

Upper Yampa Watershed Steering Committee  
August 22, 2012  
USDA Service Center, Steamboat Springs CO

Meeting called to order at 3:00 PM by Jackie Brown

Attendance:

Ben Beall, City of Steamboat Springs  
Brian Hodge, Trout Unlimited  
Curtis Hartenstine, Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment  
Dave Torgler, Town of Hayden  
Dennis Brust, Routt County Conservation District  
Eric Berry, Town of Yampa  
Geoff Blakeslee, The Nature Conservancy and Colorado Water Conservation Board  
Georgia Reust, Routt County Conservation District  
Heather Savalox, Routt County Environmental Health  
Jackie Brown, Routt County Conservation District  
Jean Ray, Interested Stakeholder  
Jeff Drust, Town of Yampa  
Kevin McBride, Upper Yampa Water Conservancy District  
Lori Jazwick, NRCS Steamboat Field Office  
Marsha Daughenbaugh, Community Agriculture Alliance  
Todd Hagenbuch, CSU Routt County Extension

319 EPA Watershed Plan and Assessment Grant

On February 29, 2012 the Routt County Conservation District (RCCD) accepted the role from Friends of the Yampa coordinating the 319 EPA Grant. In May of 2012, RCCD was informed that the grant application had been accepted.

Curtis Hartenstine spoke to the group explaining:

- The purpose and intent of the grant
- His role as coordinator between RCCD and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).
- The expectations of the working relationships between RCCD, Colorado Dept of Health and EPA
- Different scenarios of committee formats and community partnership opportunities

### Committee format

After discussion, the group decided to utilize the following format for program decision making:

- Upper Yampa Watershed Group – any and all stakeholders who are committed to the chemical, physical and biological health of the upper Yampa River and its tributaries. This group will make recommendations to the Technical Leadership Committee of programs, projects and funding opportunities.
- Upper Yampa Watershed Committee – a group of interested persons from the Watershed Group who will convene to develop the structure for the Watershed Group and the Technical Leadership Committee. This committee is temporary, continuing only until the Technical Leadership Committee is elected by the Watershed Group.
- Technical Leadership Committee (TLC) – representative members of different water interests in the upper Yampa River. This committee will represent their water interest group while considering Watershed Group discussions before determining what will be included in the final Watershed Plan. The group will use the Project Implementation Plan (PIP) as an outline. Water interest groups that will be included on this committee will represent Municipal (Steamboat, Oak Creek, Yampa, Hayden), Routt County, Sanitation Districts, Agriculture, Recreation, Aquatic Life, Industry/Energy, Water Quantity, Public Lands and an At-Large member.

The fiscal agent and program sponsor for the Watershed Group, the Technical Leadership Committee (TLC) and the 319 grant is the Routt County Conservation District. Project Coordinator is Jackie Brown, with the Routt County Conservation District.

### Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

The group reviewed the draft memorandum of understanding between RCCD and the Upper Yampa Watershed Group, making a number of proposed revisions. A committee was formed to continue the process and forward the revised draft MOU to interested parties for second review. The MOU will be voted on at the next meeting of the Upper Yampa Watershed Steering Committee.

### Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:10 PM

### Next Meeting

To Be Determined

Minutes prepared by Marsha Daughenbaugh

Temporary, Acting, Nothing Permanent Secretary for the Upper Yampa Watershed Committee