Upper San Juan Stream Management Plan

Initial Meeting

Agenda, June 5, 2018

Attending: Aaron Kimple, Al Pfister, Justin Ramsey, Tim Harmann, James Dickoff, Mely Whiting, Chris Pitcher

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Identified values of the San Juan River
   1. Sense of place – roots to southwest Colorado
   2. Feeling of home
   3. Supports a living
   4. Creates a Resilient community
   5. Supports Irrigation and agriculture
   6. Connection between downstream and upstream
   7. Supports a healthy Economy/ Tourism
   8. Supports a healthy Fishery
   9. It is the life blood of Archuleta County
3. What is a stream management plan?
   1. An introduction to the process and other efforts
      1. There are round tables across Colorado of existing water interests
      2. Each round table was tasked with building an basin implementation plan
         1. map out what current water needs are
         2. Identify gaps
      3. There is a lot of information on municipal needs
      4. Need information for environmental and recreational needs
   2. What have been the challenges
      1. Have missed ag and municipal components in conversation for environmental and recreational needs
      2. We do have goals to meet with grant
         1. Identifying ecological and rec needs
      3. However, we Need to understand all the needs of the river so we can work with all stakeholders and develop win/ win solutions
4. The San Juan Proposal
   1. Built around Community involvement early in the process
   2. Geographic scope
      1. Currently on the San Juan River
      2. Should we include the Piedra River?
         1. Piedra could use its own plan
         2. PAWSD does push its water from the San Juan into the Piedra
      3. How do we address the San Juan-Chama Diversion
      4. Smaller the better initially
         1. One option is to focus above 84. Above town
      5. Currently stay in scope with the ability to scale down
   3. What is the right team for this effort
      1. Municipal
      2. Ditch companies
         1. Park Ditch – Bob Formwalt/ Jim Morehouse
            1. Al reach out
      3. Ranchers – Banded Peak is a 1/5th
      4. Private sector – need some smaller ranches
         1. Betty Shahan
         2. Dave Smith
         3. Rafter T
         4. John Taylor
         5. Have to use amount of water – Support need to meet water right requirements
      5. USFS – Kelly Palmer
      6. CSFS
      7. Show opportunity to support efforts to support management
      8. State Parks and Wildlife
      9. Counties – Mineral and Archuleta
      10. Economics
      11. Tourism – Jenny Green
      12. Anglers
      13. Audubon
      14. Outfitter
   4. The process
      1. Three levels of involvement
         1. Steering – administrative committee
         2. Stakeholder – offers direction – before public
         3. Public
      2. How do be inclusive and effective
         1. Identify groups up front
         2. Public meetings/ media/ marketing
         3. News Release
         4. Invite public meeting
         5. Tribal land
      3. Offer all entities updates
      4. Timing
         1. Proposed timing
            1. Steering committee – monthly
            2. Stakeholder meeting – quarterly
            3. Public – 3 X
         2. PR piece
5. Association with other efforts on the San Juan
   1. Several other groups look at the San Juan
      1. Growing water smart
         1. Growth projections
      2. Resiliency Group but build off of one another
   2. 3 efforts – there is overlap
6. Planning our next steps
   1. Aaron send out stakeholder list for review
   2. Bring already existing data to the conversation
7. Goal
   1. Develop a document with long and short term goals for promoting resilient water
   2. Help support funding for projects
   3. Where are there conflicts
   4. Identify win/ win
   5. All stakeholders at table and identified needs
   6. Well informed public early on
   7. Good communication among entities – TRUST
   8. Manage river together/ prevent litigation
   9. Remove the emotion
   10. Collective solutions
   11. A voice for the river
   12. Policy Changes?? – this will draw the public
8. Information Need
   1. What is an SMP?
   2. Water law?
   3. Municipal data
   4. What is the CWCB goal
   5. Major water diverters
9. Information opportunities
   1. Stolsteimer
   2. RPW

Friday July 13 - 9:00am - next meeting

Need to reach out:

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