



**MEETING NOTES**  
**March 3, 2021 7:30 AM**  
**Zoom Virtual Meeting**

Members of the River Commission in attendance included Ryan Davis, Erika Gibson, Brendon Langenhuizen, Vice Chairman Scott Schreiber, Joel Shute (alternate), and Chris Treese. Chairman Ashley Moffatt was absent. City Council Liaison Shelley Kaup, Kendall Bakich (Colorado Parks and Wildlife), Parks Superintendent Dan Roper, Commission Staff Liaison Trent Hyatt, and Chad Rudow (Roaring Fork Conservancy) were also present.

**Receipt of the Minutes from February 3, 2020**

Commissioner Gibson provided a motion, seconded by Commissioner Treese, to approve the minutes from the February 3, 2021 meeting. All were in favor.

**CO Water Plan Projects Discussion and Roaring Fork Temperature Tool**

April Long, Director for the Ruedi Water and Power Authority, discussed concerns about high water temperatures in lower stretches of the Roaring Fork River and the beta version of a new tool developed in conjunction with Lotic Hydrological. The intent of the tool is to help better understand variables that induce high water temps in these stretches allowing water managers to make water release decisions to curb exceedances and/or enact fishing limitations to reduce fish stress. She explained that the Roaring Fork Conservancy is expected to be responsible for promoting the tool once complete.

Ms. Long also discussed the Commission's goals and related future projects as a means of understanding those which align with the CO Water Plan. This will allow options for coordination moving forward. The location of the group's action items was shared and then reviewed by the group.

**Comments from Commissioners/Staff/Guests**

Ms. Bakich explained that Colorado Parks and Wildlife has released a guidance document related to best practices for recreational in-stream diversions. The group stated that would like for her to present on this topic at some point in the future.

Mr. Hyatt thanked Commissioner Langenhuizen for his dedication to Commission over the last six years. He explained that his efforts help save the Commission and promote it to one of the most active and respected boards in the City.

Councilor Kaup encouraged future outreach related to the importance of riparian ecosystems. The group discussed this as an option for their next webinar coupled with a rollout of the riparian planting guide completed last year.