

# CAWA Meeting 5/10/18

## Minutes

### **Attendance:**

Members: Carlyle Currier, Terry Fankhouser, Gene Manuello, Bill Midcap, Zach Thode, Jim Erlich, Don Shawcroft, Sharon Pattee, Julie McCaleb, Nick Levendofsky, Mark Sponsler, Joyce Kelley, and Keith Holland

Guests: Phil Brink, Cindy Lair, Greg Johnson, Joe Frank, Jim Yahn, Grady O-Brien, Alex Funk, John Stulp

Staff: Greg Peterson

### **Agenda:**

Introductions

Update of recent workshops in Rifle and Montrose and upcoming summer ag water tours.

Discussion of stream management plans and experience of producers involved in these plans. A draft copy of a “one-pager” was circulated for input from the membership groups to be further discussed at the next meeting.

Jim Yahn and Joe Frank gave a presentation on the South Platte Regional Opportunities Working Group

Adjourn for lunch

Grady O’Brien spoke about a proposal to analyze dissolved salts in irrigation water due to sewage effluent discharge to the South Platte River.

We also discussed the topic of how the ag community is often criticized for using “80 percent” of the state’s water. We talked about how we can better get across the benefits of water used in agriculture.

Zach Thode brought up the issue of errors in calculating historical consumptive use and that a “database” or repository of irrigation records would could be a possibility.

The groups present approved the new CAWA bylaws. However, the members not present will have to vote on the new bylaws electronically.

Adjourned.