



Colorado River District

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MEMORANDUM

April 2, 2019

TO: CRWCD Board of Directors
Andy Mueller, General Manager
Peter Fleming, General Counsel

FROM: Michael Eytel, Senior Water Resources Specialist *ME*

Subject: Wild & Scenic Technical Support

ACTION: Staff requests the Board authorize the General Manager to enter into a two year contract not to exceed \$30,250 with Bishop-Brogden Associates, Inc. to provide technical support to the West Slope Water Users' Interest Group related to the development of the Wild & Scenic Alternative Management Plan.

STRATEGIC INITIATIVES: 1. *Outreach and Advocacy*
4. *Colorado River Supplies*
10. *Water Quality.*

This request would replace an expiring contract with Bishop-Brogden Associates, Inc. ("BBA") to provide technical support to the Wild and Scenic West Slope Water User Interest Group. The expiring contract was performed under the River District's General Manager's \$25,000 authority with 50% of the cost paid by Middle Park Water Conservancy District. The new contract will extend BBA's services for two more years. Middle Park will continue to pay the other 50% of the cost (\$30,250 over the next two years). The range of services include:

- Technical Analysis and Review of Hydrology.
- USGS Flushing Flow Study Review and Analysis
- Stakeholder Meeting Participation – Technical Representative to West Slope Water Users Interest Group.
- Technical Committee Support – Boating and Fishing Ad-Hoc Committees

The Upper Colorado River Wild and Scenic Stakeholder Group was formed as an independent, collaborative group in 2007. The intention is to balance permanent protection of the Outstandingly Remarkable Values (ORV's), certainty for the stakeholders, water project yield, and flexibility for water users along the Upper Colorado River. This contract with Bishop Brogden is to provide technical support to the West Slope Water User Interest Group over the next two years, while the Alternative Management Plan is finalized. River District staff recommends Board authorization to enter into a new 2 year contract with BBA not to exceed \$30,250, subject to annual appropriations.

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