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Colorado River District Announces General Manager Finalist

Andrew Mueller Selected Unanimously as Sole Finalist by Board of Directors

September 19, 2017. Glenwood Springs, Colo. The Colorado River District’s Board of Directors today named Andrew (Andy) A. Mueller of Glenwood Springs, CO as its sole final candidate to succeed Eric Kuhn as General Manager, who is retiring after 36 years with the District.

The Board met today at noon and voted unanimously naming Mueller as the finalist for the GM position.

Mueller is an attorney and a former River District Board member who also served as Board President and Vice President.

Board President Tom Alvey from Delta County expressed the entire board’s enthusiasm with Mueller’s selection. “The Board was impressed with Mueller’s credentials, background and vision for the District,” said Alvey. “We were fortunate to have an outstanding pool of candidates from which Mr. Mueller rose to the top.”

President Alvey called Mueller immediately after the meeting to inform him of the Board’s action. Contacted following that call, Mueller expressed his appreciation of the Board and pleasure at his being named finalist. “I’m honored and humbled by my selection,” Mueller stated. “I’ve long held the Colorado River District in the highest regard. I look forward to working with the Board and staff of the District to continue the District’s history of excellence and protection of Western Colorado’s vital stake in the Colorado River system,” he added.

Mueller emerged as the single finalist after a nationwide search. Consistent with state law, no offer of employment will be made for at least 14 days from today’s date. As no offer of employment has been extended, no starting date for the new General Manager, nor other details of employment, have been established.

The General Manager reports to the 15-member Board of Directors and is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the District and management of the 25-member staff.

Mueller is currently a partner with the Glenwood Springs law firm of Karp Neu Hanlon, P.C. He was previously the managing partner at the Ouray, CO-based firm of Hockersmith & Mueller, P.C. Mueller served as Ouray County’s director on the Colorado River District’s board from 2006 to January 2015.

The Colorado legislature created the Colorado River District in 1937 “for the conservation, use, and development of the water resources of the Colorado River and its principal tributaries.”

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