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MEMORANDUM

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TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS, CRWCD

FROM: ERIC KUHN *EK*

SUBJECT: *IBCC/ROUNDTABLE UPDATE*

1. IBCC

We had a meeting in Summit County on April 20th. It was a rather low key meeting. We discussed the status of the Joint West Slope Roundtables Risk Study, funding available to the roundtables under the legislation then in process (now completed), and we again discussed long-term funding strategies. I believe the plan is that the IBCC will meet again in August or September.

Bluntly, now that the Colorado Water Plan has been published, the IBCC is definitely in a holding pattern. I expect that will continue this way for a while, at least until the new CWCB director is selected and has his/her feet on the ground with a renewed focus on implementation of the State Water Plan.

While currently somewhat dormant, there is still the likelihood that the IBCC will be asked to address future disputed or critical issues. Early next year I would recommend that the Governor appoint my successor to the IBCC (and I would step down).

2. Roundtables/Joint West Slope Roundtables Risk Study

The risk study is underway. Although we're off to a bit of a slow start due to John Carron's schedule, the pace will pick up in July and August. Unlike phase I, the phase II focus is a little more technical. Specifically, we want to improve our modeling capabilities to answer detailed questions on how different demand management and water banking options impact specific projects and diversion within the basins. To do this we need to use both the Bureau of Reclamation's CRSS and Colorado State-MOD model platforms.

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