

DENVER BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

Meeting Date: June 26, 2013

Board Item: 3-B-1

Declaration of Stage 1 Drought

Action by Consent

Action

Information

On March 27, 2013, the Board declared a Stage 2 drought, based on 60% snowpack and extremely dry conditions through the winter, combined with drought-depleted reservoir storage from 2012. In April and May, conditions improved dramatically. Snowpack increased to above 90% in both of Denver Water's watersheds. Even more critical is the fact that the snowpack has materialized as runoff into our reservoirs. Our reservoir storage has already exceeded 90%, and most reservoirs are predicted to fill. Furthermore, our customers have responded to the call to "Use Even Less" and have continued to use water judiciously. The water conserved by customers has kept our reservoirs in good shape while awaiting runoff from the improved snowpack, and their efforts have produced excellent results.

On May 22, 2013, improved snowpack prompted the Board to delay the date when drought pricing would take effect as part of the Stage 2 drought response. Now that the snowpack has produced sufficient runoff to increase reservoir storage well above 90%, a Stage 1 drought response is appropriate.

Recommendation:

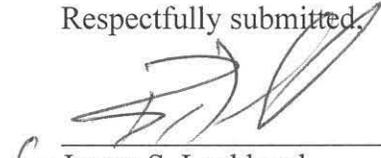
It is recommended that the Board approve the attached Stage 1 Drought Resolution.

Approvals:

Respectfully submitted,



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David Little
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