

DENVER BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

Meeting Date: November 14, 2012

Board Item: V-E-2

**Colorado River Cooperative Agreement
Approval of Implementation Agreements for
Entities in Summit 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 Summit 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.

Sixteen towns, districts and ski areas in Summit County, in addition to the County itself, will receive benefits under the CRCA. The Board approved and executed Implementation Agreements with Breckenridge and Keystone Ski Areas on February 22, 2012. All the other Implementation Agreements have now been signed by the Summit 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, except for the agreements with Keystone and Breckenridge Ski Areas, which have already been executed.

Approvals:

Respectfully submitted,



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