

Minutes of the Organizational Meeting of the Water Court Committee  
of the Colorado Supreme Court Established by Order of the Chief  
Justice

December 20, 2007

Justice Greg Hobbs called the meeting to order and introduced the members of the Water Court Committee. Chief Justice Mary Mullarkey welcomed the Water Court Committee and explained the general goals of the Committee.

The Committee members that participated on the DU Water Futures Panel and the South Platte Task Force were identified and issues and suggestions from those forums were discussed.

Members identified and discussed the issues contained in the Chief Justice Order establishing the Committee and other possible additional issues.

The following subcommittees to study issues and report back to the full Committee were established.

1. Special Master/Magistrate/Referee Subcommittee to address #1-3 and #5 of the Chief Justice Order  
Casey Shpall (Chair); Lain Leoniak; Rebecca Kourlis;  
Alexandra Davis; Sherry Caloia
2. Role of Experts Subcommittee to address #6 of the Chief Justice Order  
David Robbins (Co-Chair); Hal Simpson (Co-Chair); Andy Jones; Judge John Kuenhold
3. Outreach to Water Users Subcommittee to address #8 and #10 of the Chief Justice Order  
Jim Witwer (Chair); Bill Trampe; Bob Sakata; Steve Witte; Dick Wolfe
4. Bench, Bar, Engineers Education Subcommittee to address #7 of the Chief Justice Order

Doug Clements (Chair) to work with Justice Hobbs,  
Professional Engineering Community,  
CBA Water Section, and CLE of Colorado

5. Case Management Subcommittee to gather data regarding the range of cases and operations of the water courts in every division, including “problem cases,” in cooperation with CBA Water Section, water clerks, and water judges Justice Michael Bender (Chair); Jerry Marroney; Michael Shimmin; Mark Hermundstad
  
6. Web page and media contact – Rob Mccallum

The following dates in 2008 for future meetings of the Water Court Committee were set:

January—subcommittees meet at call of subcommittee chairs  
February 11, 1:00-4:00 p.m., full committee at Colorado Supreme Court  
March 10, 3:00-5:00 p.m. (public input meeting) at Colorado Supreme Court  
April—subcommittees meet at call of subcommittee chairs  
May 23, noon-4:00 p.m., full committee at Colorado Supreme Court  
June 13, noon-4:00 p.m., full committee at Colorado Supreme Court  
July 11, noon-3:00 p.m., full committee at Colorado Supreme Court  
August 1—Written report to the Chief Justice, to be shared with Governor and General Assembly

Subcommittees will prepare information and recommendations for consideration of full committee

Full committee meetings will be in the 5<sup>th</sup> floor conference room, Colorado Supreme Court, unless otherwise noticed.  
Subcommittees can meet at Supreme Court (contact Andrea Bloom) or elsewhere.

The meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Submitted by Andrea Bloom, Counsel to the Chief Justice