



MEMORANDUM
MARCH 2, 2019

TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

FROM: CHRIS TREESE

SUBJECT: FEDERAL AFFAIRS: LOBBYING CONTRACT

***ACTION:** Requesting approval for renewal of Continuing Services Agreement with Water Strategies, LLC. for federal lobbying/representation assistance*

STRATEGIC INITIATIVE(S):

1. A. The River District will continue to enhance and expand partnerships and working relationships with key elected and appointed officials to advance western Colorado's perspectives on proposed legislation and regulations affecting western Colorado water resources at both the state and federal levels.

1. B. The River District will assume a leadership role in offering timely and accurate public information regarding topical trends and developments concerning water resources, water use, and water conservation.

The Colorado River District has engaged Water Strategies, LLC for the past three years under a Continuing Services Agreement with an \$18,000 annual fee. I would like to renew this contract under identical terms (3-year, cancellable, \$18,000/yr.).

Water Strategies provides the District a presence in DC and daily reporting on water-related developments at the federal level. They assist me in maintaining communications with the Colorado delegation as well as providing timely (quarterly) information to the Board.

Water Strategies' \$18,000 annual fee is one-third or less than any competitor. Standard District contract language, including full disclosure of potential conflicts and unilateral cancellation provision, is proposed.