

AGENDA

Joint Gunnison Basin/Grand Valley Selenium Task Force Meeting

Wednesday February 25, 2008 10am - 3 pm

USDA Service Center, 690 Industrial Blvd, Delta, CO

NRCS Conference Room

I. Task Force Updates (10am – 11:15am)

Mike Baker (BOR)

- a. **Phase 3 Lateral Piping Project** (Mark Catlin, UVWUA, Mike Baker, BOR, Dave Kanzer, CRWCD)
- b. **Pond Lining Program** (Fred Fisher, SCD, Mike Baker)
- c. **Salinity Forum Interest in Leaky Ponds** (Mike Baker, Dave Kanzer)
- d. **Wise Water Use Council Activities: Water Use Efficiency Improvement Project** (Mike Baker)
- e. **Bioreactor Pilot Project Proposal** (Russ Walker, MSC / Mike Baker)

Dave Kanzer (CRWCD)

- f. **Use of Selenium Priority Areas for EQIP projects** (Dave Kanzer)
- g. **CIG Progress Report** (Dave Kanzer)
- h. **Targeted Watershed Grant Proposal** (Dave Kanzer)
- i. **Task Force Coordinator Funding**
 - i. GB/GVSTF “member dues” solicitation letter for Coordinator funding (Dave Kanzer)
 - ii. Anticipated BOR Contribution
- j. **2007 Water Resources Development Act** (Dave Kanzer) Brainstorm future Colorado Selenium projects.

Eileen List (City of Grand Junction)

- k. **State Regulatory Update** (Eileen List) Walker Wildlife area – Temporary Modification deleted; mainstem Lower Colorado River from Parachute Creek to Gunnison confluence proposed as selenium impaired for 2008 303(d) list; tribs segment 13b iron impaired; E. coli impaired.

I. Grant Updates (11:30am – 12pm)

Coordinator (Sonja)

- l. Selig Canal Piping 319 NPS
- m. Wise Water Use for Selenium Reduction 319 NPS
- n. Gunnison Basin/Grand Valley Watershed Plan 319 NPS

LUNCH BREAK (12pm – 1 pm) *Lunch Provided

Celebration of Paul von Guerard's last meeting as our USGS Rep

III. 2008 Task Force Action Plan (1pm -1:30pm, Task Force discussion) Identification of 2008 priorities.

IV. Gunnison River TMDL Development (1:30 - 2, Task Force discussion) Need to prepare a Task Force position and statement on TMDL figures on upcoming WQCD Gunnison River TMDL. Figures proposed by WQCD are approximately twice the current STF reduction targets.

V. WWUC letter regarding salt & selenium reduction to be sent to local planning communities and developers; development of distribution/marketing plan for BMP and other STF educational materials (2 – 2:30, Task Force discussion) Many Task Force members believe the Task Force should become involved in local land use planning as development planning has the potential to influence both current and future selenium and salt loading. A letter could be a vehicle to distribute BMPs and other educational materials. Redraft and distribute previous WWUC letter to local land use planners and developers.

VI. Future transfers of BLM to private land use (2:30 – 2:45, Janny Choy, BLM)) Need input from STF for wise water usage to prevent selenium and salt loading. It is also suggested that new coordination be initiated with BLM where previously unirrigated lands are under development pressure. Are we going to see BLM land transfers to residential development?

VII. Future proposed dates of 2008 meetings –April 17, July 17, October 16

VIII. Agenda Items for April 17, 2008 meeting