



Interbasin Compact Process Fact Sheet (Updated: 7/20/06)

The Interbasin Compact process established by the Colorado Water for the 21st Century Act (HB-1177) is being fully implemented with an impressive amount of energy and interest at all levels. Nine basin roundtables are established throughout the state. Roundtable membership is meeting the Act's goal of being broadly inclusive. Two hundred and ninety nine Coloradans are serving as roundtable members bringing a diversity of interests, backgrounds, experiences, and geographic perspectives to Colorado's water discussions (see Figure One). Roundtable participants also include representatives from eight different state and federal agencies, and the involvement of 26 non-voting members bringing a cross-basin perspective to each roundtable.

Figure One: Number of Roundtable Members

Arkansas	53
Colorado	34
Dolores/SM/SJ	34 (including 2 Tribes)
Gunnison	33
Metro	26
North Platte	15
Rio Grande	30
South Platte	51
Yampa/White	23
Total	299

The roundtable meetings are being held on a regular basis, are well attended, and have a high level of discourse and engagement. Meetings have been marked by competitive elections, spirited debates about their decision-making and operating procedures, and constructive analysis of water issues and data within their basin as members begin their basin-wide water needs assessments and examine how this process can move the state forward. Figure Two summarizes the roundtables' work.

Figure Two: Roundtable Summary Data

Roundtable Meetings Held	75 in all basins
IBCC Meetings Held	5
Non-Voting Cross Basin Participation	24
Federal and State Agency Liaisons	10 agencies actively involved
CSU Cooperative Extension Liaisons	11
Work Accomplished:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9 roundtables fully formed with elected leadership and adopted by-laws. • All roundtables pursuing an education agenda with presentations on important water issues within their basin. • All roundtables have received a Basin Report, all information relevant to their basin, generated through SWSI. These Basin Reports form the starting point and core of the basin-wide water needs assessment. • Roundtables are receiving presentations and information on proposed projects or methods to meet water needs within their basin. 	



The Colorado Water for the 21st Century Act also established the Interbasin Compact Committee (IBCC). The Governor has appointed Russell George as the Director of Compact Negotiations, the roundtables have chosen their IBCC representatives, and the executive and legislative branches of government have made their appointments

With the roundtables and the IBCC fully formed, the structures are in place to comprehensively address water issues throughout the state. The coming months will be marked by an impressive array of activities. Many of the roundtables are assessing their water interests as a basin, utilizing the information from Statewide Water Supply Initiative (SWSI) and other studies to complete a basin wide water needs assessment, working with Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB) to analyze alternatives for meeting identified water needs, and making recommendations on how to meet their water needs to the IBCC. Roundtables are also positioned to analyze and respond to projects or processes that are voluntarily brought before them by other entities.

The IBCC's work has primarily focused on writing and submitting a Charter to legislature. The IBCC's charter was approved on April 5, 2006 and approved by the second assembly through HB06-1400. This Charter will govern and guide water negotiations between roundtables, articulates the role of the IBCC, and forms the framework and foundational principles to guide voluntary negotiations between roundtables. The IBCC will also guide the public education and outreach efforts of this process. Working groups have been established to spearhead efforts with regard to public education, roundtable needs assessments, and establishing criteria and guidelines associated with allocating money provided for in Senate Bill 06-179.

Figure Three: IBCC Work Accomplished

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Charter written and approved by legislature in accordance with the Colorado Water for the 21st Century Act. The charter establishes procedural framework for the interbasin negotiation process.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• By-laws written and approved establishing operational procedures for the IBCC
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Working groups established to address IBCC responsibilities with regard to public education, basin-wide needs assessments, and SB06-179 criteria and guidelines

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