

**Protocol for
Local Government Interest Group**
Concerning the
Upper Colorado River Wild and Scenic Stakeholder Group Plan (January 2012) (SG
Plan)

1. PURPOSE

- a. This protocol sets forth the process and procedures for inclusion in the Local Government Interest Group and for the selection and responsibilities of its members, consistent with the Governance Section VI of the SG Plan.
- b. The Local Government Interest Group is one of six Interests Groups and represents local government interests on the Governance Committee for the SG Plan. The purposes of the Governance Committee are outlined in Section VI. C. of the SG Plan.

2. MEMBERSHIP

- a. Members. The current members of the Local Government Interest Group are Eagle County, Grand County, Summit County and the Northwest Colorado Council of Governments Water Quality/ Quantity Committee (QQ), (collectively “Members”).
- b. Procedures for Membership. The Members are also participating members of the SG Plan and have committed to funding pursuant to Section 5 of this Protocol.
 - i. Any additional Members must be participating members of the SG Plan as determined by the GC and must commit to funding pursuant to Section 5 of this Protocol.
 - ii. The unanimous consent of all existing members is required to admit an additional member.
 - iii. This Protocol will be adjusted as appropriate for any changes to membership.
- c. Eagle River entities. As outlined in footnote 15 of Section VI. D. 1. of the SG Plan, it was anticipated that the Eagle River entities¹ would be included in either the Local Government Interest Group or the West Slope Water Conservancy/ Conservation District Interest Group. The Eagle River entities currently have determined their preference to join the West Slope Water

¹ The Eagle River entities consist of Vail Associates, Inc., Upper Eagle Regional Water Authority, Eagle River Water and Sanitation District, and Eagle Park Reservoir Company.

Conservancy/ Conservation District Interest Group instead of the Local Government Interest Group. The West Slope Water Conservancy/ Conservation District Interest Group anticipates accepting the Eagle River entities for inclusion in their group, which is also acceptable to the Members.

3. VOTING REPRESENTATION

a. Eagle, Grand and Summit Counties will each designate one primary voting representative (“Representative”) and one alternate (“Alternate”) to the Governance Committee for a total of three voting Representatives and three Alternates.

i. Representatives and Alternates are expected to use best efforts to attend all regular, annual, and special meetings of the Governance Committee, and to coordinate among each other in preparation for such meetings.

ii. QQ will advise and staff the work of the Members as determined by the Members and will periodically update and advise other local governments in the region on the activities of the group as appropriate. QQ’s role may be further defined by the Members.

c. Terms. For initial appointments, Grand County’s Representative and Alternate will serve a three-year term; Eagle County’s Representative and Alternate will serve a two-year term; Summit County’s Representative and Alternate will serve a one-year term. Subsequent terms for each appointment will be for three-year terms.

d. Replacement. Each Member may replace a Representative or Alternate at its discretion.

e. Members may use staff or consultants to participate in SG Plan committees and workgroups and make recommendations within that context.

4. DECISION MAKING

a. Voting procedures for the Governance Committee are outlined in Section VI. of the SG Plan.

b. Voting by the Members will proceed according to Figure 1 of this Protocol, taken directly from Section VI.H.3. of the SG Plan.

Figure 1. Section VI. H. 3 of SG Plan.

VOTING WITHIN INTEREST GROUPS	
Number of Interest Group GC Members Present at Meeting	Affirmative Votes required to pass Measure within Interest Group
3	2 of 3
2	2 of 2
1	1

5. FUNDING ASSESSMENTS

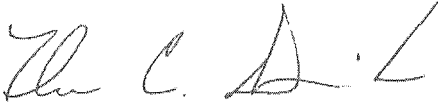
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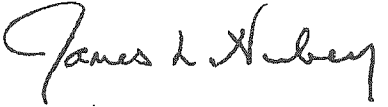
b. If any one of the Members wishes to revisit this funding structure in the future, the other Members will develop an alternative that works.

Adopted this _____ day of _____, 2015, by the original charter Members.

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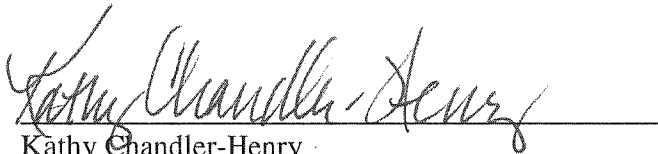
c. As provided in Section VI.H.4, no vote by the Governance Committee or by some of the Members can commit the rights, authorities, resources, finances, or operations of any other Member without that Member's approval.

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