



MEMORANDUM

July 19, 2011

TO: INFORMATION AND OUTREACH COMMITTEE – CRWCD BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FROM: JIM POKRANDT
SUBJECT: UPDATE FOR JULY 19, 2011 BOARD MEETING

Colorado River Cooperative Agreement (A proposal)

The public rollout of the Colorado River Cooperative Agreement went smoothly on April 28. The briefing documents remain available at www.ColoradoRiverDistrict.org as does a videotape of the event. It was widely covered in the media.

We continued to explain the proposal through six State of the River meetings, one more than was originally anticipated. In addition to the Summit, Grand, Roaring Fork, Gunnison and Mesa County events, we added an Eagle River Valley State of the River meeting through the cooperation of the Eagle River Water and Sanitation District, Upper Eagle Regional Water Authority and the Eagle River Watershed Council.

The proposal was explained at editorial board meetings at the Denver Post and the Grand Junction Daily Sentinel. Other presentations included the Glenwood Springs Rotary Club, on the Foundation for Water Education Colorado River Basin Tour, the Four West Slope Basin Roundtables meeting, several conservation districts and the Colorado Headwaters Forum. Future presentations are set at Club 20's water committee, the Western Water Workshop in Gunnison and at a future meeting of the state Water Resources Review Committee.

Colorado Foundation for Water Education (CFWE) Annual Tour

This year's annual CFWE tour was especially significant to River District interests as it encompassed the Colorado River mainstem. River District representation included Director Acquafresca, Director Newberry, and staff members Eric, Chris, Martha and myself. Additional participants included 8 of the 10 state legislators that are members of the Water Resources Review Committee and over 90 educators, water professionals and members of the public. Tour stops, program topics and varied speakers all contributed to effectively communicating the value of the health of the headwaters; the development of transbasin diversions and their impacts and uses; the balance between consumptive and non-consumptive uses; the protection of water quality and habitat; the importance of water resource planning and collaboration and the agricultural importance of the Grand Valley statewide. Overall, it was well organized, informative, and identified as highly successful.

Other events coming up

- **H2O Outdoors**, our water camp, takes place **Oct. 15-17, 2011**, at the Keystone Science School.
- The CRD's **Annual Seminar** is scheduled for Thursday, **Sept. 15, 2011**, at the Two Rivers Convention Center in Grand Junction. It follows on the heels of two days of

CWCB meetings in Grand Junction (Sept. 13-14) and the Board Budget Workshop (Sept. 14). Topics to be covered include a West Slope response to the IBCC Report to the Governor, the Bureau of Reclamation's Colorado River Basin Study, a NOAA review of the runoff year and how its new 30-year average calculations affect forecasts, a presentation on the Colorado University Colorado River Project "Rethinking the Future of the Colorado River" and a presentation on what can happen when you build a reservoir – you find mastodon bones.