



Advisory Committee Description

Blue River Integrated Water Management Plan Phase I



Overview

Trout Unlimited (TU) and the Blue River Watershed Group (BRWG) are leading a community-based integrated water management plan (IWMP) for the Blue River basin in Summit and Grand Counties in Colorado. The long-term goal of the IWMP is to enable consumptive and non-consumptive water users to better understand and quantify current and future use, and to integrate those uses for the maximum benefit of all users while protecting the existing water rights and resources.

The initial scope of the IWMP (Phase I) has two primary objectives:

- 1) Work in parallel with the Blue River Enhancement Workgroup (BREW) to understand the causes for the declining Blue River trout fishery; and
- 2) Compile current research, management plans, and stakeholder input to inform the IWMP-Phase II.

Project Advisory Committee (AC)

The Blue River IWMP will be guided by the Advisory Committee (AC), which is comprised of various water users and interest groups from throughout the Blue River Basin. The primary functions of the AC will be to:

1. Oversee progress on the IWMP Phase I and ensure that the deliverables and objectives of the project are being met;
2. Ensure broad community engagement from stakeholders and facilitate ongoing outreach to various water users;
3. Provide guidance on the development of projects and recommendations for Blue River IWMP Phase II.

Project Advisory Committee Member Roles

To execute the functions of the Blue River IWMP Advisory Committee, it is critical to engage an active stakeholder team. Members of the Blue River IWMP Advisory Committee will play an important role in the development of the IWMP Phase I and II processes, and will be expected to:

1. Review and provide feedback on reports from consultants and the grant team, as well as offer guidance on the direction and objectives of certain tasks;
2. Communicate with other stakeholders in their field or area of interest about the work of the AC and facilitate the transfer of information to and from the IWMP team;
3. Help the project consultants and the AC identify critical stakeholder needs and resources (including management plans, reports, infrastructure, resource needs, etc.);
4. Attend regular AC meetings (six in total) over the 18-month Phase I project when possible.

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