

COLORADO RIVER WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Application for Approval of a Water Conservation Program

Background

Colorado law provides that the Colorado River District may approve water conservation programs that, in certain circumstances, protect participating water rights from abandonment or a reduction in the historical consumptive use that otherwise might impact a water right due to non-use or reduced use while enrolled in a water conservation program. By way of example, see, Senate Bill 05-133 (C.R.S. § 37-92-103(2)), which provides in part that no intent to discontinue permanent use shall be found for purposes of determining an abandonment of a water right for the duration of the period that nonuse of a water right by its owner is a result of participation in a water conservation program approved by a water conservation district. See also, Senate Bill 13-019 (C.R.S. 37-92-305 (3)(c)), which directs the water judge, in certain limited circumstances, to NOT consider any decrease in water use or nonuse of water resulting from an **approved** water conservation program (emphasis added). These statutes authorize the Colorado River Water Conservation District, among others, to approve such water conservation programs.

Application Instructions

(A) Project Sponsor:

Indicate the name of the individual and/or organization applying for Approval of a Water Conservation Program.

(B) Contact Information:

Name: Indicate the name of the contact individual responsible for answering questions regarding the application.

Address: Indicate the address of the contact individual.

Phone: Indicate the phone number (including area code) of the contact individual.

Email: Indicate the email address of the contact individual (if any).

(C) Project Schedule:

Estimated Start of Conservation Program Date: Indicate the earliest start date of the project, program or practice that is expected to result in reduced or non water use.

Estimated Completion Date: Indicate the planned completion date of the project, program or practice.

(D) Estimated Water Reduction:

Indicate in acre feet and/or cubic feet per second the amount of water expected to be conserved from the Conservation Program (estimates OK).

(E) Basin Section:

Circle the name of the water basin in which the program will be located.

(F) Program History:

Indicate if this conservation program has been previously approved by another entity and, if so, when.

(G) Project Summary:

Provide a description of the Water Conservation Program, including the mechanism by which water will be conserved (e.g., reduction or cessation in diversion amount, installation of water saving infrastructure). Please include the water rights that are associated with the planned Conservation Program, including priority date(s). Attach additional pages if needed.

Completed applications must be received by the Colorado River Water Conservation District and can be hand-delivered, faxed, e-mailed or mailed to:

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*The River District is not responsible for lost or undelivered applications
If submitted electronically, we suggest that an automated, electronic return receipt be requested to ensure delivery.*