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MEMORANDUM

JANUARY 4, 2012

TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS, CRWCD

FROM: ERIC KUHN

SUBJECT: *NAMING RUEDI DAM AFTER CLIFFORD H. STONE*

Clifford H. Stone was the first director of the Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB). Prior to that, he was a state legislator from Gunnison and a founding member of the West Slope Protective Association (the predecessor of the River District). Judge Stone is one of the three West Slope representatives that signed SD-80 submittal letter to Secretary Ickes. The other two were Silman Smith from Grand Junction and A.C. Sudan from Grand County.

Judge Stone served as director of the CWCB until his death in 1952. He is referred to as Judge Stone because he served as Gunnison County judge from 1912-1921.

Judge Stone's accomplishments at the CWCB were numerous. The most notable is probably the negotiations of the 1948 Upper Colorado River Basin Compact. He also negotiated an agreement between the Arkansas Valley and the River District on the Fryingpan-Arkansas Project. Unfortunately (and because Denver Water didn't like the agreement) the 1951 agreement fell apart after his death.

Jennifer Gimbel, Bill McDonald and I have been discussing whether or not it would be appropriate to name Ruedi Dam (not the reservoir) after Judge Stone. After his death, the Bureau of Reclamation proposed naming Willow Creek Dam (C-BT) after Judge Stone. The River District Board said "no thank you, not good enough."

I would like some feedback on this proposal. If appropriate, it could be an action item for the joint meeting with the CWCB in May.

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