**RGBRT Education Committee Meeting Agenda**

February 11th, 2025 at 11:00am

SLVWCD Conference Room, 623 4th Street, Alamosa

OR

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Monthly Presentations/speakers

* 1. March: Forecasting, interactive tools, SNOTELS w/ Karl Wetlaufer NRCS Water and Climate Center **(Heather)**
	2. April: Bill and David RG Compact and other **(Paul).** Friday April 25th will be the Compact meeting. Planning for presentation from 3-4:30pm on the 24th. The group discussed the scope of the presentation, given it is less time than they usually have for water leaders. Nathan suggested focusing on the importance of elephant butte -- “the tail that wags the dog”. The value of getting a refresher on subdistricts. The group decided on a 3-5pm window for the talk. Venue was discussed, as well as the strategy for promoting the event.

Paul brought up the idea of doing oral history preservation with Bill and David. The Salazar Center (Rio Grande Library) seems like a great organization to lead this effort, and the group discussed potential funding sources. Rural Journalism Institute, CWCB Water Plan, Wildlife Society, American Rivers. Rio Grande Water Cooperative Project will be pulling together info on the formation of the subdistricts. Storymaps were mentioned as a potential medium for this type of project.

Tours

* 1. February 21: Winter Sheet Ice – The group discussed logistics for the rescheduled tour, including whether to provide lunch or snacks. The group decided to have a plan for an unofficial lunch afterwards but not cover it.
	2. March 14: Dust on Snow – Paul talked with Will (ASAP director), who may be bringing a van full of students on the tour. Cassandra is working on getting snowshoes.
	3. April Ideas – Nathan suggested Lobotos Bridge, Los Sauses, Closed Basin. Compact-centric locations. Nathan could make a driving map. Sue and Sean could talk about the BLM Lobatos Education Project. Loreta Mitson could provide historical context. April 10thand 18th were both suggested. Rio Suggested ending earlier (if on the 11th) to help those going to the Colorado Law Conference.
	4. May – Lower Ark Tour – Cassandra gave an update on the development of this tour. She met with ARWC to plan. Paul suggested the river walk. We may be able to plan around the roundtable meeting to network with their members
1. Upcoming Events:
	1. March 8: Congreso
	2. March 7-9: Crane Fest
	3. March 29: Basin Symposium
2. Mural Project **-** Jocelyn and Paul talked about their plan with Hannah (RGWECI) to create a school curriculum that includes water education and the development of a series of murals within distinct communities along the Rio Grande that brings together water and cultural history, hopefully reaching a broad swath of the population. They have several potential funding sources, including an ed & outreach WP grant. The group talked about this project coinciding with the push from the City of Alamosa to make a creative district.