



ROUTT COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
AGENDA COMMUNICATION FORM

ITEM DATE: September 10, 2019	ITEM TIME: 2:20

FROM:	Erick Knaus, County Attorney
TODAY'S DATE:	August 29, 2019
AGENDA TITLE:	Yampa River Fund Collaborative Agreement and Possible Appointment of a County Representative to the Fund's Board of Directors and Steering Committee.

CHECK ONE THAT APPLIES TO YOUR ITEM:
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ACTION ITEM
<input type="checkbox"/> DIRECTION
<input type="checkbox"/> INFORMATION

I. DESCRIBE THE REQUEST OR ISSUE:

Routt County has been invited to join the Yampa River Fund, a collaborative group of stakeholders with interests in establishing a sustainable fund to support projects and programs that will enhance water security for communities, agriculture, industry, the economy, and the natural environment in the Yampa Valley. The Board is being asked to consider entering into the attached Collaboration and Administration Agreement and appoint a representative of the County to the Fund's Board of Directors and Steering Committee. The representative may be a Commissioner or other candidate the Board deems appropriate.

II. RECOMMENDED ACTION (motion):

1. Move to approve the Collaboration and Administration Agreement and authorize the Chair's signature to the Agreement.
2. Move to appoint Commissioner Monger to represent the Board of County Commissioners on the Yampa River Fund Board of Directors and Steering Committee.

III. DESCRIBE FISCAL IMPACTS (VARIATION TO BUDGET):

PROPOSED REVENUE (if applicable): \$
CURRENT BUDGETED AMOUNT: \$
PROPOSED EXPENDITURE: \$0
FUNDING SOURCE:
SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET NEEDED: YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>

Explanation: There are no expenditures required.



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IV. IMPACTS OF A REGIONAL NATURE OR ON OTHER JURISDICTIONS (IDENTIFY ANY COMMUNICATIONS ON THIS ITEM):

Several entities have joined or have been invited to join the Yampa River Fund.

V. BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Yampa River Fund will be a newly created, non-legal entity, with the mission to establish a sustainable fund to support projects and programs that will enhance water security for communities, agriculture, industry, the economy, and the natural environment in the Yampa Valley. The Fund will consist of a Board of Directors, a Steering Committee, a Management Entity, and a Fiscal Partner.

Numerous entities (e.g. the City of Steamboat Springs) have been invited to be represented on the Fund's Board of Directors. Those members may also elect to participate in the Steering Committee. Members are not required to contribute to the Fund.

The Management Entity will be a tax-exempt organization as appointed by the Board of Directors to conduct the affairs of the Fund at the direction and control of the Board of Directors.

The Fiscal Partner is the Yampa Valley Community Foundation to accept and distribute funds as directed by the Board of Directors.

The attached Collaboration and Administration Agreement sets forth the intent and managerial organization of the Fund.

The attached Yampa River Fund Presentation materials provide an overview of the Fund and its administration.

VI. LEGAL ISSUES:

Participation is not mandated by law or regulation.

VII. CONFLICTS OR ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES:

No conflicts. See the attached materials concerning the Fund's mission and objectives.

VIII. SUMMARY AND OTHER OPTIONS:

Route County may elect to participate in the Yampa River Fund Board of Directors and Steering Committee at no cost to the County. Participation is strictly voluntary and non-binding as set forth in the Agreement.