

Rio Grande, Conejos River, and Saguache Creek Stream Management Plan
Technical Advisory Team Meeting Notes - May 25, 2018

In attendance:

- Clayton Bondurant, CPW
- Luke Hoffman, CPW
- Rod Ruybalid, CPW
- Cary Aloia, Wetland Dynamics
- Jenny Nehring, Wetland Dynamics
- Kestrel Kunz, American Whitewater
- Jesse Jaminet, Division of Water Resources
- Tristram Post, USFS
- Jason Remshardt, USFS
- Sharon Vaughn, USFWS
- Steve Russell, RGHRP and RiGHT
- Ed Nielsen, Saguache Creek Water Users
- Nathan Coombs, Conejos Water Conservancy District
- Heather Dutton, SLV Water Conservancy District
- Cleave Simpson, Rio Grande Water Conservancy District
- Sue Swift Miller, BLM
- Emma Reesor, RGHRP
- Daniel Boyes, RGHRP Stream Management Plan Project Coordinator

1. Introductions and Background: Rio Grande Headwaters Restoration Project (RGHRP) staff introduced the Rio Grande Basin Stream Management Planning process and Daniel Boyes who will be the Project Coordinator for the SMP effort. For more information about the Rio Grande Basin SMP process, please see the attached Scope of Work, which describes the background, process, and objectives of the Rio Grande Basin SMP. TAT members discussed the value of this process for each agency and organization.

2. Existing Data: Agency staff, landowners, and other stakeholders shared and discussed existing data on stream condition for each river system included in Rio Grande Basin SMP effort, the Rio Grande, Conejos River, and Saguache Creek. Several people shared data they are aware of, including the Colorado River Watch program, Rio Grande National Forest Plan Revision data, CPW surveys, SNOTEL data, conservation easement monitoring data, Bureau of Reclamation water quality data, and much more.

3. Sampling Plan: Daniel reviewed proposed sampling location selection with the TAT. These will be further developed as the existing data is compiled and summarized.

4. Next Steps: The group discussed ways that each member can provide support throughout the process. Daniel will follow up with each partner to compile all the relevant existing data. In moving forward with the SMP Process, individuals present identified the river system(s) and areas of expertise for future communications and river specific meetings.