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GOVERNOR SIGNS ISGAR MEASURE TO CREATE INTERBASIN WATER ROUNDTABLES

Senate sponsor emphasizes that roundtables will solve contentious water issues

DENVER—Today, Governor Bill Owens signed House Bill 1177, sponsored by **Senator Jim Isgar (D-Hesperus)**, which creates a 25-member interbasin compact committee to negotiate the equitable use of Colorado's waters.

“These roundtables that we are creating will solve some of the contentious water issues we have on the Western Slope,” said Senator Isgar. “We will be able to finish projects where no community has to be a loser.”

Under House Bill 1177, sponsored in the House by Representative Josh Penry, the nine roundtables from diverse parts of the state will analyze water management issues within their area and actively seek the input and advice of local stakeholders, local governments, water providers and others interested in water management. Results will be forwarded to the Interbasin Compact Committee and to other roundtables for consideration.

Senator Isgar added, “This process of negotiations will produce winners within and between basins. By sitting down and negotiating we can come up with long term solutions to benefit everyone.”

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