



## **MEETING NOTES**

**July 10, 2019 7:30 AM**

**Glenwood Springs City Hall  
Council Chambers**

Members of the River Commission in attendance included Erika Gibson, Sarah Gordon, Chairman Brendon Langenhuizen, Vice Chairman Ashley Moffatt, Elise Osenga, Scott Schreiber, and Chris Treese. Ryan Davis was absent. Shelley Kaup (City Council), Torie Jarvis (Northwest Colorado Council of Governments) Al Laurette (Parks and Recreation Superintendent), Brian Smith (Parks and Recreation Director), and Trent Hyatt (Senior Planner) were also in attendance.

### **Receipt of the Minutes**

Chairman Langenhuizen recommended a change to the presenter's name. Commissioner Treese moved, Commissioner Gibson seconded, and all members were in favor of accepting the minutes from the June 5, 2019 meeting as amended.

### **Northwest Colorado Council of Governments Water Quality/Quantity Committee**

Torie Jarvis, Water Quality/Quantity Committee (QQC) Director and Staff Attorney, with Northwest Colorado Council of Governments (NWCCOG) attended the meeting to discuss her work with the organization. NWCCOG has been around for over 40 years as a legal and technical advisor to west slope member communities for water issues related to the recreation/tourism economy and resource extraction. Much of their work involves lobbying the state legislature on said issues. NWCCOG also tries to help communities with public outreach related to water QQ. Ms. Jarvis explained some of the trans-mountain diversions from the west slope to the front range of Colorado. She discussed how it is important for our regions to plan for future population growth explaining that Garfield County is expected to double to 105,000 by 2050. Colorado's Water Plan outlines the need to address land use policy to protect our water resources. Many of these issues are outlined in the land use and water study currently ongoing by the QQC. While the QQC has no regulatory authority, it instead focuses on cooperation to achieve its goals. One example is the promotion of model land regulations. Ms. Jarvis reviewed various land use regulations from the Roaring Fork Valley. She stated the report should be complete in the next couple of months.

**Sub-Committee Updates**

*Three Mile Creek Confluence Project* – The group was informed of the upcoming the public open house meeting at the project site on July 20 and was encouraged to fill out the project survey.

*RiverFEST* – Mr. Hyatt shared the draft volunteer shirt design with the group.

*River Access Points and Boat Ramps* - The group discussed the need to meet with the Chamber to review the fishing map.