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Colorado River District names new media contact

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GLENWOOD SPRINGS, Colo. – Former newspaper editor Jim Pokrandt has been named the new communications and education coordinator for the Colorado River Water Conservation District.

The River District, as it is commonly called, is a public agency formed in 1937 to protect Western Colorado water rights. It is based in Glenwood Springs and serves 15 West Slope counties. To learn more, go to www.H2Oinfo.org.

Pokrandt recently served as editor of the Summit Daily News and has lived in Summit County for the last six years. Previously, he worked for several newspapers in the Roaring Fork Valley.

“Water is the new gold of the West, something many people are beginning to realize,” Pokrandt said. “I look forward to helping the West Slope understand how important this precious resource is.”

Pokrandt is a graduate of the University of Maryland College of Journalism. He also held a Summit County seat until recently on the Middle Park Water Conservancy District Board of Directors.

In his new role, he will spearhead the River District’s public education efforts and act as the main point of contact for both media and public inquiries.

The River District serves:

Moffat, Routt, Grand, Summit, Eagle, Garfield, Rio Blanco, Mesa, Delta, Pitkin, Gunnison, Montrose, Ouray, and portions of Hinsdale and Saguache counties.

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