

The Poudre Runs Through It Study/Action Work Group
AGENDA/ACTIONS TAKEN IN RED
May 8, 2015

- 7:30—7:45 Breakfast served—Bring into main room to get started promptly
- 7:45—8:00 Setting the Stage for the Day and Looking Forward—Reagan
Today is last session in Phase 3
Looking Toward Phase 4: proposal to discuss at end of today
- 8:00—8:20 Poudre News: Participants Reporting on What's New
- 8:20—9:00 Initiatives and Other Actions Reports--Discussion
- River Diversion Improvements —Wade Willis
 - Animated History of the Poudre—Robert Ward
 - Gage the River—Jeffrey Boring
 - FORUM—John Stokes (including new committee member(s) and Poudre Heritage Alliance grant
 - FLOWS—Dan Brown
 - PoudreFest Booth, May 30—MaryLou
 - Draft Colorado Water Plan Letter from PRTI—Jeffrey Boring
 - Any earlier or new ideas participants want to bring forward/champion?
- 9:00—9:20 Coalition for the Poudre River Watershed (CPRW)
Request for Input (Jen Kovecses)
Conclusion: PRTI supports the idea of the CPRW extending its reach to encompass Fort Collins to confluence. This will help their funding. Because their mission is watershed health and our mission is to be a catalyst for education and actions that promote working river/healthy river collaboration, we do not see a conflict between the two. We will have close communication because Jen Kovecses is on PRTI.
- 9:20—9:40 Update on Thornton's regulatory outreach efforts regarding the Thornton Water Project (Mark Koleber)
- 9:40—10:00 BREAK
- 10:00—11:00 Ag/Urban Water Sharing—What's the Latest Pertinent to the Poudre?
- Poudre Water Sharing Working Group: Report to the CWCB. George Wallace, Andy Jones with additional input from PRTI members Richard Raines, Steve Malers, Brad Wind

11:00—11:30

- Proposal: Poudre Runs Through It Ag/Urban Water Sharing Initiative to bring the larger group into the issue now that the PWS group has completed its study

Is There a Convening Role Here for PRTI? Could this be a new initiative? MaryLou

PRTI came to consensus with no one against, to form a new initiative that would take up where the Poudre Water Sharing group left off. Specifically, the committee (to be made up of some PRTI folks and others outside PRTI including interested PWS folks) will continue looking at ways to keep water in the basin, water in agriculture. Points made include:

- Purchase/leaseback will at some point be buy and dry and we need to look to the future.
- By taking on this initiative, PRTI is agreeing that the “buy and supply” /Poudre Land and Water Trust idea will continue to be explored, but will not be the only work of the initiative committee.
- Regarding the buy and supply idea, most expressed support, but Richard Raines pointed out that Tri-Districts and City of Greeley have concerns, partly because a buy and supply entity could be a well-funded (public funded) competitor for the water, which isn't fair for the competition and could make the price higher.
- People are willing to pay for open space—why not water?
- People like public funding, people hate public funding—they are bipolar in this regard.
- If we don't play this role, who will?
- Ways to help agriculture keep ditch systems viable in the future is why Cache la Poudre Water Users Association wants to be at the table.

11:30-12 noon

Discussion about Steering Committee Phase 4 Thoughts

PRTI adopted the proposal presented, specifically:

- PRTI will now consider itself an ongoing group rather than facing that decision year to year.
- We will keep the group to 25-30 members
- We will keep annual expenses to \$15K—for food, space at TAMASAG, work study student salary, bare bones facilitator salary
- Initiatives will be self-funded, including any facilitator salary
- We will meet five times per year