

# MEETING SUMMARY

## **SMP Science Subcommittee and Work Group Meeting**

March 30, 2016

1:00 – 4:00 PM

Location: Bureau of Reclamation, Conference Room A, 445 West Gunnison Ave., Suite 221,  
Grand Junction, CO

Conference Call Line: 1-866-541-2318

Passcode: 6191202

**Attendees:** John Sottolare (Reclamation), Lesley McWhirter (Reclamation), Brent Uilenberg (Reclamation), Ken Leib (USGS), Steve Anders (USGS), Barb Osmundson (FWS), Jed Sondergard (BLM), Travis James (NRCS), Sonja Chavez (CRWCD), Dave Kanzer (CRWCD), Allen Distel (BPWCD)

**Conference Call-In:** Suzanne Paschke (USGS), Steve Miller (CWCB)

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## **Introductions**

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## **Discussion**

The purpose of this meeting was to review existing USGS water quality monitoring sites, and to discuss their function, purpose and future importance, with a focus on those sites where future funding by Reclamation (beginning in FY17) had not been identified. Each of the sites on the attached table where future funding by Reclamation had not been identified were discussed and the data collected to date was briefly reviewed. Decisions were made on which sites to continue or discontinue future sampling, based on years of data already collected and whether other existing sites could fulfill the same/similar function and purpose.

For the sites where future funding sources had not been determined, the following decisions were made, as reflected on the attached table:

- Reclamation will continue to fund a portion of the costs for the 4 SMP core sites\* that are used for the USGS Annual Selenium Trend report:
  - 09149500 - Unc Delta (QW sampling and continuous monitor)
  - 09144250 - Gunn @ Delta (stream gage, QW sampling and continuous monitor)
  - 09147500 - Unc @ Colona (QW sampling and continuous monitor)
  - 09136100 - NF Gunnison (stream gage, QW sampling and continuous monitor)

\*Note: The continuous monitor and QW sampling at the other SMP core site included in the table (Whitewater - site # 09152500) will continue to be funded through the Basin States Program. All core sites will continue to be funded.

- Reclamation will also fund a portion of the costs for the following ancillary sites:
  - 383926107593001 - Loutzenhizer Mouth (stream gage and QW sampling)
  - 384551107591901 - Sunflower @ Hwy 92 (QW sampling – assume CRWCD portion beginning FY2017)
  - 384452108071101 – Gunn. G50 (QW sampling)
  - 09137500 – Gunn. Cory (QW sampling)
  - 09144200 – Tongue Ck (QW sampling)
  
- Reclamation funding for QW sampling only will be discontinued beginning FY2017 at the following sites:
  - 09146200 – Unc. Ridgway
  - 384624107570701 – Gunn. @ 2200 Rd nr Austin
  - 384527108152701 – Gunn. Escalante
  - 384946108225401 – Gunn. blw Dominguez
  - 09150500 – Roubideau
  - 09129600 – Smith Fork

The SMP work group may want to continue water quality sampling at the *Gunnison Escalante* and *Gunnison blw Dominguez* sites if this information is needed for the USGS ecosystem modelling. Other funding would need to be identified to continue sampling at these sites.

Site # 09163500 – Stateline is being considered by the Salinity Control Basin States Program (BSP) for funding in FY2017.

The rest of the sites and stream gages on the attached table will continue to be funded as indicated.

### **Bostwick Park Water Conservancy District**

BPWCD is interested in obtaining salt load reduction values for the upper 16.5 miles of the Cimarron Canal. This portion of the canal lies within the Cimarron Creek drainage in an area that is upstream and outside of the Squaw Creek drainage. They are also requesting that water quality monitoring for selenium be performed where Red Rock Creek comes off Bostwick Park. It was recommended that Allen contact the National Park Service, which is collecting samples in that area.

### **Future Actions and Adjournment**

It was agreed that the Science Team will continue to evaluate the need for additional sites or for re-starting sampling at discontinued sites. The meeting was adjourned.