

Summary of the Colorado River Issues meeting

On November 28, 2006, the State Engineer's Office hosted a Colorado River Issues meeting. The meeting was held in Kemmerer, WY at the Lincoln Co. Library.

A sign-in sheet was passed around and those that attended can be found at the end of this summary.

John Shields began the meeting with a short introduction and then showed the group a video on the proposed Lake Powell Pipeline Project. This water project is being proposed by the State of Utah to bring a water supply from Lake Powell to the community of St. George, Utah and other communities in Washington, Iron and Kane Counties of Utah. The video described the need for the 120-mile, 66-inch pipeline from Lake Powell to Sand Hollow Reservoir and 38-miles of 30-inch pipe from Sand Hollow Reservoir to Cedar City, Utah. The pipeline would bring 70,000 acre-feet of water to Washington County, 10,000 acre-feet of water to Kane County and 20,000 acre-feet of Iron County. The pipeline's cost would probably exceed \$494 million in current dollars. For more information about this proposed project, visit:

<http://wcwcd.state.ut.us/Projects/Lake%20Powell%20Pipeline.htm>

After the video, State Engineer Pat Tyrrell, making use of a PowerPoint presentation, discussed the activities and negotiations ongoing among the seven Colorado River Basin States concerning the development of Colorado River Shortage Guidelines (being analyzed in an ongoing environmental impact statement being prepared by the Bureau of Reclamation), a seven Basin States agreement concerning river management and water supply and the development of water supply augmentation plan for the Basin.

Included in this presentation was a discussion led by Steve Wolff on the Green River Basin consumptive use determination program that is currently under development by the State Engineer's Office. The Upper Colorado River Basin Compact of 1948 contains curtailment of use provisions to assure that the Upper Division States meet the 1922 Colorado River Compact requirement that the streamflow passing Lee Ferry in each ten-year consecutive period not be depleted below 75 million acre-feet. Curtailment of use in each Upper Division state, proportional to the amount of consumptive uses that occurred in each state in the prior year, could be required for Compact administration. This program will, when developed and implemented, provide the means for the State Engineer's Office to determine Wyoming's annual consumptive use in our portion of the Basin allowing compliance with these Compact provisions. Mr. Wolff took on these duties in the newly-created position of Colorado River Coordinator on September 1, 2006. He gave the group an update on the tasks that he has accomplished so far with this project.

The last item discussed in this presentation was the Colorado River Basin Salinity Control Program.

The PowerPoint presentation given by Pat Tyrrell, John Shields and Steve Wolff can be found [here](#).

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Attendees - Colorado River Issues Meeting - November 28, 2006 - Kemmerer, WY

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