

River Protection Workgroup

Steering Committee Meeting
February 5, 2015 -- 1 to 4 p.m.

La Plata Electric Board Room Light snacks will be served.

Proposed outcomes

- a) Continue work to potentially attain an agreement in principle related to a “regional RPW package”
- b) Conduct some housekeeping work

Proposed agenda

- 1) Introductions (5 minutes)
- 2) Public Comment: (10 minutes)
- 3) Discussion this question: *What worked to get successful federal legislation for Hermosa Creek?* (15) (outcome: a list)
- 4) (Re-)establishing group ground rules for interaction (15) (note: we will start with the ones used in the Workgroups’ meeting and see if anything needs added) (outcome: agreement on rules)
- 5) Listing out answers to: What does an agreement in principle (aka “regional package”) have to do for your interest/entity? Another way of asking this question is: What are your interests? (list) (40 minutes) (outcome: a list)
- 6) A review of the 2 proposals (named “A” and “B”): (handouts) (10 minutes) (Note: *In this item, the group is not asked to debate the proposals but rather to see handouts that capture the work done around proposals. Please refer to the documents emailed*) (outcome: shared information)
- 7) Break: 10 minutes
- 8) Discussion Question: Are there new ideas or new propels to bring forth? If so, what are they? (25 minutes) (outcome: brainstorming)
- 9) Discussion: How to move forward from here? (50 minutes) (outcome: a decision and plan for next steps in the process)
 - a) *Option 1:* Form a Drafting Committee to draft an “agreement in principle.” The recommendation from the facilitator is to form a drafting committee (6-7 members). This drafting committee would work over the course of 2-3 meetings (max) to get an agreement in principle and bring back to everyone for review. If they cannot get to an “agreement in principle”, they will bring back their reasons and suggestions for any next steps.
 - b) *Option 2:* If the idea of a drafting committee is not amenable to the Steering Committee, the facilitator will discuss with the group ways that a “hybrid negotiation model” might be used and/or other ideas for moving forward will be discussed.
 - c) Three parking lot issues will be reviewed and noted: a) When, if and how to involve the Workgroups b) When and how to get vetting by counties and c) Technical information needed. (Note: The Steering Committee is not asked to resolve these three issues in this meeting. This is simply noting that these are significant issues that need to be addressed at some point and likely after the group determines if an agreement in principle can be crafted.)
- 10) Public Comment (10 minutes)
- 11) Sum and Recap of the Meeting and Steps & Evaluation of Meeting: What worked? What didn’t? (5)