

# The Poudre Runs Through It Study/Action Work Group

May 6, 2016

## AGENDA

### ACTIONS TAKEN SHOWN IN RED

- 7:30—8:00            Breakfast
- 8:00—8:15            Setting the Stage for the Day and Looking Forward—Reagan  
Farewell to Jeffrey Boring and to Jay Merrill  
April Getchius will be back with us in September
- 8:15—8:45            **What Is New on the Poudre? Participant Round Robin Update**
- 8:45—9:15            Initiatives and Other Actions Reports--Discussion
- FORUM—Committee Members  
The next Poudre River Forum is set for February 3 at Island Grove Event Center in Greeley.
  - FLOWS—Dan
  - River Diversion Improvements —Wade Willis
  - Thornton’s Water Asset in the Poudre Basin—Meeting rescheduled for May 23 for any members who wish to attend (3-5, Nix Farm)
  - Any earlier or new ideas participants want to bring forward/champion?
- 9:15—10:15            **Transition from Phase 4 to Phase 5**
- Financial status at end of Phase 4, proposed budget for Phase 5  
Budget Adopted for Phase 5 PRTI Operations:  
\$15000, conservative, \$18000 stretch goal.  
To be funded by contributions from PRTI members and organizations with whom they are affiliated. Expenses include time for facilitator and work study student, meeting space and food, website assistance, vans for field trips, graphic assistance and the like. (All initiatives, such as the Poudre River Forum are self-funded, through grants, sponsors, registration fees and the like.
  - Proposed calendar of sessions, Phase 5  
Session dates adopted are:  
September 16, 2016  
November 18, 2016  
January 13, 2017  
March 10, 2017  
May 12, 2017

- Consider having a session or two at Poudre Learning Center?  
We agreed to schedule one or two sessions in Phase 5 at Poudre Learning Center near Greeley. Otherwise, sessions will be held at Tamasag Retreat Center near Bellvue.
- Membership: Adopt steering committee’s proposed statement in response to issue that arose since our last session? What sectors or voices are we missing that the steering committee should address between now and Phase 5?  
Members adopted a statement (see below) about PRTI membership to be posted on our website.  
  
The steering committee will consider over the summer whether PRTI is light on members from any given sector. Discussion of such led to the group authorizing the steering committee to invite for membership Greg Kernohan and Meegan Flenniken, subject to their agreeing to membership requirements.
- Are there initiatives we want to start thinking about this summer as we prepare for Phase 5? Brainstorm a few ideas today? (Perhaps based on what we learned in March about the SPBRT objectives and how we ranked them?)

10:15—10:30	BREAK
10:30--11:30	Study Session: <b>Water Quality on the Poudre</b> Presentation by and Dialogue with Scott Garncarz and Sarah Wheeler from the Colorado Department of Public Health and the Environment
11:30—12noon	Closing

ADOPTED May 6, 2016

## Membership in the Poudre Runs Through It Study/Action Work Group

The Poudre Runs Through It Study/Action Work Group (PRTI) is made up of about 25 citizen experts of diverse backgrounds and expertise, actively pursuing the goal of making the Poudre River the world's best example of a healthy "working river"—one that meets both human and ecological needs.

The group has accomplished a great deal in the years we have been meeting. Our members—from agriculture, business, recreation, the environment, industry and urban water management—have built cooperative relationships leading to two major initiatives and some smaller ones. Information about the group and our initiatives is available on our website, <http://www.cwi.colostate.edu/thepoudrerunsthroughit/>.

Colorado Water Institute convened the Poudre Runs Through It Study/Action Work Group in October, 2012, as a response to a very successful 2011 community conversation about the Poudre River and Northern Colorado's Water Future. Those chosen for membership represent a wide diversity of leaders who share a passion for the Poudre River and who see the value in cooperating with those from multiple sectors to put that passion into action. Our members include those with expertise about the human uses of the river and those with expertise about its ecological needs.

Any member of the group can nominate others to become members. In addition, individuals wishing to join the group may nominate themselves. Nominations are to be submitted to the steering committee, care of MaryLou Smith, [MaryLou.Smith@colostate.edu](mailto:MaryLou.Smith@colostate.edu). Those nominated are considered by the steering committee, taking into account the current diversity of the group. The steering committee makes membership recommendations for approval by consensus of the full membership.

We keep the group small so that we can build trust and collaborative relationships allowing us to catalyze action initiatives. For the same reason, the meetings are not open to the public. Only members and invited guests may attend and we do not allow alternates or proxies. The individuals chosen come from a variety of organizations with interests in the Poudre, but they do not represent their given organizations. However, we recognize that it is not possible for individuals to completely set aside the interests of the organizations they work for. In some cases, individuals weigh a balance between their personal opinions and the role they play in the community.

Because we meet only five times each year, it is very important that each of our members commit to being at each session. The sessions are what gives us the

opportunity to build the strong relationships to bridge the diverse interests and values of our members. Those accepted for membership must be willing to commit to the sessions scheduled at the time of their acceptance. Generally, our members miss only on those occasions that critical conflicts arise, and alert us to that ahead of time. The five sessions per year are typically on Fridays from 7:30am to 12noon, including breakfast, at Tamasag Retreat Center near Bellvue and occasionally at the Poudre Learning Center, on the Poudre River southwest of Greeley.

As new members become familiar with our work, they may want to join one or more of our initiative (action) committees, but that is not a requirement. All members, however, are expected to help promote our annual Poudre River Forum.

Sometimes, community members who otherwise are not members of the Poudre Runs Through It Study/Action Work Group are invited to be members of our initiative committees.

Though all of our initiatives are self-funded through grants, registrations or sponsorships, the minimal operating expenses for the Poudre Runs Through It are covered by the organizations with which our members are affiliated. Once each year we ask for contributions from those organizations, but such contributions are not a condition of membership.

Members should either live in one of the communities along the Poudre or do work related to the Poudre. We expect our members to bring with them a demonstrative record of collaboration in past efforts. They should have curiosity about and respect for the interests and values of other group members. Those interested in membership should have a passion for working together to solve the puzzles that emerge as we try to meet the needs of various interests in the Poudre. Because we adopt for action those initiatives upon which we can come to consensus, those accepted for membership must agree to work toward that end.