



Colorado River District

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MEMORANDUM

July 5, 2017

TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS, CRWCD

FROM: ERIC KUHN *EK*

SUBJECT: *MID-YEAR CHECK ON 2017 GOALS*

I've attached the January 5, 2017 goals memo for 2017. In July we normally take a few minutes to discuss progress on those goals and any changes.

In general, I don't see any major changes. Nor do I see any significant problems. As listed in the January goals memo, the Board has been focused on the selection of a new General Manager. I've prepared a number of transition memos and I'll be putting those in one package for board input at the October meeting. The Joint West Slope Roundtables Risk Study is underway.

Wednesday morning we'll be having a detailed discussion of the crest restoration work at Wolford Mountain Reservoir. Finally, we'll be discussing implementation of our Front Range agreements in detail during General Counsel's report.

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Attachment



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SUBJECT: *GOALS FOR 2017*

Since 2017 will be a transition year where the Board will be focused on the search for and selection of a new general manager, I've kept my proposed goals straightforward and focused. I've also raised several questions for board consideration.

1. Complete the review and approval of the River District's strategic plan. This document is a revision to the previous plan is intended to incorporate the results of the Board's strategic workshop last July. The latest draft is included in the board packet.
2. Provide the staff and administrative support for the Board and its committees during the search and evaluation process for a new general manager.
3. Prepare a series of discussion papers on the challenges facing the River District over the next decade. The first of these dealing with negotiations is on the board agenda for January.
4. Begin the process of updating and upgrading the River District's outreach and education program. To begin this process, we're scheduling a meeting of the board's Information and Outreach Committee on Wednesday morning at 7:15 a.m.
5. Continue the leadership role on Colorado River Issues. Move forward with a consensus phase II of the Joint West Slope Roundtable Risk Study. Continue to work with West Slope roundtables to improve their understanding of Colorado River issues.
6. Continue to move the water bank workgroup and Grand Valley pilot project forward. Encourage a dialogue among the River District and Southwestern Water Conservation District boards and the boards of our major irrigation districts on Colorado River issues and the challenges facing western Colorado agriculture.
7. Continue progress on the Gunnison Basin RCPP. Continue to work with the CWCB and the other Upper Division states to give Reclamation more flexibility and the project beneficiaries more certainty for the expenditure of CREDA/MOA funds.
8. Move forward on the engineering and construction work necessary to restore the crest elevation of Ritschard Dam (Wolford Mountain).

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9. Continue action items related to the implementation of the Colorado River Cooperative Agreement and the Windy Gap Firming Project IGA. On the Eagle River MOU, brief the Board on the complexities of the projects being evaluated under the MOU.