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## Colorado River District Opposes Amendment 74 and Proposition 112

**Glenwood Springs, CO** — The Colorado River District’s Board of Directors is opposing two statewide initiatives that will appear on the Colorado ballot this November. At a special meeting held in September, the Board voted unanimously to oppose Amendment 74 and Proposition 112.

The Board of Directors, which represents 15 western Colorado counties covering nearly one-third of the entire state, moved to oppose the initiatives due, in large part, to the direct negative impacts that both would have on West Slope water management efforts.

In final resolutions released this week, the River District’s Board described **Proposition 112** as an “overly-aggressive proposal creating a *de facto* statewide ban on oil and gas production” that would “devastate the state’s economy and cripple state and local government budgets including the Colorado River District’s.”

Proposition 112, they argued, would also significantly reduce state severance tax revenues that support water projects and programs statewide – including important environmental, conservation and water quality programs administered by the Colorado Department of Natural Resources and the Colorado Water Conservation Board.

In their resolution opposing **Amendment 74**, the Board of Directors described the proposed constitutional amendment as “ill-advised, poorly constructed and fraught with unintended consequences harmful to Colorado’s waters and water users.”

The Directors were unanimous in their concerns with Amendment 74. Their Resolution specifically points to concerns that “the risk and expense associated with Amendment 74 would predictably result in the State of Colorado losing state authority to implement the federal Clean Water Act to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) with attendant adverse impacts to Colorado’s streams, rivers and water users.

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