

UPPER COLORADO RIVER WILD AND SCENIC STAKEHOLDER GROUP
MANAGEMENT PLAN

**State Interest Group
Charter/Protocol
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I. BACKGROUND

The Upper Colorado River Wild and Scenic Stakeholder Group Management Plan (SG Plan) establishes a total of six (6) Interest Groups, including an interest group for State Interests. The State Interest Group (SIG) will provide three (3) representatives to each serve as a voting member on the Stakeholder Group Governance Committee (GC).

II. SIG REPRESENTATION AT GC

1. The Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB) and Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) are members of the SIG. Other agencies of the State of Colorado may also join the SIG.
2. The Executive Director for the Colorado Department of Natural Resources (ED) selected three (3) representatives to each serve as voting members on the GC (voting members of the GC) to represent the SIG. The ED may select more than one voting member of the GC from the same state agency (i.e. divisions of a department). Voting at the GC Meeting by the SIG representatives shall be done in accordance with Section VI.H of the SG Plan as illustrated in the table below:

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

3. In accordance with Section VI.E of the SG Plan, for initial appointments, the ED appointed one voting GC member to a one-year term, the second to a two-year term, and the third to a three-year term. Subsequent terms for each appointment will be for full three- year terms. The voting GC members may be replaced by the ED at any time. Appointed voting GC members shall automatically be renewed, unless a new GC member is appointed by the ED.
4. In accordance with Section VI.E of the SG Plan, each appointed voting GC member may choose an alternate in the event that the voting GC member may not be available to attend the GC. In the absence of the GC member, the alternate will have full GC voting status.

5. GC voting members or their alternates are to use their best efforts to attend all regular, annual, and special meetings of the GC.
6. To maintain voting GC member status, a state agency must regularly send at least one representative to SIG meetings and also to GC meetings when its representative(s) is/are appointed as a voting GC member. Nonparticipation by a state agency for more than 1 year may result in that state agency's GC appointment being lapsed. However, the ED may reinstate such agency's membership upon request.
7. In the event that SIG membership is comprised of only one state agency, the ED will appoint the voting members of the GC from that agency.
8. The SIG or its members shall not be subject to annual assessments. However, it is contemplated that the Stakeholder Group will seek state funding from the Wild and Scenic Rivers Fund in accordance with the Terms and Conditions developed by the Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB) for allocation of those funds and subject to annual appropriation.
https://dnrweblink.state.co.us/cwcb/0/edoc/210766/Wild_Scenic_Rivers_Fund_TC_March%202018.pdf
9. While members of the SIG are not currently expected to be signatories to the Memorandum of Understanding for Participation in the Upper Colorado River Wild and Scenic Stakeholder Group Management Plan (MOU), it is anticipated that SIG members will continue to participate as members of the SG Plan. The SIG member state agencies may choose to sign the MOU in the future.

III. SIG PURPOSES

The SIG will determine and effectuate the collective interest of the state agencies participating in the SIG and inform SIG representatives of that collective interest for representation at the GC.

IV. SIG PROCEDURES

1. The SIG will meet as needed to accomplish its purposes outlined in Section III and its procedures outlined in Section IV of his charter.
2. All SIG meetings shall be scheduled in an attempt to accommodate the schedules of its members.
3. Each state agency of the State of Colorado that wishes to participate in SG Plan implementation may join and provide representative(s) to the SIG.
4. All decisions of the SIG should be by consensus of SIG members present. Consensus is the unanimous consent of the members at the meeting when the action or determination is made. However, if consensus is unachievable, then decisions may be made by a majority vote of the members present at the SIG meeting as described in section II.2 above.
5. In the event that SIG membership is comprised of only one state agency, formal meetings of the SIG will not be required. SIG meetings shall resume once membership in the SIG is comprised of more than one state agency.