

# DENVER BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

Meeting Date: May 8, 2013

Board Item: V-A-7

## Permanent Agreement for Participation in the 10825 Recovery Program Contract # 4310J

Action by Consent

Action

Information

Denver Water and other Front Range water providers are participating with West Slope water users in the Recovery Implementation Program in the Upper Colorado River Basin (Recovery Program), designed to aid in the recovery of four species of fish listed as endangered under the Endangered Species Act. All these entities have cooperatively worked on development of recovery actions in the 15-Mile Reach of the Colorado River described in the Programmatic Biological Opinion (PBO) .

The Recovery Program and PBO contemplate a permanent commitment by water users to release 10,825 acre-feet of water per year to the 15-Mile Reach for flow augmentation. The water users' commitment for 10,825 acre-feet/year is a joint obligation shared equally between East and West Slope water users.

The East Slope water providers will pay for 5,412.5 acre feet of water, which will be provided from Granby Reservoir through modification of operations of the Redtop Valley Ditch. The remaining 5,412.5 acre feet will be purchased by West Slope water users from Ruedi Reservoir.

The attached participation agreement will reimburse Northern Water a proportional amount of the total cost associated with providing 5,412.5 acre-feet of water from Granby Reservoir and Denver Water's portion of the total cost will not exceed \$3,963,058.

The 10825 Project (4AR0025) includes sufficient funds for the agreement in the revised 2013 budget.

### Budget Considerations

Master Plan Code: 4AR0025

Additional Funds from Project(s): none

2013 Budget	\$7,200,000
Additional Funds	\$0
Revised 2013 Budget	\$7,200,000
YTD Expenditures (4/25/13)	\$2,593,739
Additional Expenditures Anticipated	\$4,606,261
Variance Required	\$0

Recommendation:

Staff recommends that the Board approve the attached Permanent Agreement for Participation in the 10825 Recovery Program.

**Approvals:**

Respectfully submitted,

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