



Colorado River District

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MEMORANDUM

4/4/2018

TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS
ANDY MUELLER, GENERAL MANAGER
PETER FLEMING, GENERAL COUNSEL

FROM: JOHN CURRIER, P.E. CHIEF ENGINEER

SUBJECT: RENEWAL OF HAMPTON AGRICULTURAL LEASE AT ELKHEAD RESERVOIR

ACTION REQUESTED: Board authorization for staff to negotiate and for the General Manager to enter into a new Agricultural Lease Agreement with Richard and Bonnie Hampton for grazing purposes on 59 acres adjacent to Elkhead Reservoir.

STRATEGIC INITIATIVE(S): 12. Financial Sustainability

In 2008 the River District entered into a 10 year agricultural lease agreement with Les and Bonnie Hampton. The lease is for 59 acres adjacent to Elkhead Reservoir and is for grazing purposes. The lease expires May 30, 2018 and the Hamptons desire to renew the lease for an additional 10 years.

The current lease rate is \$266 per year which was paid as a lump sum (\$2,660) up front when the 10 year lease commenced in 2008. Staff intends to negotiate a new market based lease rate with the Hamptons and expects the other lease terms to remain the same as the existing lease terms.