

DENVER BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

Meeting Date: October 9, 2013

Board Item: V-E-5

**Colorado River Cooperative Agreement
Approval of Implementation Agreements for
Entities in Grand County**

Action by Consent

Action

Information

The Board and seventeen entities from the Western Slope have negotiated the Colorado River Cooperative Agreement (CRCA), which has been executed by the Board and Grand County, among others.

Under the CRCA, the Board agreed to provide water or financial benefits to more than twenty West Slope entities who are not Signatories to the CRCA. These entities must sign an Implementation Agreement to be eligible for water delivery or funding. The Implementation Agreement specifies the amount of water to be provided and the projects to be funded, and requires the recipient to honor certain provisions of the CRCA that resolve water rights issues with Denver Water.

Nine towns, districts and a ski area in Grand County, in addition to the County itself, will receive benefits under the CRCA. The Board has already approved and executed Implementation Agreements for entities in Summit County. The Grand County Implementation Agreements have now been signed by the Grand County entities, and are ready for execution by the Board. Attached is a table that identifies the various agreements and the benefits to be provided under each one. The timing of the benefits will vary, from soon after execution of the CRCA, to resolution of certain legal issues under the Blue River Decree, to successful permitting of Gross Reservoir Enlargement.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Board approve execution of the Implementation Agreements listed in the attached table.

Approvals:

Respectfully submitted,



General Counsel



for James S. Lochhead
CEO/Manager



Dave Little
Director of Planning