

**Bear River Basin Advisory Group  
Evanston, Wyoming  
Meeting Record  
July 12, 1999**

**Welcome**

John Talbot started with introductions of the Basin Advisory Group, Water Development Commission staff, State Engineers Office representatives, Forsgren and Associates representatives, and members of the audience. Mr. Talbot then summarized expectations for the meeting.

**Review of Legislative Session and Current Status**

Jon Wade & Barry Lawrence presented an update of the history of water planning, outlined the Wyoming Water Plan Feasibility Study and reviewed the recommendations from that report. Jon and Barry also summarized; the activities of the group since fall of 1998, the planning team and their roles, the Consultant selection processes, and provided web sites and email addresses.

**BAG Membership**

Some of the BAG members could no longer participate in the advisory group. Those members were identified and replacements were discussed.

<b>Previous Members</b>	<b>Representing</b>	<b>Replacement</b>	<b>Alternate</b>
Allan Cowardin	Recreation	Pat Thompson	Wade Henderson
Hight Profitt	Western WY RC&D	Ralph Stahley	Peggy Rounds
Aaron Martin	Uinta County	Craig Welling	Jon Wade to check
Allan Burton	Cokeville Municipality	Kelly Hoffman	Jon Wade to check
Eric Heltzel	Environmental	Phil Orton	Stewart Hayduke

**Consultant Schedule and Work Tasks**

Clarence Kemp Reviewed the schedule. Completion is scheduled for 11/2000. Forsgren has subcontracted with Leonard Rice and Associates, Anderson Associates, and BBC Research and Consulting. Data will be reviewed from previous studies that aid the water planning process. ArcInfo will be utilized to create GIS layers. This database will be used to show the different options and possibilities for beneficially using Wyoming's water. Clarence also summarized the scope of the project, role of the BAG, screening issues, and impacts. The consultants should have information available for review by the BAG on the website later this fall. Jon Wade summarized what is now available on the website which is hosted by WRDS. The WRDS

library and SEO library have information available for the basins to add to their collections.

Break

### **Discussion on Future Educational Presentations to BAG**

Information that BAG members need to become more effective and better informed will be presented at the BAG meetings. Those topics are as follows

Question on allocation and future demands and growth.

Security Issues for the water users with increased demand and development.

Protection through Bear River Compact. Bear River Water Quality support group had meeting in Cokeville and indicated that water would be used up in 20 to 30 years and then be looking for sources.

SEO summary of allocations/compact elements.

Development of program for local presentations to local interest groups such as Lions Club, etc.

Storage proposals listings and descriptions.

Water conservation practices and funding

Current proposals on species status and water flows/rights/allocations

In stream flow - rationale for identification

Bear River Water Quality Task Force presentations on interstate standards

WY Water Export Law

Utah's rights on Upper Bear for diversion under the Compact.

Species introductions and federal agencies authority

Chapter 1 Water Quality regulations and surface water classifications.

Executive summary of the Scope Of Work and BAG report.

### **Issues Identification**

The BAG discussed the issues that were most important to them. These issues will be addressed at future meetings. The transition between the previous issues identification work and the Scope of Services was discussed as an issue that needed to be visited at a later date. Secondly the influence of water quality on water management and water rights was identified as an issue for later meetings.

Biographical Questionnaires were passed out to the BAG to be filled out and returned to Jon Wade or brought to next meeting.

### **Future Meeting Places**

Monday, August 9, 1999 - Kemmerer at 6:00 PM

Monday, September 13, 1999 – Cokeville @ 6:00 PM