilor Steinbeck seconded the motion to excuse Councilor Riggs from this evening's Regular Session meeting due to personal business.

Roll call vote, yes: Drexel, Steinbeck, Hagan, Ferguson. Motion carried.

Roll call vote, no: None.

Action to Award City Equipment Contract for Purchase of Dozer and Sweeper.

Public Works Director Bradford came forward to answer any questions from Council. These items were discussed at the Work Session meeting on February 10, 2015

Councilor Hagan moved and Councilor Ferguson seconded the motion to approve the purchase of a used 2011 Komatsu dozer/crawler dozer from Power Motive Corporation in the amount not to exceed \$92,344.00.

Roll call vote, yes: Steinbeck, Hagan, Ferguson, Drexel. Motion carried.

Roll call vote, no: None.

Councilor Ferguson moved and Councilor Steinbeck seconded the motion to approve the purchase of a 2015 Tymco street sweeper from Intermountain Sweeper of Denver in the amount not to exceed \$293,294.00.

Roll call vote, yes: Hagan, Ferguson, Drexel, Steinbeck. Motion carried.

Roll call vote, no: None.

Action to Award 2015 Sewer Slip Lining Contract to A-1 Sewer & Drain in an Amount Not to Exceed \$375,000. This item was discussed at the Work Session meeting on February 10, 2015.

Councilor Steinbeck moved and Councilor Ferguson seconded the motion to approve the 2015 slip line contract with A-1 Sewer & Drain of Rapid City, South Dakota in an amount not to exceed \$375,000.00.

Roll call vote, yes: Ferguson, Drexel, Steinbeck, Hagan. Motion carried.

Roll call vote, no: None.

Action to Approve Complete Streets Design Project Consulting Contract with Fox/Tuttle/Hernandez Transportation LLC in an Amount Not to Exceed \$85,300.

Community Development Director Westbay informed Council the entire contract under consideration is not solely with Fox/Tuttle/Hernandez Transportation LLC. There is also a component of the contract with MIG to create concept streetscape design treatments for the Complete Streets Design Project.

Councilor Ferguson moved and Councilor Hagan seconded the motion to approve the consulting contract with Fox/Tuttle/Hernandez Transportation LLC in an amount not to exceed \$64,000.00 and for landscape concept design with MIG in an amount not to exceed \$13,000.00.

Roll call vote, yes: Drexel, Steinbeck, Hagan, Ferguson. Motion carried.

Roll call vote, no: None.

Ordinance and Resolutions:

Resolution No. 3, Series 2015; Re: Approving GOCO Grant Application Submission for “Ridges to Rivers” Trails Project. City Clerk Davidson informed Council the title of the Resolution found in their packets was corrected to read “Ridges to Rivers” Trails Project instead of “Creeks to Peaks”.

Councilor Hagan introduced Resolution No. 3, Series 2015, and it was read by title only by the City Attorney.

Councilor Hagan moved and Councilor Steinbeck seconded the motion that Resolution No. 3, Series 2015, **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GUNNISON, COLORADO, SUPPORTING THE GRANT APPLICATION FOR A PATH TO PARKS TRAILS GRANT FROM THE STATE BOARD OF GREAT OUTDOORS COLORADO FOR THE CITY OF GUNNISON RIDGES TO RIVERS TRAILS PROJECT**, be introduced, read, passed and adopted this 24th day of February, 2015.

Roll call vote, yes: Steinbeck, Hagan, Ferguson, Drexel. Motion carried.

Roll call vote, no: None.

City Attorney Kathleen Fogo: No report this evening.

City Manager: Ken Coleman: was absent from the meeting. In his stead, Acting City Manager Westbay reminded Council the employee taco lunch will be next Tuesday, March 3rd starting at 11am at the Jorgensen Ice Rink. All of Council is invited to attend. Additionally, Staff is working on several City event permits and developing the City marijuana regulations.

Acting City Manager: Community Development Director Steve Westbay: Semi-Annual Departmental Report. Director Westbay reported his departmental report is in their packets and it shows his department has accomplished a lot of work the past six months. The Community Analysis portion of the Comprehensive Plan Project is almost complete. The Plan looks at the next 10 to 20 years and will include portions of the economic viability work being conducted by the One Valley One Prosperity group. The writing of the Comp Plan should commence in the fall. The repair work on City Hall is almost done. It turned out really well, and Eric Jansen did a great job leading the project. Finance Director Cowan informed Council work on the City Hall roof parapet and on the east door replacement will take place in the spring once the weather warms up. Work on the GOCO Grant Trails Project is ahead of the curve. A lot of work is already complete or is in the development stages. This work includes wetlands delineation. Permitting with the Army Corp of Engineers for the wetlands trail segments and with CDOT for the bridge underpass segment has started. Work with the US Fish and Wildlife Service has also started regarding the endangered Gunnison Sage Grouse species in the area of the proposed trails. The Gunnison River Restoration Project field work will start after the snow melts. This project includes a \$446,000 grant from the Colorado Water Conservation Board. Fire Marshal Dennis Spritzer conducted a very successful Household Hazardous Waste event in the fall. He also conducted the annual fire safety training at the schools and at Western State. Director Westbay stated he has a hardworking group of people in his department. Council thanked Director Westbay for his good report.

City Clerk: Gail Davidson: informed Council the Youth City Council students met last week with Dale Picard from the City’s Wastewater Treatment Plant, and they learned about the services provided by the Public Works Department. The students will be meeting with the Police Department on March 8th to learn about that department’s functions and services.

WSCU Liaison: Stefano Ballesteros: was absent. WSCU student intern Katie Bledscoe reported her internship is going well. Mid-terms are coming up, and Western's Poly-Sci Club will be hosting speaker Scott Jackson.

Non-Scheduled Citizens: John Billingsly, resident of Sargents, Colorado, addressed Council. Mr. Billingsly asked Council that if marijuana is like liquor in the licensing process, why it is being blacklisted. Why is it being tucked away from visible areas? It is a clean business. There are many people who are parents in the industry. He asked that the public be allowed input on the buffers and allowed locations for marijuana facilities. Council thanked Mr. Billingsly for his input.

City Council Discussion, Meeting Reports, Items for Work Session:

Councilor Hagan: reported the Upper Gunnison River Water Conservancy District meeting was canceled due to weather.

Councilor Steinbeck: reported she attended the all-women's luncheon at WSCU. There were approximately 90 in attendance. Cindy Drexel was recognized for all of her hard work on WSCU recreation programs. She also attended the Daughters of the American Revolution meeting, and she passed out copies of the City's historic buildings brochure. The attendees had a lot of input on historic buildings in Gunnison. She attended the Boomers and Beyond meeting, and they discussed the new senior addition. Lastly, she had a citizen ask about a dog park. Director Westbay stated an update on the dog park planning will take place in March at a Council Work Session.

Mayor Pro Tem Ferguson: reported he attended the Chamber Board meeting this morning. They reported they have had a positive start with the new Tourism Association (TA) Board. John Norton is the interim TA Board Director. The Chamber Board also discussed the TA report regarding the impact of mountain biking being bigger than skiing in the valley. The Chamber will be hosting the Taste of Gunnison this spring as well as a Fashion Show Fundraiser. Employee customer service training is also being discussed by the Chamber Board. There was no Planning Commission meeting last week so he has no report on that front.

Mayor Drexel: reported he will be attending the Region 10 Loan Fund and general Board meeting on Thursday. He will not be able to attend next week's Mayors'/Managers' meeting but Mayor Pro Tem Ferguson will attend in his place. The City has received an email from CML about our hosting the September CML District 10 meeting in Gunnison. He will get with the City Manager and City Clerk to plan that function.

Adjournment: Mayor Drexel called for any further discussion, and hearing none, adjourned the meeting at 8:40 P.M.

Mayor

City Clerk

~~~The Gunnison Basin Roundtable~~~

GUNNISON BASIN WATER PLAN - SUMMARY - January 2015

The Gunnison River Basin is a major tributary of the Colorado River, providing on average one-sixth of that river's part of the water supply for 35-40 million water users (mostly urban and outside the natural Basin), four million acres of irrigated land, and a great array of recreational adventures on and near the river.

Rugged geography and 10,000 feet of elevation changes make the Basin a very diverse region. Nine Wilderness Areas lie all or partly in the Basin - three of them more or less in the middle of the Basin. Yet the Basin also has large, rich alluvial valleys with some of Colorado's most productive agricultural land. High deserts with 10-12 inches annual precipitation are within a half-hour drive of mountain slopes that get 300 inches of winter snow on average. More than half the Basin is public land.

The Gunnison Basin Roundtable was formed by statute in 2005, under the "Colorado Water for the 21st Century" Act; it is one of nine similar Roundtables in Colorado, charged to "encourage locally driven collaborative solutions to water supply challenges," assess "basin-wide consumptive and nonconsumptive water supply needs," and "serve as a forum for education and debate regarding methods for meeting water supply needs." Its 32 members represent all local governments and significant economic and environmental actors in the Basin. (For list of members: cwcb.state.co.us --> "Water Management" in top menu --> "Basin Roundtables" --> "Gunnison Basin".)

Colorado's Water Planning Process actually began in 2003-4 with a "Statewide Water Supply Initiative" study (SWSI) by the Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB); a SWSI 2010 update, incorporating Roundtable work, indicated that by the mid-21st century, the state would be experiencing a gap of 200,000-600,000 acre-feet of water (65-200 billion gallons) between projected water demand for new population (mostly in the metropolitan area) and the known supply. This moved Governor John Hickenlooper in 2013 to order the CWCB to develop a "Colorado Water Plan" for reconciling that gap by 2050. His executive order mandated a grassroots process, with each Basin Roundtable first creating a plan for addressing its own needs and goals, within the context of these statewide goals:

- A productive economy that supports vibrant and sustainable cities, viable and productive agriculture, and a robust skiing, recreation, and tourism industry;
- Efficient and effective water infrastructure promoting smart land use; and
- A strong environment that includes healthy watersheds, rivers and streams, and wildlife.

Draft Basin Implementation Plans (BIPs) were completed in July 2014, and incorporated into a Draft Colorado Water Plan in December 2014; the draft BIPs are being reworked through April 17, 2015, with a final Colorado Water Plan to 2050 submitted to the Governor by December 2015.

The Gunnison Basin Water Implementation Plan

(See the completed Draft Plan at coloradowaterplan.com --> 'Communities' in top menu --> 'Gunnison Basin' page)

Developing the Gunnison Basin Plan followed the major steps summarized below:

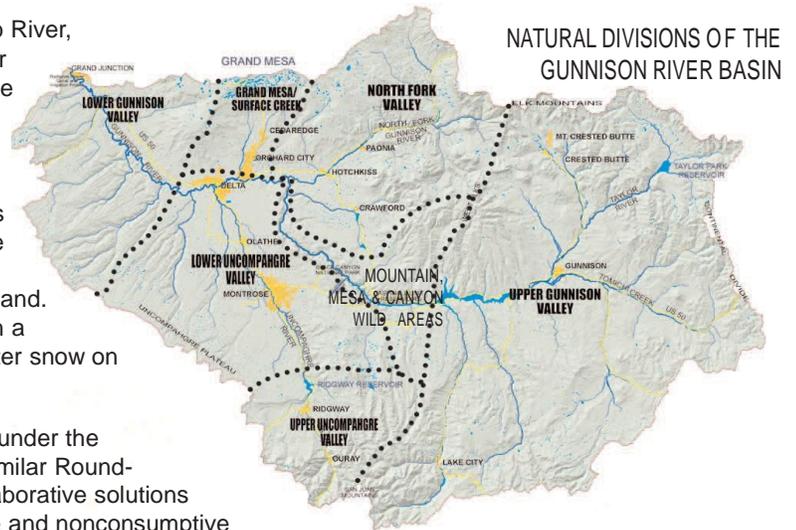
DEFINING GOALS: The first stage in drafting the plan at the Basin level was to define goals for the plan. The drafting committee began with **Intrabasin Goals**, to guide the future internal development of water resources within the Basin, out to mid-century.

One priority Basin goal was established early in the discussion:

- **Protect existing water uses in the Gunnison Basin.** This signifies a desire to preserve the existing mix of both decreed and nondecreed uses - agricultural, municipal and domestic, industrial, recreational and environmental - in the Gunnison Basin today; new projects or climate change scenarios should be evaluated in terms of potential impacts on the existing mix of uses.

That primary goal is to be supported or supplemented by the following goals, given no priority over each other:

- Discourage the conversion of productive agricultural land to all other uses within the context of private property rights.
- Improve agricultural water supplies to reduce shortages.
- Identify and address municipal and industrial water shortages.
- Quantify and protect environmental and recreational water uses.
- Maintain or, where necessary, improve water quality throughout the Gunnison Basin.
- Describe and encourage the beneficial relationships between agricultural and environmental/recreational uses.
- Restore, maintain, and modernize critical water infrastructure, including hydropower.
- Create and maintain active, relevant and comprehensive public education, outreach and stewardship processes involving water resources in the six sectors of the Gunnison Basin.



The Gunnison Roundtable also generated several *Statewide Principles* to guide the Basin in further developing its relationships with the other Basins on the West Slope, and with the rest of the state. These principles are summarized:

- *Future supply of Colorado River water is highly variable and uncertain; therefore any proponent of a new supply project from the Colorado River System must accept the risk of a shortage of supply however the shortage occurs, strictly adhere to the prior appropriation doctrine, and protect existing water uses and communities from adverse project impacts.*
- *A new consumptive use development from any location in the Upper Colorado River System must be explicitly recognized as impacting the entire Upper Colorado River Basin.*
- *Any new supply project from the Colorado River System must have specifically identified sponsors and beneficiaries, and must meet certain minimum criteria.*
- *Local solutions must be utilized to meet Colorado's future water needs without a major state water project or related water right.*
- *Water conservation, demand management, & land use planning that incorporates water supply factors must be equitably employed statewide.*
- *Scenario planning should be used as the principal tool for water planning.*
- *Statewide discussion, outreach, and education concerning the Gunnison Basin Roundtable's vision for water development in Colorado should be continued.*

ASSESSING BASIN NEEDS: The second major planning task. Technical meetings were held with the Basin's agricultural and municipal & industrial consumptive users and recreational & environmental nonconsumptive users, to determine what water needs, shortages, gaps, et cetera exist in the Gunnison Basin. The following needs have been identified and catalogued (af=acre-feet):

- **Agricultural water shortages** have been identified in all Basin Water Districts, in three categories: a) **Physical shortages** mostly reflecting a need for storage of water for late-summer and fall irrigation; b) **legal shortages** due to calls from downstream senior users; and c) **irrigation practice shortages** caused by labor shortages, inefficient or deteriorating delivery systems or other infrastructure issues. SWSI 2010 estimates this Basin "ag gap" *currently* at ~128,000 acre-feet (>2 million acre-feet statewide).
- **Municipal/domestic and industrial shortages** will probably be modest in the Basin, despite a projected doubling of population (mostly urban), with M&I demand increasing from 24,000 af to ~44,000 af; of the increase, SWSI 2010 projects unidentified M&I shortages at ~6,500 af/yr (~1% of the 2050 statewide unidentified shortage); much of this could be made up through conservation and infrastructure efficiency and some agricultural conversion (retiring ranchers). There are other M&I infrastructure needs, however. The largest M&I water supplier in the Basin, Project 7 serving 50,000 people in the Montrose-Delta Corridor, depends on water from the aging Gunnison Tunnel with only a 30-day reserve supply; a Uncompahgre Valley reservoir is needed. Other communities either have, or anticipate by mid-century, problems with aging infrastructure.
- **Environmental and Recreational needs** have been identified in 29 "Priority Stream Segments," which all need an inventory of specific projects to alleviate the identified needs. These segment needs run the gamut of environmental, recreational, scientific and educational uses; some involve problems of water shortages at critical times; others are water quality problems (sometimes exacerbated by water quantity problems). Endangered or threatened species problems are nearly all water-related - even for non-aquatic species like the Gunnison sage grouse which needs wet-meadow ecosystems, many of which have lost water tables to gullies over time. Quantifying environmental and recreational needs is difficult but necessary. It would be advantageous to agricultural users to better identify and quantify the ecosystem services provided by high-country irrigation.

In all of the technical meetings, agricultural and recreational users indicated an awareness that there were neither financial resources nor political will for addressing most of the identified shortages; the main concern expressed was that the shortages not grow significantly worse in the future, through either in-basin development or interbasin projects or programs.

IDENTIFYING AND ANALYZING PROJECTS AND METHODS: Roundtable members generated than 130 potential water projects and programs for addressing identified needs and goals; that list has been pared down to 102 projects and programs, and further sorted into three tiers:

- Tier 1:** The project or program will help meet Basin Goals, meet No/Low Regret goals, and implementation is feasible by 2020.
- Tier 2:** The project or program would help meet Basin Goals but implementation is probably not feasible by 2020.
- Tier 3:** The project or program is unfeasible by 2020, in preliminary planning stages, or may have lesser impact on Basin Goals.

A summary of the tiered list is attached to this Progress Report; the full list with more description is online with the Plan. Further discussion of feasibility, constraints, and other analysis of the projects and programs will be in the full plan, now available at the website cited above. ***Your comments on this "shopping list" of projects and programs will be appreciated.***

What does the Gunnison Basin Roundtable need from you?

We need your input on these things: **1)** Are the ***Intrabasin Goals*** and ***Statewide Principles*** presented above consistent with your hopes for the future of the Basin and the State? Is anything missing? **2)** Do you perceive any ***water-related needs*** not covered above? **3)** What other ***projects and programs*** should be considered for meeting future needs?

The Roundtable planning committee also has a more formal survey ***online*** at www.coloradomesa.edu/watercenter/GunniBasinPlan.html. It will help us if you will take 10 minutes to engage with this survey. ***We need your grassroots participation. This is an opportunity to help shape the world our children will grow up in.***

For more on this process, contact GBRT Outreach Chair George Sibley - george@gard-sibley.org, 970-641-4340. Or look up the Roundtable member from your area on the CWCB site, and invite him or her for a cup of coffee!

~~~ **GUNNISON BASIN ROUNDTABLE** ~~~

QUICK GUIDE to the COLORADO WATER PLAN and the GUNNISON BASIN WATER PLAN

This is a quick guide to getting into the 350-page draft **Colorado Water Plan (CWP)** and the **Gunnison Basin Water Plan (GBWP)**. The Colorado Water Conservation Board and Basin planning groups want public input, but realize that few citizens will have the time to read each plan thoroughly. **So this guide goes back to the basic questions the water planning process is addressing, referencing the questions to sections in the Plans.**

FINDING THE PLANS: Go to website Coloradowaterplan.com. Click on **Resources** on the top menu bar. For the Colorado Water Plan, click on **'Draft Colorado's Water Plan'**. For the Gunnison Basin Plan, click on **'IBCC and Roundtable Documents'**; scroll down to **'Basin Roundtable Implementation Plans'** & click on Gunnison's..

A CITIZEN'S GUIDE TO THE CWP: The Gunnison Basin Roundtable has prepared a more thorough guide to the CWP, keyed to the pdf chapters that can be downloaded from the website above. You can find this guide on the **Colorado Mesa University website:** www.coloradomesa.edu/water_center/documents/COWaterPlanGuide-GSibley.pdf.

What goals & values underlie the Colorado Water Planning process?

The ultimate goal of the CWP is to make sure Colorado has enough water at mid-century to meet a **probable expanded water demand** (population increase) with a **probably shrinking water supply** (climate changes). A decade-long State Water Supply Initiative determined that by mid-century a statewide **Municipal & Industrial 'Gap'** of 200,000-500,000 acre-feet annually is anticipated between known supplies and anticipated demand. Most of that Gap will be in the Front Range metropolitan region, which draws on other Basins for its water supply. so its Gap becomes a statewide problem, necessitating the CWP. (Gunnison Basin's gap is <1% of the total Gap.)

But Governor Hickenlooper decided to give all the river basins first shot at describing their own need-and-supply problems; the Draft Colorado's Water Plan has been compiled out of all of those basin specific plans. So there is a 'dialogue' between the state (as represented by the CWCB) and the basins over intra-basin needs and supplies, versus the interbasin need to increase the metro region water supply.

Governor Hickenlooper stated some **values** he believes the Colorado Water Plan should incorporate in planning:

- A productive economy that supports vibrant and sustainable cities, viable and productive agriculture, and a robust skiing, recreation and tourism industry;
- Efficient and effective water infrastructure promoting smart land use; and
- A strong environment that includes healthy watersheds, rivers and streams, and wildlife.

Do you perceive any tensions among these values (especially the three parts of the first value)? If it were not possible to 'have it all,' which values should we sacrifice for others?

How do we know what is actually going to be happening in 2050?

We *don't*, so the CWP is an **'adaptive management' plan**, which will be constantly reviewed and refined as future conditions emerge, according to **five scenarios** factoring climate and population variables. **See CWP Chapter 6.1** for descriptions of the scenarios.

What are the possible sources of water for meeting The Gap?

- **Municipal & Industrial Conservation – including Demand Reduction, Land Use Reform, & Reuse:** CWP Chapters 5 & 6.3 cover efforts to make M&I water go farther. The GBWP has 'High' conservation goals.
- **New Supply:** This generally refers to new or expanded transmountain diversions (TMDs), but also includes existing storage expansion, weather modification, etc. CWP Chapters 4 & 8 analyze these options; Ch 8 has an analysis of strict conditions the Front Range would need to meet for future TMDs to occur. Similar conditions were laid out in the GBWP Section 1 **'Statewide Principles.'** (over for 3rd option)
- **Transfers from Agriculture:** 89% of the water consumed in Colorado is used in food production; some of the 'Gap' water will have to come from agricultural transfers to Municipal and Industrial uses. The challenge is to do it without serious impacts on food production, and on the communities supporting agricultural producers. CWP Chapters 6.3, 6.4, 6.5 address this. The GBWP Goals (Sec. 1) emphasize minimizing ag transfers.

How should we draw on these three sources proportionally in meeting The Gap? Which should be carried out first? What conditions should be placed on any future transmountain diversions?

Can we meet The Gap and still maintain our generally high quality environment?

'Nonconsumptive' environmental, recreational and power uses of Colorado water receive considerable attention in the CWP, as does water quality. All chapters include E&R considerations, usually toward the end; **CWP Chapters 6.6 and 7** are most important here. A 'Watershed Health' section is still being developed for the **GBWP Section 4** involving the Basin's environmental and recreational groups; studies to identify specific nonconsumptive-use projects are included in Tier 1 of the **Section 4** Project Listing.

What suggestions do you have for better integrating nonconsumptive uses with consumptive uses? Should NC uses be quantified? How can relations between recreational and ag users be improved?

How will we pay for all of the work laid out in these Plans?

CWP Chapter 9 explores this; the final **CWP** draft in December 2015 will include a **Chapter 10** with recommendations for the State Legislature. **Chapter 9** describes important state considerations for future funding.

Are all water users really paying a fair share for their use? Would you support a new 'water tax' (whatever form that might take)? Could other economic sectors help with funding (severance-type fees, bottle tax)?

Will this planning process have an impact on Colorado Water Law?

While the basic Appropriations Doctrine is considered inviolable, there is a growing sense in the state that some of the body of law and practice that has grown up around that doctrine results in a rigidity and expenses that prevents the creative and flexible adaptations we will need in addressing future challenges. We may be facing another episode of administrative changes like the State went through in 1969 – something for which the plans should lay the groundwork.

What concerns or caveats do you have on behalf of the users you represent?

How can you join the conversation?

Watch your newspaper and email for announcements of public meetings on the CWP and Basin Water Plans. The Roundtable is making serious efforts to get input on the plans.

Go to to your Basin Roundtable meeting. Each Basin has a website on the Colorado Water Conservation Board website, with meeting information. Go to cwcb.state.co.us/water-management/basin-roundtables/Pages/main.aspx, find your Roundtable in the left margin.

Talk with a Basin Roundtable member. A list of Roundtable members is on each Roundtable website (see URL info above). Find your rep.

Submit 'General Input Form'. Go to coloradowaterplan.com website, and click on 'Get Involved' on top menu; click on 'General Input Form', and then on the category that relates to your own concerns/interests.

Gunnison Basin inhabitants can find a **two-page summary** of the Gunnison Basin Water Plan and an **Input Survey** on the Colorado-Mesa website: <http://www.coloradomesa.edu/watercenter/GunniBasinPlan.html>.

OUTLINE OF THE COLORADO WATER PLAN:

Chapter 1 - Introduction (Plan Goals & primary challenges)

CHAPTERS 2 & 3 are background & context:

Chapter 2 - Our Legal & Institutional Setting

Chapter 3 - Overview of Each Basin (very brief overviews)

CHAPTERS 4 & 5 discuss basin supplies and demands

Chapter 4 - Water Supply (compiled from SWSI 2010)

Chapter 5 - Water Demand by Sector (also from SWSI 2010)

CHAPTERS 6-9 are the plan:

Chapter 6 - Water Supply Management for the Future

Chapter 7 - Water Resource Management & Protection

Chapter 8 - Interbasin Projects & Agreements

Chapter 9 - Alignment of State Resources & Policies

Chapter 10 – Legislative Recommendations (none yet)

Chapter 11 - Updating Colorado's Water Plan

Appendices

OUTLINE OF GUNNISON BASIN WATER PLAN:

Introduction: Overview of Basin and the Basin Plan

Section1: Basin Goals

Section 2: Basin Needs

Section 3: Basin Water Resource Evaluations

Section 4: Basin Plan and Projects for Plan

Appendices

**RESOLUTION NO. 4
SERIES 2015**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GUNNISON, COLORADO, DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF GUNNISON TO CONDUCT THE REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTION, SCHEDULED FOR MAY 12 2015, AS A MAIL BALLOT ELECTION AND TO SET GUNNISON CITY HALL AS THE VOTING PRECINCT PHYSICAL VOTING CENTER FOR SAID ELECTION.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Gunnison is desirous of engaging as many of the registered electors of the City of Gunnison as possible in the regularly scheduled municipal election of May 12, 2015; and

WHEREAS, previous Regular Municipal Elections, conducted as mail ballot elections, have resulted in higher voter participation by the registered electors and City Council feels a mail ballot election will encourage voter participation; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.3 of the Gunnison Municipal Home Rule Charter creates one voting precinct in the City of Gunnison and eligible voters may be desirous of physically dropping off their voted mail ballots or voting their mail ballots in person on Election Day.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GUNNISON, COLORADO, THAT:

1. The City Clerk of the City of Gunnison, is hereby authorized and directed to conduct the Regular Municipal Election of the City of Gunnison, Colorado, scheduled for May 14, 2013, as a mail ballot election pursuant to the "Colorado Mail Ballot Election Act, Title 1, Article 7.5 C.R.S."
2. Gunnison Municipal Hall, 201 W. Virginia Avenue in Gunnison, Colorado, is hereby designated as the mail ballot drop off location and voting center for the May 12, 2015, Regular Municipal Election.

INTRODUCED, READ, PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Gunnison, Colorado, at a regular meeting held this 10th day of March, 2015.

(SEAL)

Mayor

City Clerk