

AGENDA
Joint Gunnison Basin/Grand Valley Selenium Task Force Meeting
Thursday September 20, 2007 10am – 3 pm
USDA Service Center, 690 Industrial Blvd, Delta, CO
NRCS Conference Room

- 1. Task Force Updates (10am – noon)**
 - a. **Phase 3 lateral piping project** (Mark Catlin, UVWUA, Mike Baker, BOR, Dave Kanzer, CRWCD)
 - b. **Pond Lining Program** (Fred Fisher, SCD)
 - c. **Use of Selenium Priority Areas for EQIP projects** (Dave Kanzer),
 - d. **CIG Progress Report** (Dave Kanzer)
 - e. **Bioreactor Pilot Project proposal** (Russ Walker, MSC / Mike Baker)
 - f. **Wise Water Use Council activities / Water Use Efficiency Improvement Project**(Mike Baker)
 - g. **USFWS comments re STF to Recovery Program** (Barb Osmundson, FWS)
 - h. **Targeted Watershed Grant Proposal** (Dave Kanzer)
 - i. **2007 revised action plan updates and new assignments** (handout, Eileen List, City Grand Junction)
 - j. **Mesa County Whitewater Implementation Plan: STF letter, BMP guides** (copy, Eileen List)
 - k. **Salinity Forum interest in leaky ponds** (Mike Baker, Dave Kanzer)
 - l. **ACOE Tamarisk removal grant** (Eileen List)
 - m. **Task Force coordinator funding**
 - i. GB/GVSTF “member dues” solicitation letter for Coordinator funding (Dave Kanzer)
 - ii. Other sources --UCRRIP SOW / Water 2025 Challenge Grant Program (Mike Baker)
 - n. **Changes in the 319 program and current and upcoming projects** (Bonie Pate, Lucia Machado, WQCD)

LUNCH BREAK - ON YOUR OWN (12pm – 1 pm)

- 2. Gunnison River TMDL Development Update (1:00 – 1:30, Task Force discussion)** Need to prepare a Task Force position and statement on TMDL figures on upcoming WQCD Gunnison River TMDL. Figures proposed by WQCD are approximately twice the current STF reduction targets.
- 3. WWUC letter regarding salt & selenium reduction to be sent to local planning communities and developers; development of distribution/marketing plan for BMP and other STF educational materials (1:30 – 2:00, Mike Baker)** Many Task Force members believe the Task Force should become involved in local land use planning as development planning has the potential to influence both current and future selenium and salt loading. A draft letter has been prepared to carry this message and should be distributed widely and probably annually. This letter could be a vehicle to distribute BMPs and other educational materials. It is also suggested new coordination be initiated with BLM where previously unirrigated lands are under development pressure.
- 4. Grand Valley tributaries draft report summary (2:00 – 2:45, Ken Leib, USGS)** The U.S. Geological Survey, in cooperation with Mesa County, the City of Grand Junction, and the Grand Valley Selenium Task Force, studied selenium concentrations and loads in selected tributaries to the Colorado River in the Grand Valley. The findings from this work will be presented and include a summary of analytical results, identification of stream reaches with high selenium concentrations and loads, and a general discussion about land use and how it relates to selenium levels in the Grand Valley.
- 5. Proposed dates of 2008 meeting – January 17, April 17, July 17, October 16**
- 6. Agenda Items for January 17, 2008 meeting**