



Colorado River District

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MEMORANDUM

January 3, 2018

TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS, CRWCD
ANDY MUELLER

FROM: ERIC KUHN EK

SUBJECT: *SOUTHWEST BASIN ROUNDTABLE REPORT*

The Colorado River District has a seat on the Southwest Roundtable (San Juan/Dolores). A small portion of the lower Dolores River Basin (near Gateway) is within the River District. This roundtable currently meets on a quarterly basis alternating meetings between Cortez and Durango.

I have been representing the River District on the Southwest Roundtable for last three to four years. We made that decision because they are keenly interested in Colorado River issues, including the risk study, so it makes sense for me to participate on the roundtable while keeping them informed on the risk study/Colorado River issues.

I believe our participation on the Southwest Roundtable has been well worth the travel. The roundtable functions quite smoothly. Their primary interests have been evaluating and prioritizing projects (under their basin plan) for basin funding and Colorado River issues.

I've notified Andy that I'm willing to continue to represent the River District for the next meeting or two until he makes a decision on a replacement.

Separately, Andy and I will be attending the Southwestern Water Conservation District's February board meeting. John Carron will also attend and brief the Southwestern Board on Colorado River modeling issues (similar to his presentation to the River District at the October meeting).

The close working relationship we've developed with Southwestern has been beneficial to both conservation districts.

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