



Gunnison State of the River Meeting set for June 6, 2011

Calendar item

The Colorado River District is holding its annual Gunnison State of the Rivers public meeting at 7 p.m., Monday, June 6, 2011, at the Holiday Inn Express, 1391 S. Townsend Ave., Montrose. The public will learn at this free event about streamflows, reservoir operations and emerging challenges for the Gunnison Basin communities. Colorado River District officials will detail a historic water supply proposal with Denver Water and members of the Gunnison Basin Roundtable will present "Looking Ahead Water-Wise: The Statewide Water Supply Investigation as It Relates to the Gunnison Basin. The meeting takes place immediately after the Gunnison Basin Roundtable meeting at the same location. For information, call Jim Pokrandt at (970) 945-8522 x 236.

Press Release

Streamflow conditions, reservoir operations and an exploration of the critical decisions facing the Gunnison River Basin and its tributaries will be discussed at the annual Gunnison State of the River meeting set for 7 p.m., Monday, June 6, 2011, at the Holiday Inn Express, 1391 Townsend Ave., Montrose.

The public meeting is an annual event of the Colorado River District and is presented as an opportunity for the public to learn about this year's exciting snowmelt season and critical water supply issues for the long-term.

The keynote presentation will be a Gunnison Basin Roundtable discussion of "Looking Ahead Water-Wise: the Statewide Water Supply Investigation as It Relates to the Gunnison Basin." The investigation looms large as the Gunnison Basin comes to terms with its own water supply needs and the fact that some in the state believe the basin has a role in solving statewide water challenges.

Additionally, Eric Kuhn, General Manager of the Colorado River District, will detail a historic proposed agreement in the Colorado Basin that balances the water supply and environmental needs of the West Slope against Denver Water's quest for new water supply.

Bob Hurford, state engineer for the Gunnison Basin, will review snowpack and runoff conditions for the water year. Dan Crabtree of Bureau of Reclamation will update the public on operations of Aspinall Unit reservoirs. For more information, contact Jim Pokrandt at the Colorado River District, (970) 945-8522 x236 or jpokrandt@crwcd.org.