

SWBRT Roundtable membership,

The IBCC has been looking for direction in recent years and previously considered focusing on the following topics:

Drought & Climate	Forest/Watershed Health	Funding
CWSAs/Ag Innovation	Water Conservation	Regional Project Planning
Roundtable Coordination	Education/Outreach	Water Quality/Reuse

Russ Sands & Jeff Rodriguez will introduce a new direction summarized below.

Summary

All the Interbasin Compact Committee (IBCC) members (which include Steve Wolff & Ken Curtis) are being asked to facilitate a discussion on updating what was called “No and Low Regrets Strategies”. **This discussion will take place at the Southwest Basin Roundtable meeting to be held Thursday July 25. Please review language below, prior to the meeting, and be prepared to provide feedback.**

Background

The IBCC was created in 2005. Between 2006 and 2013 the IBCC created the “No and Low Regrets Strategies”. This information was later incorporated into Colorado’s very first Water Plan in 2015.

In 2023 the Colorado Water Conservation Board adopted a new Colorado Water Plan. As the No and Low Regrets Strategies were dated, it was not incorporated into the 2023 version of the Water Plan. It is now time for the IBCC to update the “No and Low Regrets Strategies”, using the Colorado Water Plan “Action Areas”.

The Colorado Water Plan includes four Action Areas:

- Vibrant Communities
- Robust Agriculture
- Thriving Watersheds
- Resilient Planning

As a “think tank” for water matters, and the “liaison” to/from the Basin Roundtables, the IBCC can provide substance to each of these four action areas. As an example, at the June 2024 IBCC meeting, members agreed that Airborne Snow Observations (ASO) should be considered a substantive addition to Resilient Planning.

IBCC members are asked to work with their roundtables on additional, up to three, additions for each of the action areas (see example table below). CWCB Staff will collect this information from IBCC members in December and it will be the focus of the February IBCC meeting.

Please come prepared July 25th with other “action area” “goals” and “potential actions”.

Action Area	No/Low Regrets Goal	Potential Action
Resilient Planning	The State should support scaling-up and stabilizing funding for Colorado Airborne Snow Measurement (CASM)	-Following CASM workgroup recommendation, scale up from 30 flights to 64 flights by 2026 with an additional \$2.3M (\$8.6 total)
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Do the prior topics fit the Action Areas above?

Are there better goals to meet the Action Areas?

Please bring your ideas next week.

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