





# COLORADO RIVER DISTRICT

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## MEMORANDUM

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**TO:** BOARD OF DIRECTORS, CRWCD

**FROM:** DAVE “DK” KANZER, P.E.  
DIRECTOR OF SCIENCE AND INTERSTATE MATTERS

**SUBJECT:** COLORADO RIVER “RISK STUDY” – PHASE 4 STATUS UPDATE / PRESENTATION

**DATE:** JUNE 30, 2023

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*NO ACTION: This memo is an informational update on the Reclamation WaterSmart grant-funded Colorado River Risk Study*

**STRATEGIC INITIATIVE(S):**

- 3. B. The River District will engage in support efforts aimed at understanding climate change and how it may affect water supplies.*
  - 3. C. The River District will engage in and support water supply planning efforts, local and regional, which include adapting to climate change impacts.*
  - 7. A. The River District will work proactively with District constituents and basin roundtables to better quantify and refine both the consumptive and non-consumptive water needs, in amount, location and timing, throughout the District, including projected needs that may result from climate change.*
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**Background:**

The original Colorado River Risk Study (“Risk Study”) was initiated almost ten years ago as an outgrowth of previous ‘Colorado River Compact Water Bank’ efforts. The principal objective of the project is to quantify and refine the risks of involuntary curtailment associated with different supply and demand scenarios related to the 1922 Colorado River Compact. The 4<sup>th</sup> phase of the Risk Study is now nearing completion and it has evolved significantly due to changes in hydrological conditions, water demand patterns, principal modeling tools, simulation capabilities and increased computing capacity.

Since the completion of the Phase III Risk Study report in 2019, the above-mentioned changes have necessitated new, updated analyses. Specifically, consecutive years of severe drought have drained system reservoirs, development and growth has increased water demands, while hydrological variability has increased, and changes have occurred to important computer simulation models. These changes all have decreased the utility of the previous results and created the need to perform updated analyses.



Also, since Phase III was completed, the seven basin states and Reclamation have approved new operational policies including a new set of Drought Contingency Program (DCP) rules and the Drought Response Operations and Storage Agreements that necessitated additional simulation and analysis.

With funding assistance from Reclamation’s Water Smart program, the Phase 4 Risk Study was initiated along with the Demand Management Stakeholder group and the secondary economic impact study as separate Tasks under the “Western Slope Demand Management Water Marketing Strategy Evaluation”. Preliminary results from Phase 4 are now available and a draft report is being prepared by Hydros Consulting.

**Brief Summary:**

The updated Risk Study reanalyzed previous efforts using newer assumptions, updated data and simulation tools. In particular, the study focused on three main components:

- Analysis of pre-and-post-compact water rights and their distribution across the four West Slope sub-basins, using an updated implementation and disaggregation of lumped demands using Colorado’s State Model (aka StateMod);
- Analysis of the impacts associated with increased water demands and quantification of new incremental risks posed by increased upper basin consumptive use, including both new, and/or full use of expanded, or newly permitted, trans-mountain storage and diversion systems as well as increased projected demands across the Upper Basin from the Upper Colorado River Commission associated with adopted depletion schedules;
- Analysis of curtailment risks related to supply and demand conditions on the “Big River” using Reclamation’s updated Colorado River Simulation System version 6 (CRSS v6), including estimation of the risks that the 10-year running average of Colorado River flows passing Lee Ferry, Arizona (the Colorado River compact compliance point) falls below specified levels; and
- Analysis of risks that Lake Powell storage elevations decrease below critical thresholds (e.g., power generation, dead pool) under different assumed water supply and demand scenarios.

On Tuesday, July 18, 2023, Dr. John Carron of Hydros Consulting, will be present at the third quarterly meeting to provide an overview of these findings to the board and public. He will be available for a discussion of the updated study, its implications to Colorado River water users and potential next steps. Due to unforeseen circumstances, this presentation was rescheduled from the originally scheduled April quarterly meeting.





## BOARD COMMUNICATION FORM

**From:** Andy Rossi

**Date:** 01/18/24

**Item: General Manager's Report on UYWCD Water Resources Management Activities:  
January 2024 Edition**

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### **I. Request/Issue and Background Information:**

General Manager's report summarizing current and ongoing Upper Yampa Water Conservancy District (UYWCD) activities.

### **II. Summary:**

In 2023, the UYWCD achieved significant milestones, navigated challenges, and witnessed pivotal developments in water resources management in both the Yampa River Basin and Colorado. The initiation of several noteworthy projects marked a proactive approach towards addressing the evolving needs of Yampa River water users. As we transition into the new year, the UYWCD is proud to share the ongoing evolution of these projects, highlighting their achievements, and detailing adjustments made to align with our organizational goals. The dedication and hard work of the UYWCD staff, coupled with the steadfast support of the board of directors, have propelled our progress on all these efforts.

Looking ahead to 2024, the UYWCD staff is committed to providing you with comprehensive insights into the continued evolution of these initiatives. Anticipating the unfolding of each project, we aim to keep you informed about the strides we make, the challenges we face, and the strategic adjustments implemented to ensure alignment with the UYWCD Strategic Plan.

Your support has been instrumental in our endeavors, and we express our sincere gratitude for being integral to the successes of the past year. Together, we eagerly look forward to a promising and productive 2024.



Presented with this communication is a summary table of the water resources special projects, beyond facilities operations and maintenance, the UYWCD will undertake in 2024 (and beyond). Many of the items included in this communication have been discussed during 2023 regular meetings of the UYWCD. The included table is intended as an update on the continuation of these important projects.

If you have any further questions about any of the items included in this communication please contact Andy Rossi, UYWCD General Manager, for additional details.

**UYWCD 2024 Work Plan Items**

<b>UYWCD SP Goal</b>	<b>Work Effort</b>	<b>Notes and Details</b>	<b>Personnel</b>	<b>Estimated Cost/Funding</b>	<b>Potential for Outside Grant(s) Funding</b>	<b>Included in Draft UYWCD 2024 Budget</b>	<b>Work Effort Status (01/18/24)</b>
6.1	Yampa River StateMod Improvements	IWMP Recommendation. Bear River reach model refinements to continue in 2023. Both Morrison Creek and Coal Creek Diversions will be added to StateMod architecture for project evaluation purposes.	GM, District Engineer, Engineering Consultant(s)	\$25,000	Yes	Yes (PLN)	Bear River (Yamcolo - Stagecoach) diversion targets updates complete. Updates to Yamcolo and Stagecoach Operating rules updated. Model results including diversion project components expected 03/24.
6.1	Return Flow Study	IWMP Recommendation. UYWCD Staff and TU have been working with WWG to gain a better understanding of the potential to use StateMod as an analytical tool for a return flow timing and contribution study. After extensive discussions, the work group has a much better understanding of the limitations of return flow analytics in StateMod. The return flow study configuration will include a combination of StateMod analytics, isotopic water sampling efforts, or other methodologies.	GM, District Engineer, Basin Partners, Engineering Consultant(s)	\$50,000	Yes	Yes (PLN)	Slow, but steady progress has been made for one of the most complex and difficult problems to model in hydrology. UYWCD is working with TU to refine a study methodology that will yield useful results. New study by University of Montana (2023) may provide frame work for useful analysis.
6.1, 5.2, 7.3	UYWCD Operations Dashboard, Yampa River Dashboard	IWMP Recommendation. The UYWCD is currently working with LRE to build and deploy an operations dashboard for UYWCD staff only use. The UYWCD proprietary dashboard will serve as the foundation and framework for a Yampa River System information dashboard for public access and use.	GM, District Engineer, Basin Partners, Engineering Consultant(s)	\$25,000	Yes (Award Secured in 2023)	Yes (PLN)	UYWCD operations dashboard is complete and functioning is user test mode. The Yampa Basin community data dashboard project is underway with funding secured.
2.1, 2.2, 7.2	Upper Yampa River Water Quality/Algae Study	IWMP Recommendation. Two-year plan of work for upper basin WQ/Algae study completed in 2022. Initial funding for WQ study efforts provided by UYWCD, CRD, and CWCB (pending). UYWCD retained WQ consultant (LRE) to track current Lake and Reservoir Nutrient Standards regulatory process. UYWCD formal response to regulatory process TBD pending final schedule of CDPHE hearings/process. First DRAFT of subject specific educational content is complete. NASA DEVELOP Satellite Imagery Algae Detection study complete (final report delivered 05/23).	GM, District Engineer, Basin Partners, Engineering Consultant(s)	\$60,000	Yes (\$50,000 Awarded in 2022)	Yes (\$10,000, PLN, \$50,000 will be Pass-through)	Underway, CDPHE regulatory process progressed enough to allow for modelling efforts to proceed. Contractor hired for TMDL/Basin WQ model design. Model selection recommendations expected 03/24.
6.2	Soil Moisture Network	Upper Yampa River Basin site location analysis for new deployment of Soil Moisture Sensor Network complete. First new Soil Moisture Monitoring Station installation complete. Continued efforts to include UYWCD support of full build out of soil moisture monitoring capacity at existing Yampa Basin NRCS SNOTEL sites. Additional new monitoring station construction TBD pending siting priorities and logistics. New flow forecast model capabilities to be derived from addition of new data streams with existing inputs.	GM, District Engineer, Basin Partners, Engineering Consultant(s)	\$80,000	Yes (~\$600,000 Awarded from CWCB)	Yes (PLN)	Basin wide expansion of monitoring network underway. Two new stations constructed in 2023. NRCS site retrofits delayed by up to 24 months by USFS.
7.1, 7.3	Headwaters Forest Fire Vulnerability Study	The CWCB Wildfire Ready Watersheds program is conducting a State-wide Wildfire Susceptibility Analysis. The Yampa River Basin susceptibility analysis data can be used in combination with existing basin GIS data to direct the UYWCD in support Forest and Headwaters protection efforts.	GM, District Engineer, State Agency, Engineering Consultant(s)	\$25,000 (UYWCD) \$95,000 (CWCB grant awarded 2023)	Yes	Yes (PLN)	WRW funding secured from CWCB. Contractor hired and WRAP project underway. Preliminary analysis results expected by 07/24.
7.1, 7.3	Hazardous Fuels Reduction	Wildfire mitigation efforts specifically focused on hazardous fuels reduction will be implemented in the Bear River watershed and 2024 - 2027. Fuels reduction on both private and public land. USFS authorization required for public land activities.	GM, District Engineer, State Agency, Federal Agency, Engineering Consultant(s)	\$1,300,000 (~\$980,000 COSWAP Grant award, remainder UYWCD match)	Yes (award pending contract documents)	Yes (PLN)	COSWAP grant award contract pending final document approval. USFS activities authorization review initiated in January of 2024.
4.4, 4.7	Coal Creek and Bear River Monitoring Stations	The UYWCD will solicit USFS approval for the installation of multiple environmental data monitoring sites in the Bear River area of the Routt National Forest. This effort is a sequential step in the consideration of the Coal Creek Diversion Project. Regardless of the ultimate UYWCD decision for Coal Creek Diversion, the installation of the proposed monitoring sites will improve the water resource management of the Bear River reach.	GM, District Engineer, Engineering Consultant(s)	\$15,000	NA	Yes (PLN)	After discussions with USFS management, it was determined that the UYWCD will need to wait for the update of the Bear River Geographic Area management plan rules for further activity on this effort. Rule revisions to begin in fall 2024.
4.4, 4.7	Morrison Creek Diversion	Use LRE updated study as basis for systematic analysis of the Little Morrison Creek/Morrison Creek Upper Diversion Project.	GM, District Engineer, Engineering Consultant(s)	\$20,000	NA	Yes (PLN)	UYWCD/LRE work efforts underway. Model updates likely available by 03/24.
4.4, 4.7, 5.2	Reservoir Release Coordination	IWMP Recommendation. The UYWCD will continue Yampa River Basin Coordinated Reservoir Release discussions with the ultimate goal of producing a "handbook" of coordinated reservoir release mechanisms that may be deployed in response to varied hydrologic conditions. Special topic for discussion at UYWCD BOD Retreat, October 19, 2022.	GM, District Engineer, Basin Partners	UYWCD Staff Time	NA	Yes	City of Steamboat Springs developed a river temperature forecasting tool for use in reservoir release coordination. 2024 low flow season coordination calls and Stagecoach releases expected in late summer 2024.
1.1	Colorado River Compact Administration Policy Statement	Begin development of UYWCD formal policy statement on potential Colorado River compact administration practices. UYWCD GM to participate in lower Colorado River Basin tour November 2022. Initial policy statement recommendations to be presented for discussion in early 2023.	UYWCD Staff, UYWCD BOD, Legal Counsel, Basin (Yampa and Colorado) Partners	UYWCD Staff Time	Yes	Yes	Pending. There were multiple developments in Colorado River management proposals in 2023. The UYWCD staff will coordinate board level discussions on these matters beginning in January 2024, with the intent of policy formulation to be discussed at the 2024 board retreat in July.
6.1	River Flow/Reservoir Inflow Forecasting	USGS SnowModel, USBR WaterSmart Grant for WRF-Hydro to StateMod linkage development	GM, District Engineer, Engineering Consultant(s)	\$50,000 (SnowModel), \$500,000 (WRF-Hydro/StateMod)	Yes, WaterSMART grant request pending, cost share with UCSD and UYWCD	Yes	USGS work efforts on SnowModel domain extension to Yampa basin underway. Next project update scheduled for 02/24. WRF-Hydro Project development on hold pending grant award decision in 04/24.

**REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPOINTMENTS AND  
REVIEW OF UYWCD BYLAWS**

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# BOARD COMMUNICATION FORM

January 18, 2024, Meeting

**From:** Bob Weiss, General Counsel

**Date:** January 18, 2024

**Item:** Board Appointments

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**I. Request/Issue and Background Information:** The terms of Directors Haskins, Brenner and Halliday will expire March 8, 2024. Appointments are made by the Chief Judge.

State Law says this: *Not more than sixty days and not less than forty-five days prior to expiration of a director's term, the conservancy district shall publish notice, once in a newspaper of general circulation within the district, that applications for appointment as director will be accepted by the court until thirty days prior to the expiration of the director's term. The notice shall specify the address of the court to which resumes may be sent, shall specify that the applicant must have resided within the district for a period of one year and be the owner of real property within the district, and, when applicable by decree or revised decree, shall specify that the applicant must be the owner of real property within the particular county whose director's term is expiring.*

We published, as required by the statute, on January 8, 2024. A copy of the published notice is attached. The deadline for applications is February 5, 2024. Application forms are available on the District website. Completed applications should be submitted to Deb Bastian who will forward to me for filing with the Court. These are 4-year terms expiring March 8, 2028. In the event there is more than one application for a particular seat, I have tentatively scheduled a hearing for February 12 at 3PM before Judge O'Hara.

**II. Summary and Alternatives:** N/A

**III. Staff Recommendation:** N/A

**IV. Legal Issues:** Legal issues are identified above.

**V. Consistency with Board Goals and Policies:** N/A

**VI. Fiscal Impact:** N/A

Attachments: UYWCD Public Notice – Applications for Appointment of Directors

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**APPLICATIONS FOR APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTORS  
OF THE UPPER YAMPA WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT  
(3 Directors to be Appointed to Four Year Terms Starting March 8, 2024)**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that applications for appointment of three (3) directors of the Upper Yampa Water Conservancy District are being accepted by the Clerk of the Combined Court, Routt County Courthouse, 1955 Shield Drive, Unit 200, Steamboat Springs, Colorado 80487. Applications with a resume showing a background in agricultural, municipal, industrial and other interests in the beneficial use of water within the District must be received by the Clerk no later than February 5, 2024, at the address set forth above. An application form may be requested from Deb Bastian, Business Manager, at [dbastian@upperyampawater.com](mailto:dbastian@upperyampawater.com). To be eligible, an applicant must have resided within the Upper Yampa Water Conservancy District for a period of one year and be the owner of real property within the District. In addition, the applicant must be a resident of the division which they seek to represent.

One Board member will be appointed from each of the following divisions for a four-year term beginning March 8, 2024.

Division 1 (Hayden area) which consists of that part of the District lying West from the East boundary of Range 87 West of the 6th P.M., including all that part of the District contained in Moffat County.

Division 2 (Steamboat Springs area) which consists of that part of the District lying East of the West boundary of Range 86 West of the 6th P.M. and North of the South boundary of Township 6 North of the 6th P.M.

Division 3 (Oak Creek/Yampa area) which consists of that part of the District lying East of the West boundary of Range 86 West of the 6th p.m. and South of the North boundary of Township 5 North of the 6th P.M.

A map showing the District and the boundaries of each division within the District is available for inspection on the District website at <https://upperyampawater.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/District-Divisions-Map-1.pdf> or in the office of the District located at 2220 Curve Plaza, Suite 201, Steamboat Springs, Colorado 80487.

Information about the District is available on the District's website. Questions regarding the District and the responsibilities of Directors should be directed to Andy Rossi, General Manager, at (970) 871-1035.

Date of Publication: January 8, 2024

UPPER YAMPA WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

By: */S/ Andy Rossi*  
Andy Rossi, General Manager

**REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER**

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS, DETERMINATION OF  
COMMITTEES, AND SELECTION OF INDUSTRY  
MEETING(S) UYWCD PARTICIPANTS**

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## BOARD COMMUNICATION FORM

**From:** Andy Rossi, General Manager

**Date:** 01/18/2024

**Item:** Election of Board Officers and Selection of Executive Committee

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### I. Request/Issue and Background Information:

As per the Bylaws of the Upper Yampa Water Conservancy District (UYWCD), the Board of Directors (BOD) shall elect officers at the first regular UYWCD BOD meeting of the year. In addition, an Executive Committee shall consist of five (5) persons, all of whom shall be members of the Board of Directors and are to be selected by the UYWCD BOD.

### II. Summary and Alternatives:

The sections of the UYWCD Bylaws governing the election of officers, duties of officers, and the executive committee are included here, in part, for reference. The UYWCD General Manger serves as the UYWCD Secretary/Treasurer.

#### ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS

##### SECTION 1 - Designation.

The officers of the District shall be a President, Vice-President, and Secretary/Treasurer, and such other officers as may be authorized from time to time by Board resolution. The officers shall serve in their capacities for the District in the conduct of all of its affairs.

##### SECTION 2 - Qualification and Election of Officers.

The President and Vice-President shall be members of the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall elect a President and Vice-President at the first regular Board meeting of each year. The General Manager shall be appointed by the Board of Directors from time to time, to serve at the pleasure of the Board. The General Manager shall also be the ex officio Secretary/Treasurer of the District, but shall not be a member of the Board of Directors.



SECTION 3 - Term of Office of Officers.

The President and Vice-President shall serve for a term of one (1) year, and shall hold their offices until their successors shall have been elected. On or after the 2020 calendar year, the term of consecutive service by the President of the Board in such President position shall not exceed two (2) consecutive years, unless in any year the incumbent President is the only candidate for such position. A Director may again be elected to serve as President after a break in service of at least 2 years. The Vice-President and Secretary/Treasurer are not subject to any term limitations.

ARTICLE V - DUTIES OF OFFICERS

SECTION 1 - President.

The President shall be the Chairman of the Board of Directors and shall preside at all meetings of the Board. Except as otherwise provided herein or by Board action, the General Counsel for the District shall approve as to form and the President shall sign all documents required to be approved by the Board of Directors under Article II, Section 3 hereof.

SECTION 2 - Vice-President.

The Vice-President shall act, in all things, and shall possess all of the powers and be subject to all of the duties of the President in the event of the latter's absence from any meeting of the Board of Directors, or his/her inability to act.

SECTION 3 - Secretary/Treasurer.

(a) The Secretary/Treasurer shall be the secretary of the Board of Directors and all special and standing committees of the Board of Directors. The Secretary/Treasurer, or a designee working under his/her direction and control, shall keep a record of all meetings of the Board of Directors and all special and standing committees of the Board of Directors, except that the meeting minutes may initially be prepared by a recording secretary so designated by the Board of Directors from time to time.

(b) The Secretary/Treasurer shall have custody of the Seal of the District and shall attest the signatures of the President or Vice-President upon all instruments and other documents signed by such officer.

SECTION 4 - Assistant Secretary/Treasurer.

The Board may designate an Assistant Secretary/Treasurer, subject to confirmation by the Board of Directors, who shall discharge the duties of the Secretary/Treasurer in his/her absence or inability to act.



## ARTICLE VI - COMMITTEES

### SECTION 1 - Executive Committee.

An Executive Committee is hereby created in order to more efficiently and economically carry out and effectuate the express powers of the District set forth in the Water Conservancy Act, including operation of the District as an Enterprise.

### SECTION 2 - Executive Committee Membership and Selection.

The Executive Committee shall consist of five (5) persons, all of whom shall be members of the Board of Directors selected in the following manner:

(a) The President shall be a member and chairman of the Executive Committee. The Vice President shall also be members of the Executive Committee.

(b) The remaining members of the Executive Committee shall be selected by the vote of the Board of Directors on an annual basis.

Appointment and selection of members of the Executive Committee shall be made at the first regular meeting of the Board of Directors in each year.

### SECTION 3 - Powers and Duties of Executive Committee.

Except as otherwise limited by law, the Executive Committee shall have the following powers and duties, to-wit:

(a) To act on behalf of the Board as directed by the Board of Directors at any regular or special meeting of the Board of Directors.

(b) Between regular meetings of the Board of Directors, the Executive Committee shall have power and authority to make contracts and agreements for the development and implementation of the District's policies, provided that no one such contract shall involve the expenditure or disbursement of more than \$50,000.

(c) To direct the General Manager and General Counsel for the District to perform such duties and functions as are deemed necessary for the carrying on of the business and affairs of the District, until the next regular or special meeting of the Board of Directors.

(d) To authorize, subject to Board of Directors, ratification, statements of opposition in water cases and settlement of litigation.

(e) To act on behalf of the Board in an emergency.



### **III. Staff Recommendation:**

Complete election of UYWCD BOD officers and selection of the Executive Committee as allowed for in the UYWCD Bylaws. Matters possibly to be considered by the UYWCD Executive Committee in 2024 include:

- Water Rights Legal Matters
- Reservoir Firming Project Development and Permitting
- Other matters as determined to be appropriate for Executive Committee consideration.

### **IV. Legal Issues:**

UYWCD Bylaws

### **V. Consistency with Board Goals and Policies:**

UYWCD Bylaws

#### **Attachments:**

1. 2023 Executive Committee Member List
2. 2024-2 - Resolution Confirming Appointment of Officers for 2024

# **Upper Yampa Water Conservancy District Executive Committee – 2023**

**Director Monger**

**Direct Jones**

**Director Brenner**

**Director Redmond**

**Director Sharp**



RESOLUTION No. 2024-2  
UPPER YAMPA WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT  
RESOLUTION CONFIRMING APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS FOR 2024

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors ("Board") of the Upper Yampa Water Conservancy District ("District") desires to confirm the appointment of officers for 2024.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of the District that:

1. The officers of the District for 2024 are:
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_, President
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_, Vice President
  - c. Andy Rossi, Secretary/Treasurer
  
2. The signature of the Board President below on this Resolution is conclusive evidence of their authority to act on behalf of the District.

Read, adopted and approved this 18<sup>th</sup> day of January 2024.

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Upper Yampa Water Conservancy District  
President

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Andy Rossi, General Manager and Secretary of the Board



## BOARD COMMUNICATION FORM

**From:** Holly Kirkpatrick

**Date:** 1/05/2024

**Item:** UYWCD Representation at Industry Meetings

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### **I. Request/Issue and Background Information:**

The UYWCD is involved with many organizations, committees, and working groups both locally and statewide. Some organizations are formalized with appointed seats for UYWCD representatives, while others are less formal and simply consist of UYWCD participation. As you know, many of our directors play a multitude of roles in the community and may be involved in organizations or committees on behalf of an organization/role outside of UYWCD. As such, several directors and staff attend the same meetings without clear designation of who is representing UYWCD.

This matter has been discussed at several board meetings and as we move into the new year, the board has decided to appoint a UYWCD director or staff representative for committee involvement and industry meetings. The appointed UYWCD representative will attend meetings on behalf of UYWCD and will provide committee reports to the UYWCD Board of Directors during regular board meetings.



**II. Summary and Alternatives:**

Please review the attached list of industry meetings/committees with volunteers as UYWCD representatives for appointment.

**III. Staff Recommendation:**

The board may choose to make a motion to designate UYWCD committee representatives.

**IV. Legal Issues:**

N/A

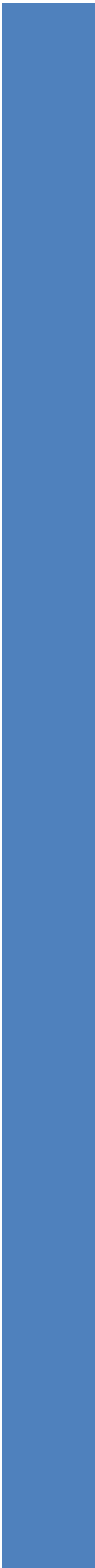
**V. Consistency with Board Goals and Policies:**

Goal 5, Objectives 1 and 2.

**Attachments:**

Attachment 1: List of Industry Meetings & Committee Involvement with Volunteers as UYWCD Representatives

<b>2024 UYWCD Industry Meeting and Committee Involvement</b>	
Colorado Water Congress: State Affairs Committee	Andy Rossi, Emily Lowell
Yampa-White-Green Basin Roundtable: Roundtable Representative and PEPO (Public Education, Participation, and Outreach) Committee	Ken Brenner
Yampa River Fund: Technical Advisory Committee	Holly Kirkpatrick



# BOARD COMMUNICATION FORM

**From:** Bob Weiss, General Counsel

**Date:** January 18, 2024

**Item:** 2024 Posting of Meeting Notices

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**I. Request/Issue and Background Information:**

State law authorizes the District to designate annually the posting place for notice of Board meetings at the first regular Board meeting of each calendar year. The Open Meetings Law was amended in the 2019 Legislative Session to state the intent of the General Assembly that local governmental entities transition from posting physical notices of public meetings in physical locations to posting notices on a website, social media account, or other official online presence of the local government to the greatest extent practicable and to provide that a local public body shall be deemed to have given full and timely notice of a public meeting if the local public body posts the notice, with specific agenda information if available, no less than twenty-four hours prior to the holding of the meeting on a public website of the local public body. Physical posting is also allowed but no longer legally required. State law also requires that if the District decides to provide official notice of meetings on its website it shall provide the address of the website to the department of local affairs for inclusion in the inventory maintained by it for that purpose.

**II. Summary and Alternatives:** The District is not yet required by State Law to make its website the official posting location but it is clear that this is the strong preference of the Legislature. The Board could continue to require physical posting of meeting notices either as the official posting location or in addition to the website. The Resolution before you allows but does not require physical posting except in exigent circumstances when on-line posting is not available.

**III. Staff Recommendation:** Staff recommends that the Board adopt the Resolution as proposed.

**IV. Legal Issues:** The Resolution complies with Colorado law.

**V. Consistency with Board Goals and Policies:** The proposed Resolution is consistent with the District's Strategic Plan and Board manual.

**VI. Fiscal Impact:** The proposed Resolution would not have a significant direct financial impact.

**Attachment:** Resolution 2024-1- Resolution Designated Posting Place

RESOLUTION No. 2024-1  
UPPER YAMPA WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT  
RESOLUTION DESIGNATING POSTING PLACE

WHEREAS, CRS Section 24-6-402 (2)(c) authorizes local public bodies to designate annually a posting place for notice of meetings; and

WHEREAS, local public bodies are encouraged under CRS Section 24-6-402 (2)(c)(II) to transition from the posting of physical meeting notices to posting meeting notices on a website accessible to the public, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of Upper Yampa Water Conservancy District desires to designate posting places for 2024.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Directors of Upper Yampa Water Conservancy District that the notice of meetings shall be posted on the District's public website at <https://upperyampawater.com/agendas-and-meeting-documents/>. Notice of meetings may also be physically posted at the Offices of the Upper Yampa Water Conservancy District, 2220 Curve Plaza, Steamboat Springs, Colorado 80487, except that nothing in this section shall be construed to require such other posting. If exigent or emergency circumstances such as a power outage or an interruption in internet service prevents the public from accessing the notice online a notice of the meeting shall be physically posted at such District offices.

Read, adopted and approved this 18<sup>th</sup> day of January 2024.

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Upper Yampa Water Conservancy District  
President

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Andy Rossi, General Manager and Secretary of the Board







## BOARD COMMUNICATION FORM

**From:** Andy Rossi, General Manager

**Date:** 01/18/2024

**Item:** Yampa and Elk River Augmentation Plans Service Contracts Update

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### **I. Request/Issue and Background Information:**

The Upper Yampa Water Conservancy District's (UYWCD) purpose is to conserve, develop, and stabilize supplies of water for domestic, irrigation, manufacturing, and other beneficial uses and by the construction of works for such purposes. The UYWCD also plans for and assists with the development of water resources of the UYWCD for municipal, domestic, industrial, recreational, and other beneficial uses of water resources within the District among other purposes. The UYWCD's water rights include rights to Stagecoach and Yamcolo reservoir water among others.

The UYWCD is authorized to appropriate water rights and initiate and implement plans for augmentation for the benefit of water users within the UYWCD's boundaries. Water is available to provide contracts to UYWCD constituents to augment their out-of-priority depletions pursuant to the Augmentation Decrees of the District Court for Water Division No. 6, Case No. 06CW049 (Yampa River Supply) and 15CW3058 (Elk River Supply). The UYWCD's Board of Directors (BOD) has approved the marketing of such water and other UYWCD water supplies as may be used to complement the use of such Reservoirs' water supplies through a contracting program.

Information about the authorities approved by the UYWCD BOD, definitions of terms used for the UYWCD Augmentation Plans, and summary contract data are included with this communication for reference.

### **II. Summary:**

1. Authorities: The authorities approved by the UYWCD BOD under the Water Marketing Policies for the District's Augmentation Service Plans for the Yampa and Elk Rivers are as follows:



- a. The General Manager is delegated the authority of the Board to implement and administer this Policy and the issuance of the augmentation contracts made pursuant to this Policy for Small Applications and Small Commercial Applications as defined in this Policy not exceeding 10 acre feet per year, and authority to approve assignments of all contracts issued for both Small and Large Applications. The General Counsel shall assist in the negotiation and drafting of the contracts.
- b. The Board retains authority to approve Large Applications and Large Commercial Applications along with all other powers not specifically delegated.

## 2. UYWCD Augmentation Plan Definitions:

- a. “Large Applications”: A contract application to the UYWCD to augment uses, other than commercial or industrial uses, with a planned average daily diversion rate in excess of 112 gallons per minute (0.25 c.f.s.) or that identifies planned total annual diversions exceeding thirty (30) acre feet per year.
- b. “Large Commercial Applications”: A contract application to the UYWCD to augment commercial or industrial uses that either exceeds a planned average daily diversion rate of 15 gallons per minute or for which the following commercial (Equivalent Residential Unit) EQR ratings do not apply, or both:
  - Office = 0.6 EQR/1,000 square feet.
  - Warehouse – 0.30 EQR/1,000 square feet.
  - Retail Sales = 0.60 EQR/1,000 square feet.
- c. “Small Applications”: A contract application to the District to augment commercial or industrial uses with planned diversions not to exceed an average daily diversion rate of 15 gallons per minute and for which the diversion and depletion criteria detailed in paragraphs 9.A through 9.E of the Augmentation Decree apply, or to augment any other uses with planned diversions not to exceed 112 gallons per minute (0.25 c.f.s.) or that identifies planned total annual diversions not exceeding thirty (30) acre feet per year and for which the diversion and depletion criteria detailed in paragraphs 9.A through 9.E of the Augmentation Decree apply.
- d. “Small Commercial Applications”: A contract application to the UYWCD to augment commercial or industrial uses that does not exceed a planned average daily diversion rate of 15 gallons per minute and for which the following commercial EQR ratings apply:
  - Office = 0.6 EQR/1,000 square feet.
  - Warehouse – 0.30 EQR/1,000 square feet.
  - Retail Sales = 0.60 EQR/1,000 square feet.



e. Uses:

- i. “Commercial Use”: Water for motels, hotels, restaurants, office buildings, shops stores and other commercial facilities, military and nonmilitary institutions, and water for off-stream fish hatcheries.
- ii. “Domestic Use”: The use of water by individuals, cities, towns, public or quasi-public districts, private corporations, homeowners’ associations, or other entities used for all such indoor household purposes as drinking, food preparation, bathing, washing clothes and dishes, flushing toilets, and such outdoor purposes as watering lawns and gardens, excepting only the commercial, industrial and irrigation uses of water defined.
- iii. “Industrial Use”: Water used for fabrication, processing, washing, and cooling, and includes such industries as chemical and allied products, food, mining, paper and allied products, petroleum refining, and steel, including cooling system, cooling-system type, mining water use, public-supply deliveries, public-supply water use, self-supplied water use, and thermoelectric-power water use.
- iv. “Irrigation Use”: Water that is applied by an irrigation system to assist in the growing of crops and pastures or to maintain vegetative growth in recreational lands such as parks and golf courses including water that is applied for pre-irrigation, frost protection, chemical application, weed control, field preparation, crop cooling, harvesting, dust suppression, the leaching of salts from the root zone, and water lost in conveyance.
- v. “Livestock Use”: Water used to water domesticated livestock such as cattle or horses, such use shall require 11 gallons of water per day per head and is considered 100% consumptive.
- vi. “Recreation Use”: The use of water to replace the evaporative loss from ponds, reservoirs, stream channels, spas, pools and similar water feature

**III. Staff Recommendation:**

NA

**IV. Legal Issues:**

NA

**V. Consistency with Board Goals and Policies:**

UYWCD SP Goal 4.2

**Attachments:**

Attachment 1: Yampa and Elk River Augmentation Plans Contract Summary

## Yampa and Elk River Augmentation Plans Contract Summary

### Yampa River Augmentation Plan

Contract ID	Contractor	Reservoir Source	Yampa River Service Area	Contract Volume (AF)	Application Type	Second Dwelling?	Augmented Use
<b>A1-001</b>	Brady Glauthier & Bridget Hiles	Stagecoach	A-1	1.20	Small	Y	Domestic, irrigation
A1-002	Steve & Monica Alm	Stagecoach	A-1	1.00	Small	Y	Domestic, irrigation
A1-003	Susan & Bradley Smith	Stagecoach	A-1	1.00	Small	Y	Domestic, irrigation
A1-004	Brett & Tera Luedde	Stagecoach	A-1	1.00	Small	Y	Domestic, irrigation
A1-005	David Kulberg	Stagecoach	A-1	1.00	Small	Y	Domestic, irrigation
A1-006	Carrie Easton	Stagecoach	A-1	1.00	Small	Y	Domestic, irrigation
A1-007	John & Susan Knill	Stagecoach	A-1	1.00	Small	Y	Domestic, irrigation
A1-008	Mark & Lindsay Stepp	Stagecoach	A-1	1.30	Small	Y	Domestic, Irrigation, Recreation (pond)
A1-009	Tad & Jennifer Hayashi & Janice Rigmaiden	Stagecoach	A-1	1.00	Small	Y	Domestic, Irrigation, Recreation (hot tub)
A1-010	Routt County, Colorado by and through its Board of County Commissioners	Stagecoach	A-1	8.00	Small	N	Domestic, Irrigation
A1-011	Matthew Ingram & Karena O'Rourke	Stagecoach	A-1	1.00	Small	Y	Domestic, Irrigation
A1-012	Thomas & Theresa Lichtenfels	Stagecoach	A-1	1.00	Small	Y	Domestic, Irrigation
<b>A2-001</b>	Gayle Dudley	Stagecoach	A-2	2.16	Small		Recreation (pond)
A2-002	Walton Creek, LLC	Stagecoach	A-2	1.20	Small		Domestic, Irrigation, Recreation (pond)
A2-003	Amethyst Ranch, LLC No. 1	Stagecoach	A-2	0.40	Small Commercial		Commercial
A2-004	Elizabeth Rostermund	Stagecoach	A-2	0.40	Small		Irrigation
A2-005	Amethyst Ranch, LLC No. 2	Stagecoach	A-2	0.80	Small Commercial		Commercial, Domestic, Irrigation
A2-006	Yampa Realty Holdings, LLC	Stagecoach	A-2	17.30	Small		Domestic, Irrigation, Recreation (pond)
A2-007	NRT Property Holdings, LLC	Stagecoach	A-2	1.70	Small Commercial		Commercial, Irrigation, Livestock, Fire Suppression
A2-008	STARS	Stagecoach	A-2	1.20	Small Commercial		Irrigation, Livestock, Commercial, Recreation (well pond)
A2-011	Robert Broadnax	Stagecoach	A-2	3.00	Small		Domestic, Recreation(pond), Livestock
A2-012	Paul & Susan Hubbell	Stagecoach	A-2	0.10	Small	Y	Domestic, Irrigation
A2-013	Douglas Snyder Trust	Stagecoach	A-2	3.60	Small		Recreation(pond), Livestock
A2-014	City of Steamboat Springs (Lufkin Well)	Stagecoach	A-2	0.20	Small Commercial		Commercial
A2-015	Cory & Lauren Gerken	Stagecoach	A-2	2.20	Small		Domestic, irrigation, Recreation(pool)
A2-016	Ferruginous LLC	Stagecoach	A-2	1.60	Small Commercial	Y	Commercial, Domestic, Irrigation, Livestock
A2-017	CG 17 LLC	Stagecoach	A-2	0.20	Small		Domestic, Irrigation, Livestock

A2-018	William (Bill) Gay	Stagecoach	A-2	2.80	Small		Recreation (3 ponds) & Livestock
<b>A2-019-pending</b>	Page Family Ranch, LLC	Stagecoach	A-2		Small		
<b>A3-001</b>	Stone Yard LLC	Stagecoach	A-3	2.60	Small		Irrigation, Recreation(pond)
A3-009	KTH Enterprises (Sleepy Bear MHP)	Stagecoach	A-3	3.03	Small		Domestic
A3-010	YVHA Whitehaven Enterprise, LLC	Stagecoach	A-3	0.50	Small		Domestic
<b>A3-011-Termed</b>	Amy & John Asta - <b>Contract Terminated</b>	Stagecoach	A-3		Small	Y	Domestic, Irrigation
A3-012	Jenny Schmidt & Aaron Solomon	Stagecoach	A-3	0.10	Small	Y	Domestic, Irrigation
<b>A3-013-NEW</b>	Robert & Sandra Helt	Stagecoach	A-3	0.10	Small	N	Recreational, Livestock
<b>A4-001</b>	Flanders Ranch, LLC	Stagecoach	A-4	2.00	Small	Y	Domestic, Irrigation, Livestock

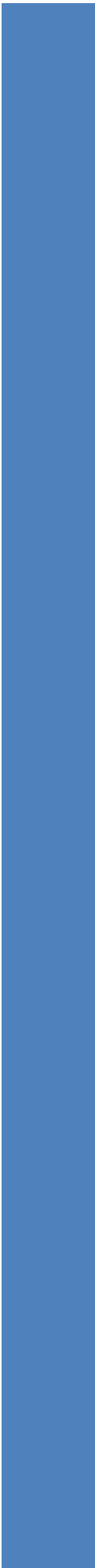
Total Volume Stagecoach = 66.690 AF

Total Volume Yamcolo = 0.000 AF

### Elk River Augmentation Plan

Contract ID	Contractor	Reservoir Source	Elk River Service Area	Contract Volume (AF)	Application Type	Second Dwelling?	Augmented Use
E-A1-001	CCJG Ranch LLC	Steamboat Lake	A-1	2.3	Small	N	Recreation (pond)
E-A1-002	John Klein	Steamboat Lake	A-1	0.1	Small	N	Domestic, Irrigation
E-A1-003	Home Ranch LLC	Steamboat Lake	A-1	9.9	Small	Y	Domestic, Irrigation, Recreation(pond & pool), Livestock, Other
E-A1-004	Michael & Nikki Rusconi	Steamboat Lake	A-1	1.5	Small	Y	Domestic, Irrigation, Recreation(pond), Livestock
<b>E-A1-005-PENDING</b>	<b>3C Ranch, LLC - Pond Fill</b>	Steamboat Lake	A-1	0.5	Small	Y	Other - initial pond fill
<b>E-A1-006-PENDING</b>	<b>3C Ranch, LLC</b>	Steamboat Lake	A-1	1.4	Small	Y	Irrigation, Recreation(pond), livestock

Total Volume STMBT Lake = 15.720 AF





## BOARD COMMUNICATION FORM

**From:** Andy Rossi, General Manager

**Date:** 01/18/24

**Item:** Upper Yampa Water Conservancy District 2024 New Water Contract Pricing

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### I. Request/Issue and Background Information:

The Upper Yampa Water Conservancy District (UYWCD) has multiple existing agreements for stored water in UYWCD facilities. These existing agreements contain specific criteria for the determination of the price per acre-foot of stored water. The UYWCD anticipates that new agreements for stored water will be finalized in 2024 and beyond. Therefore, the UYWCD may determine the price per acre-foot of stored water for new agreements.

### II. Summary and Alternatives:

The existing UYWCD water storage contracts include specific criteria for the determination of the price per acre-foot of stored water in UYWCD storage facilities. Many of these criteria rely on an economic indicator index for pricing adjustments. Unless altered by mutual agreement(s), these pricing adjustments will continue uninterrupted in 2024. Some existing water storage contracts, such as the existing Stagecoach Reservoir municipal water contracts include more complex pricing criteria.

The categories of existing UYWCD water storage contracts fall into the following categories:

- 1) Yamcolo Reservoir:
  - a) Municipal
  - b) Agricultural (Yamcolo Irrigators Assoc., Individual Irrigators, Junior Priority)
- 2) Stagecoach Reservoir:
  - a) Industrial
  - b) Municipal
  - c) Environmental/Recreational
  - d) Agricultural
- 3) UYWCD Umbrella Augmentation Plans





- a) Yampa River Plan (Stagecoach and Yamcolo Reservoirs)
  - i) Large and Small, Non-Commercial
  - ii) Large and Small, Commercial
- b) Elk River Plan (Steamboat Lake)
  - i) Large and Small, Non-Industrial
  - ii) Large and Small, Industrial

Any **new** water storage agreements for UYWCD facilities will also fall into the categories listed above.

It is important for the UYWCD to continue with water storage contract pricing that is consistent with the current contracts in each of the categories listed above. The existing contracts in each category set a reference point for the price per acre-foot of water for any new water storage contracts. The UYWCD can establish a consistent pricing practice by adjusting the 2024 price per acre-foot of stored water for new contracts in a manner that is consistent with the existing contracts that include economic indicator index pricing adjustments. Therefore, the UYWCD General Manager recommends that the price per acre foot for 2024 new water storage contracts be set by adjusting the 2023 price per acre foot for new water storage contracts in UYWCD facilities by the methodology described in the existing water storage contracts that rely on an economic indicator index for price adjustment to determine the 2024 prices per acre-foot for new water storage contracts. This methodology (in general) is:

The price per acre-foot of stored water shall be an amount equal to the greater of (i) the price per acre-foot charged to the Contractor for the Contracted Water the prior Water Year, or (ii) the product obtained by multiplying the Base Price by a fraction, the denominator of which is the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers, Denver-Aurora-Lakewood Metropolitan Area, “All Items” (1982 – 84 = 100), published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor (the “CPI”) for the semi-annual period ending December 31 in the Water Year prior to the First Water Year and the numerator of which is the CPI for the semi-annual period ending December 31 of the prior Water Year.

The recommended price adjustments will be applied to all new contracts for stored water in Yamcolo and Stagecoach Reservoirs, including stored water agreements enacted under the UYWCD Yampa and Elk River Umbrella Augmentation plans.



Over the period considered for new water contract price adjustments, the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers, Denver-Aurora-Lakewood Metropolitan Area, “All Items” increased by **4.86%**.

**III. Staff Recommendation:**

1. Set the price per acre-foot of stored water in UYWCD facilities for new water storage contracts as indicated in the tables attached with this communication:

Table 1: Stagecoach Reservoir 2024 New Water Contract

Pricing Table 2: Yamcolo Reservoir 2024 New Water Contract

Pricing Table 3: Elk River Augmentation Plan 2024 New  
Water Contract Pricing

**IV. Legal Issues:**

The UYWCD BOD retains the ability to determine the price per acre-foot for stored water for new water storage contracts on a periodic basis.

**V. Consistency with Board Goals and Policies:**

UYWCD SP Objective 3.1

**Attachments:** Proposed Prices per Acre-Foot of Water for New Water Storage Contracts

**Table 1**

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Adopted by UYWCD BOD: 01/18/23</b>  <b>Stagecoach Reservoir Water Contract Pricing</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Appendix B</b></p>					
Contract Category		All Prices = \$ per AF/year Earliest Contract Year = 2023			Notes:
		Contract Period (Years or End Date)			
		11 years to 2041	6 to 10 years	1 to 5 years	\$300 application fee
Industrial	Contract Volume (AF)				
	1 to 2000	142.39	150.30	158.21	
		Contract Period (Years or End Date)			\$300 application fee
		11 to 40 years	6 to 10 years	1 to 5 years	
New Municipal	Contract Volume (AF)				Municipal contract period terms detailed in section 4 g (i) of Stagecoach Water Marketing Policy
	1 to 2000	92.72	97.87	103.02	
		Contract Period (Years or End Date)			\$300 application fee
		Existing Contract Term			
Existing Municipal	Contract Volume (AF)	CP			CP = Contract Price calculated as per existing contract terms w/Budget Data
	As Specified in Existing Contract(s)				
		Contract Period (Years or End Date)			\$300 application fee
		Contract Term (all end in 2041)			
Environmental Recreational	Contract Volume (AF)	51.51			
	1 to 2000				
		Contract Period (Years or End Date)			\$300 application fee
		11 years to 2041	6 to 10 years	1 to 5 years	
Agricultural	Contract Volume (AF)				
	1 to 2000	32.45	34.26	36.06	
		Contract Period (Years)			Greater than 10 AF requires Approval by UYWCD BOD. Yampa Augmentation Plan Water May be Contract from Yamcolo Reservoir at the same price.
		40 years			
Augmentation	Contract Type	240.31			
	Non-commercial / Non-Industrial				
	Commercial / Industrial	281.55			
	Application Fee	Small		Large	
	Assignment Fee	600.00		2000.00	
	Amendment Fee	600.00		600.00	

CPI
4.86%

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Proposed 01/18/2024</b>  <b>Stagecoach Reservoir Water Contract Pricing</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Appendix B</b></p>					
Contract Category		All Prices = \$ per AF/year Earliest Contract Year = 2024			Notes:
		Contract Period (Years or End Date)			
		11 years to 2041	6 to 10 years	1 to 5 years	\$300 application fee
Industrial	Contract Volume (AF)				
	1 to 2000	149.31	157.60	165.90	
		Contract Period (Years or End Date)			\$300 application fee
		11 to 40 years	6 to 10 years	1 to 5 years	
New Municipal	Contract Volume (AF)				Municipal contract period terms detailed in section 4 g (i) of Stagecoach Water Marketing Policy
	1 to 2000	97.22	102.63	108.03	
		Contract Period (Years or End Date)			\$300 application fee
		Existing Contract Term			
Existing Municipal	Contract Volume (AF)	CP			CP = Contract Price calculated as per existing contract terms w/Budget Data
	As Specified in Existing Contract(s)				
		Contract Period (Years or End Date)			\$300 application fee
		Contract Term (all end in 2041)			
Environmental Recreational	Contract Volume (AF)	54.01			
	1 to 2000				
		Contract Period (Years or End Date)			\$300 application fee
		11 years to 2041	6 to 10 years	1 to 5 years	
Agricultural	Contract Volume (AF)				
	1 to 2000	34.03	35.92	37.81	
		Contract Period (Years)			Greater than 10 AF requires Approval by UYWCD BOD. Yampa Augmentation Plan Water May be Contract from Yamcolo Reservoir at the same price.
		40 years			
Augmentation	Contract Type	251.99			
	Non-commercial / Non-Industrial				
	Commercial / Industrial	295.23			
	Application Fee	Small		Large	
	Assignment Fee	600.00		2000.00	
	Amendment Fee	600.00		600.00	

**Table 2: Yamcolo Reservoir 2024 New Water Contract Pricing  
Proposed 1/18/2024**

All Prices = \$ per AF/year

<b>Contract Category</b>	<b>2023 Actual Price</b>	<b>CPI</b>	<b>2024 Proposed Price</b>
Municipal	\$98.24	4.86%	\$103.01
Agricultural (Individual)	\$12.63	4.86%	\$13.24

**Table 3**

Adopted by UYWCD BOD: 01/18/2023 Elk River Augmentation Plan Water Contract Pricing (Steamboat Lake)				
Appendix B				
		Contract Period (Years)		
		40 years		Greater than 10 AF requires Approval by UYWCD BOD
Augmentation	Contract Type			
	Non-commercial / Non-Industrial	240.31		
	Commercial / Industrial	281.55		
		Small	Large	
	Application Fee	600.00	2000.00	
Assignment Fee	600.00	600.00		
Amendment Fee	600.00	600.00		

CPI
4.86%

Proposed 01/18/2024 Elk River Augmentation Plan Water Contract Pricing (Steamboat Lake)				
Appendix B				
		Contract Period (Years)		
		40 years		Greater than 10 AF requires Approval by UYWCD BOD
Augmentation	Contract Type			
	Non-commercial / Non-Industrial	251.99		
	Commercial / Industrial	295.23		
		Small	Large	
	Application Fee	600.00	2000.00	
Assignment Fee	600.00	600.00		
Amendment Fee	600.00	600.00		





## BOARD COMMUNICATION FORM

**From:** Karina Craig, Finance Manager.

**Date:** January 18, 2024

**Item:** 2023 Financial Audit Schedule

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### I. Request/Issue and Background Information:

Throughout the fiscal year, District staff carries out the accounting of the District's financial activities adhering to Generally Accepted Accounting Principles in the United States of America (U.S. GAAP) as promulgated by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB). As a local government administering public funds the District is subject to Colorado Auditing Standards and is required to undergo an annual audit of its financial books.

In the year 2020 the District engaged services from Watson Coon Ryan LLC (WCR), a Colorado firm that focuses in governmental auditing best practices. The District's financial statements for Fiscal Years (FY) 2020 through 2022 were successfully audited. At the September 20, 2023 BOD meeting the Board reviewed WCR's Audit Engagement Letter and chose to reengage their services for the 2023 fiscal year audit.

The audit schedule that is being proposed is similar to last year's; as follows:

- January 29 to February 7, 2024, specific date TBD, kick-off meeting with Auditor.
- February 2024, field work.
- March 15, 2024, initial draft released for Finance Manager's review.
- March 28, 2024, review of *preliminary draft* with auditor and directors, if needed.
- April 8<sup>th</sup> or May 6<sup>th</sup>, *final draft* released for Directors' review.
- April 17<sup>th</sup> or May 15<sup>th</sup> *final draft* presented by Auditor.

**II. Summary and Alternatives:** None.

**III. Staff Recommendation:** Accept schedule



**IV. Legal Issues:**

Compliance with Audit statutory requirements per Colorado Revised Statutes (C.R.S. 29-1-603(1)(1.5)(2)(3)(4))

**V. Consistency with Board Goals and Policies:**

UYWCD By-Laws and Strategic Plan Objective 3.

**Attachments:**

None.







## BOARD COMMUNICATION FORM

**From:** Emily Lowell, District Engineer

**Date:** 1/18/2024

**Item:** Reservoir Water Status

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### **I. Request/Issue and Background Information:**

Water storage data for Yamcolo Reservoir and Stagecoach Reservoir are included as reference materials for a summary discussion of the 2023/2024 water year to date.

### **II. Summary:**

#### **Yamcolo Reservoir Status as of 1/8/2024- Filling**

Current Storage Volume: 6,757 AF

Volume Stored in last 30 days: 657 AF

Volume Stored in last 60 days: 1,483AF

Current Outflow: 9 cfs

#### **Stagecoach Reservoir Status as of 1/8/2024 – Holding Steading**

Current Storage Volume: 31,057AF

Volume Stored in last 30 days: -50 AF

Volume Stored in last 60 days: -180 AF

Current Inflow: ~33 cfs

Current Outflow: 33 cfs



**III. Staff Recommendation:**

N/A

**IV. Legal Issues:**

N/A

**V. Consistency with Board Goals and Policies:**

Policy Statement: 2

**Attachments:**

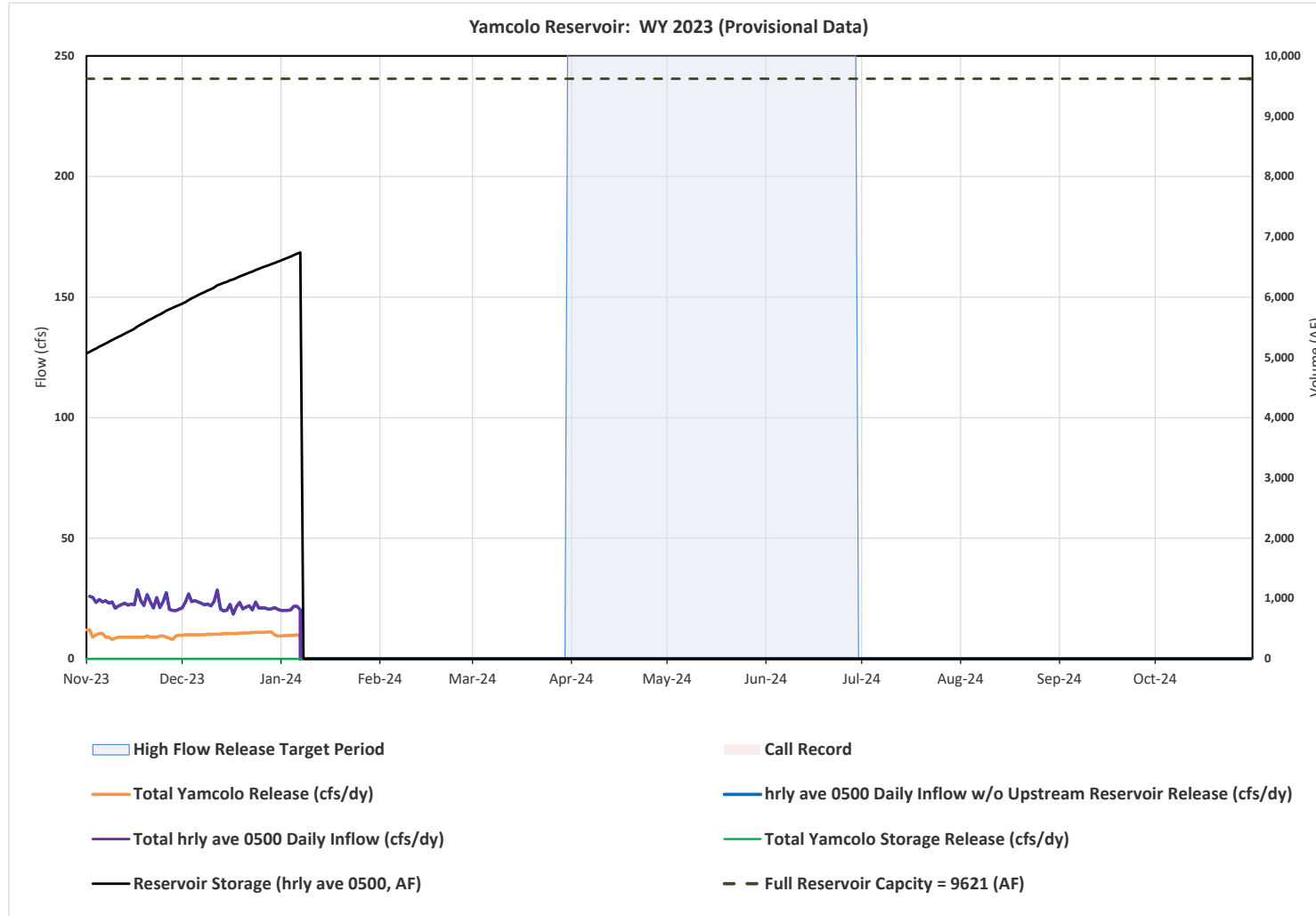
1. Yamcolo Water Storage Data (WY 2024)
2. Stagecoach Water Storage Data (WY 2023)
3. Colorado SWE Update Map
4. DNR Drought Update
5. Yampa SWE Hydrograph
6. Yampa-White-Little Snake SWE Hydrograph

**Yamcolo Reservoir Operations**  
**Total Monthly Volume (AF)**

Water Year 2024

<b>INFLOW</b>	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Total
Physical	1,338	1,360	-6,432	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-3,735
Storable	862	868	-6,924	-444	-492	-476	-730	-714	-738	-738	-190		-9,715
Stored	803	720	-6,587	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		-5,064

<b>OUTFLOW</b>	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Total
Operator	-555	-640	-134	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-1,328
Spill				0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gage	-555	-640	-134	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-1,328



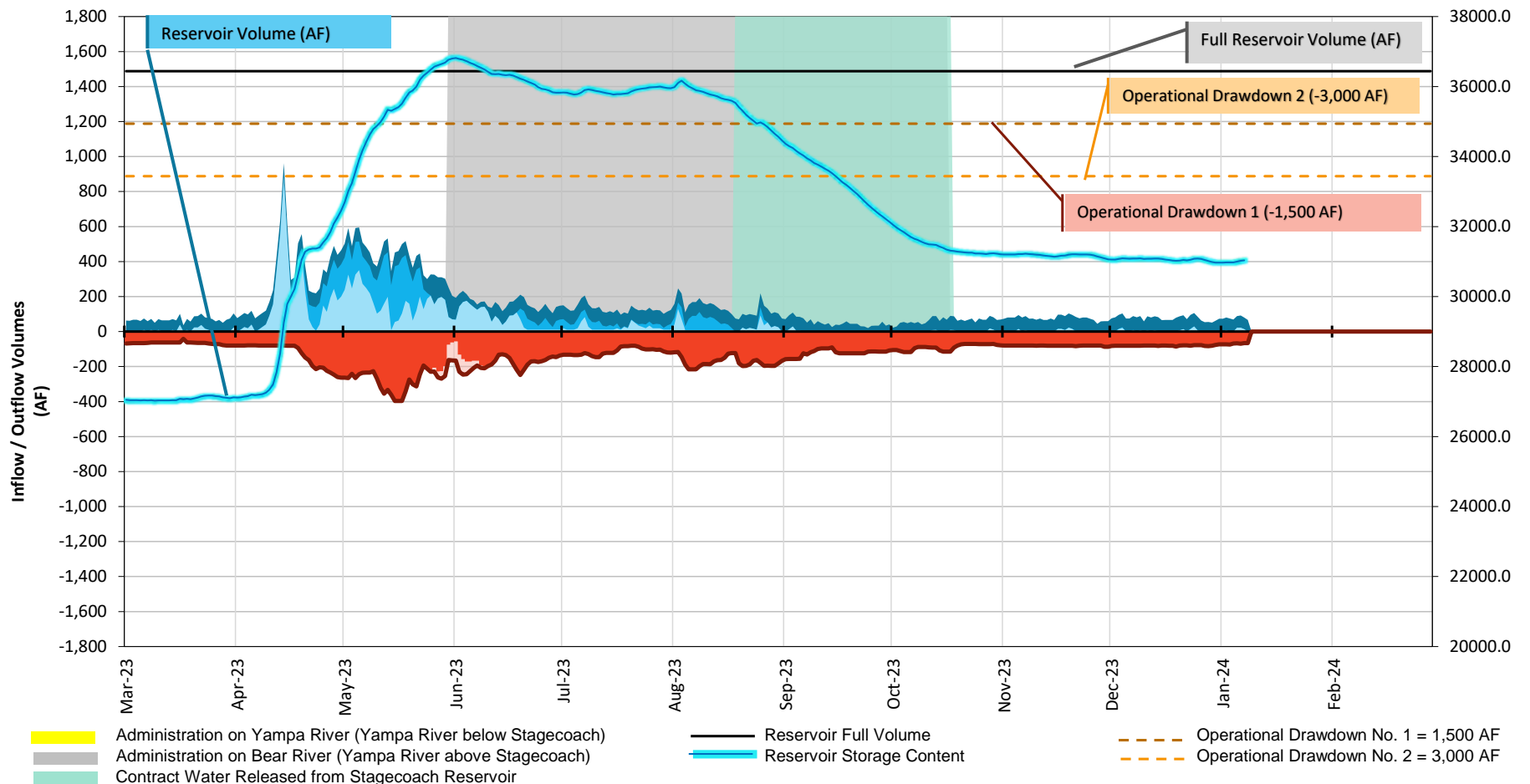
# Stagecoach Reservoir Operations

## Total Monthly Volume (AF)

Accounting Year 2023

<b>INFLOW</b>	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Total
Physical	2,171	9,396	13,063	4,856	4,000	4,164	1,520	1,976	2,302	2,398	624		46,471
Storable	228	7,022	10,212	2,779	1,540	1,724	52	72	119	157	66		23,972
Stored	227	5,464	5,316	2,175	698	699	52	72	104	137	66		15,010

<b>OUTFLOW</b>	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Total
Operator	-2,054	-3,938	-8,495	-5,512	-3,549	-5,397	-3,651	-2,799	-2,425	-2,493	-558		-40,872
Spill	0	0	-349	-507	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		-856
Gage	-2,054	-3,938	-8,495	-5,512	-3,549	-5,397	-3,651	-2,799	-2,425	-2,493	-558		-40,872

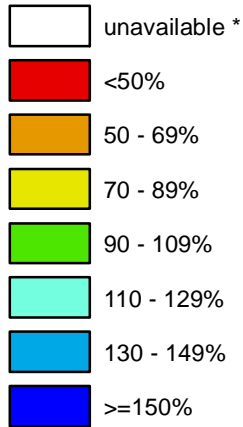


# Colorado SNOTEL Current Snow Water Equivalent (SWE) % of Normal

Laramie and North Platte

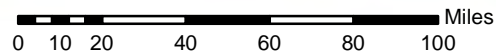
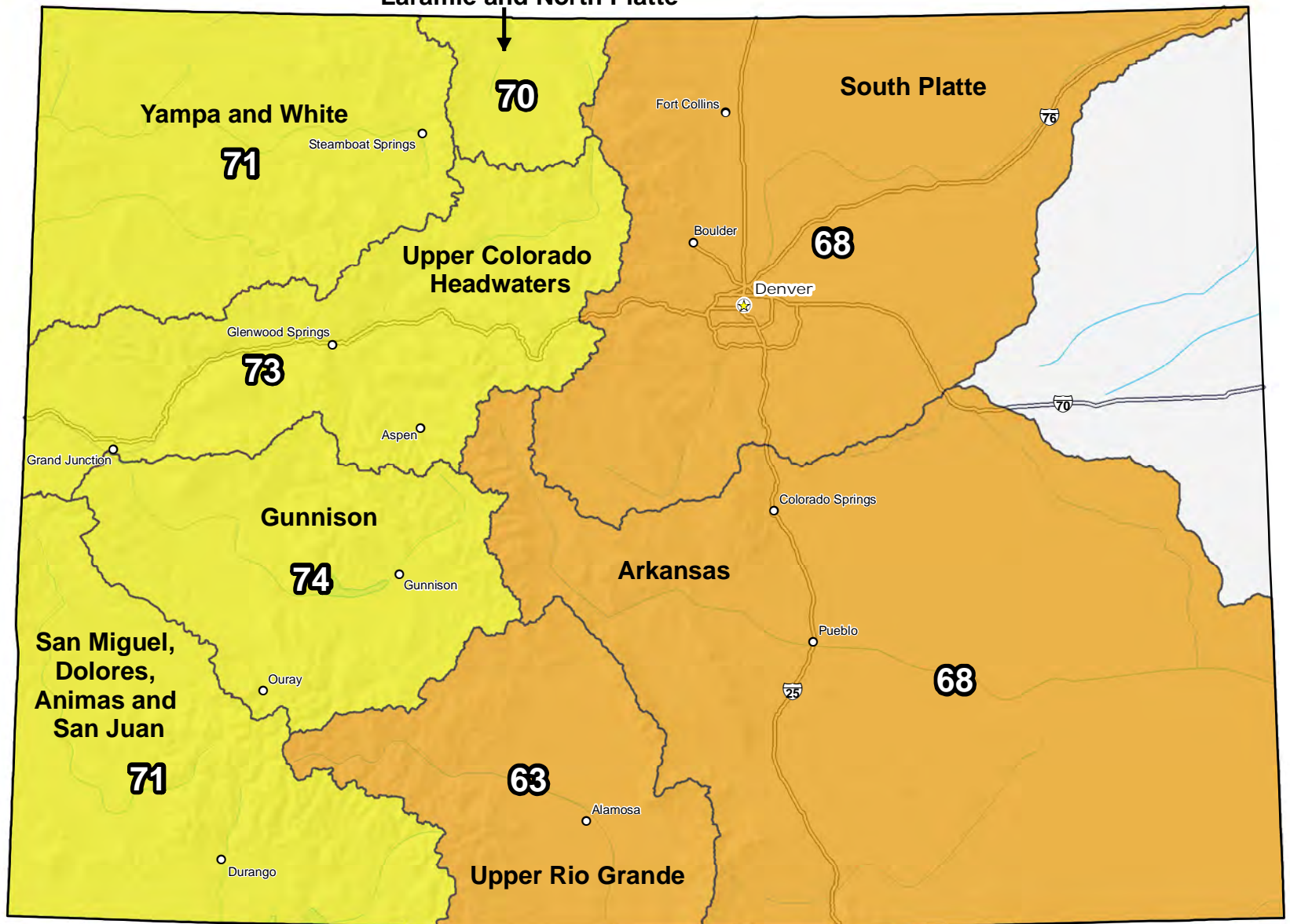
Jan 08, 2024

**Current Snow Water Equivalent (SWE) Basin-wide Percent of 1991-2020 Median**



\* Data unavailable at time of posting or measurement is not representative at this time of year

**Provisional Data  
Subject to Revision**

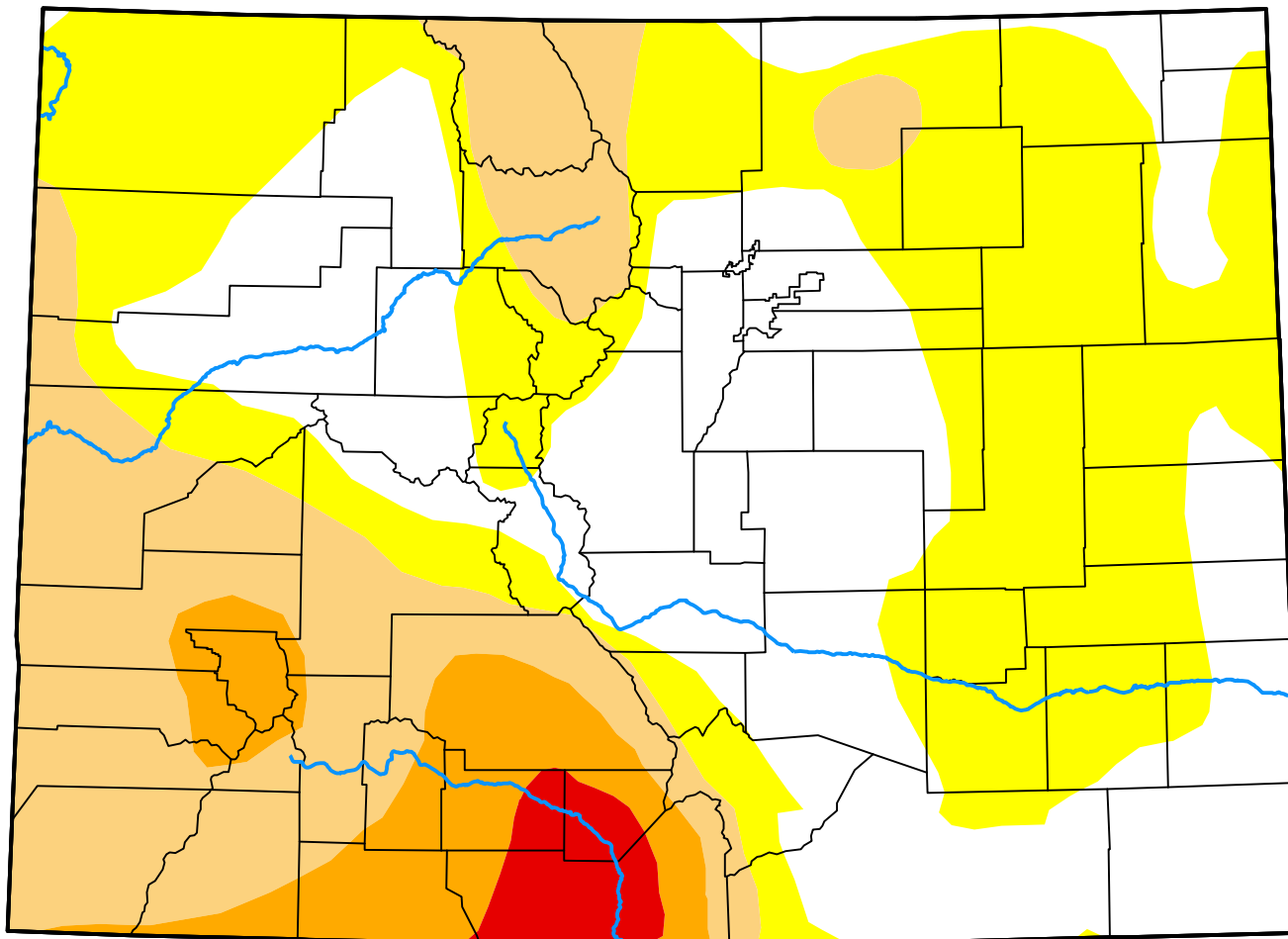


The snow water equivalent percent of normal represents the current snow water equivalent found at selected SNOTEL sites in or near the basin compared to the average value for those sites on this day. Data based on the first reading of the day (typically 00:00).







Prepared by:  
USDA/NRCS National Water and Climate Center  
Portland, Oregon  
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# U.S. Drought Monitor Colorado

January 2, 2024  
(Released Thursday, Jan. 4, 2024)  
Valid 7 a.m. EST



## Intensity:

-  None
-  D0 Abnormally Dry
-  D1 Moderate Drought
-  D2 Severe Drought
-  D3 Extreme Drought
-  D4 Exceptional Drought

*The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx>*

## Author:

Lindsay Johnson  
National Drought Mitigation Center



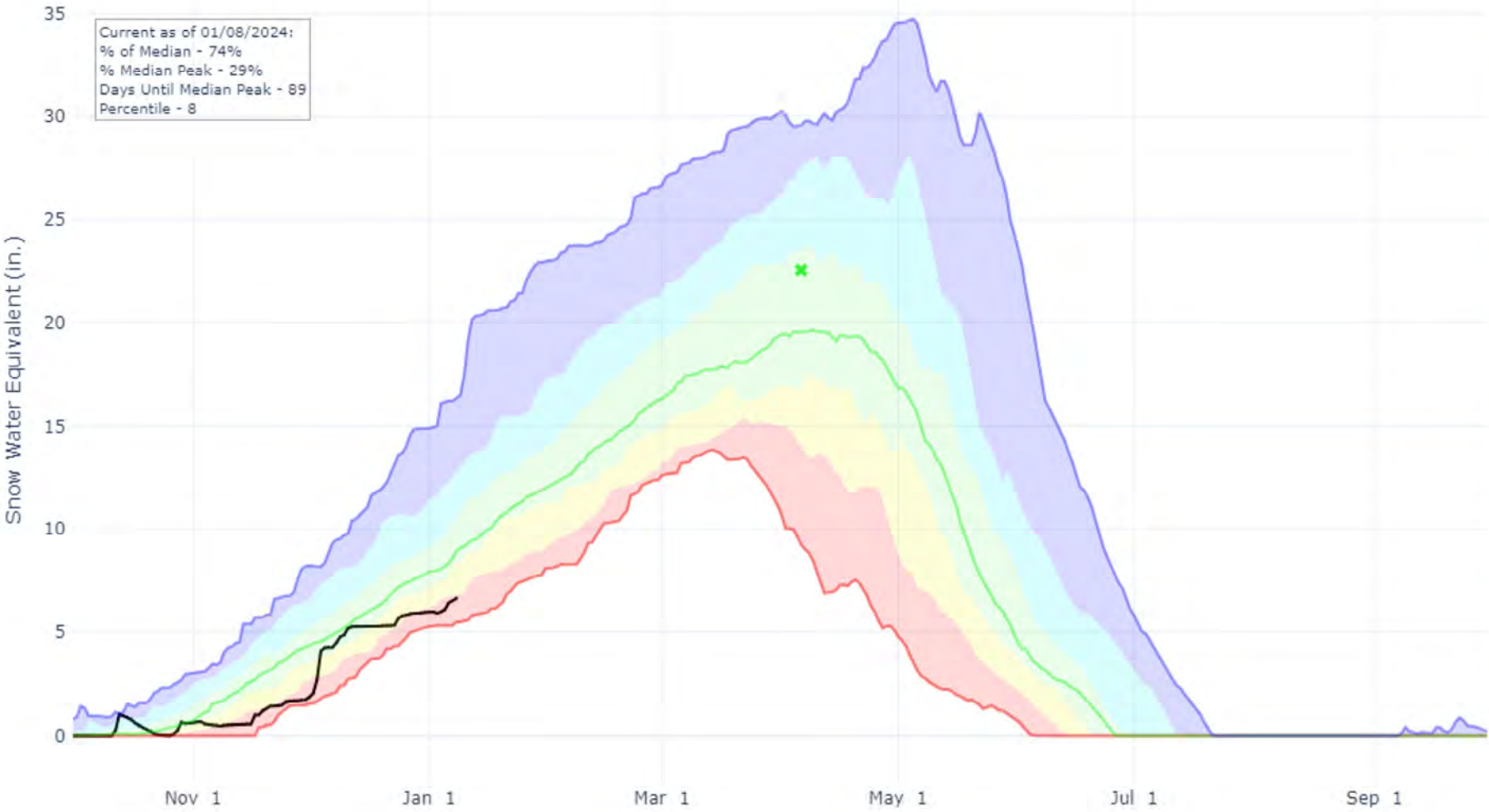
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# SNOW WATER EQUIVALENT IN YAMPA

Reset Range

[Link to data: CSV / JSON](#)

Current as of 01/08/2024:  
% of Median - 74%  
% Median Peak - 29%  
Days Until Median Peak - 89  
Percentile - 8



Station List

- ✱ Median Peak SWE
- Max
- Median (POR)
- Median ('91-'20)
- Min
- Stats. Shading
- 2024 (8 sites)
- 2023 (8 sites)
- 2022 (8 sites)
- 2021 (8 sites)
- 2020 (8 sites)
- 2019 (8 sites)
- 2018 (8 sites)
- 2017 (8 sites)
- 2016 (8 sites)
- 2015 (8 sites)
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- 2011 (8 sites)
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- 2005 (8 sites)
- 2004 (7 sites)
- 2003 (7 sites)



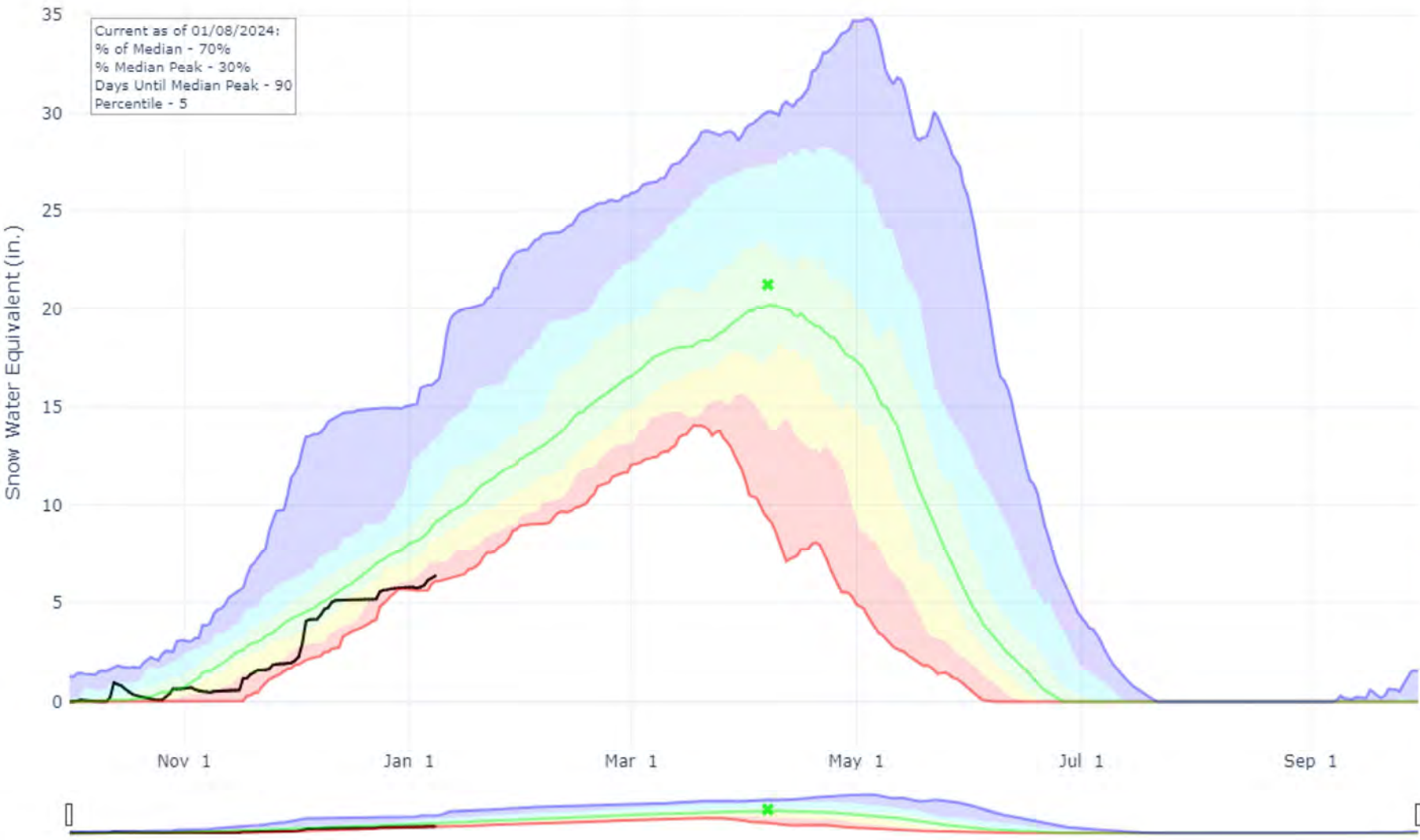


# SNOW WATER EQUIVALENT IN YAMPA-WHITE-LITTLE SNAKE

Reset Range

[Link to data: CSV / JSON](#)

Current as of 01/08/2024:  
% of Median - 70%  
% Median Peak - 30%  
Days Until Median Peak - 90  
Percentile - 5

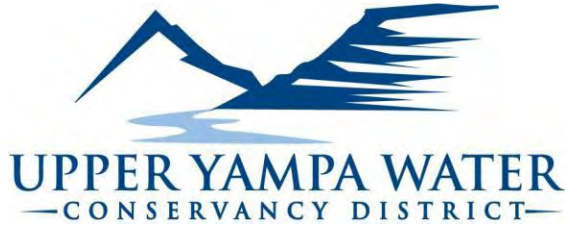


Station List

- ✱ Median Peak SWE
- Max
- Median (POR)
- Median ('91-'20)
- Min
- Stats. Shading
- 2024 (20 sites)
- 2023 (20 sites)
- 2022 (20 sites)
- 2021 (20 sites)
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- 2006 (20 sites)
- 2005 (20 sites)
- 2004 (18 sites)
- 2003 (18 sites)







## BOARD COMMUNICATION FORM

**From:** Holly Kirkpatrick

**Date:** 1/8/2024

**Item:** UYWCD Grant Disbursements

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**I. Request/Issue and Background Information:**

The attached Diversion Infrastructure Improvement Project Grant Report and Community Grant Funding Report will be included in each board packet to provide a full background of all grant disbursements. The Diversion Infrastructure Improvement Project Report tracks all disbursements throughout the life of the project. The Community Grant Funding Report tracks disbursements on an annual basis.

**II. Summary and Alternatives:**

To date, there is \$78,557.97 remaining of the allocated \$200,000 for the Diversion Infrastructure Improvement Project.

The Community Grant Funding Program allocated \$100,000 for the 2023 budget, of which, \$35,000 was awarded.

**III. Staff Recommendation:** n/a

Please see the attached reports for disbursement details.

**IV. Legal Issues:** n/a

**V. Consistency with Board Goals and Policies:**

Goal 4, 7, and 8.

**Attachments:**

Attachment 1: Diversion Infrastructure Improvement Project Grant Report

Attachment 2: Community Grant Funding Report

## Diversion Infrastructure Improvement Project Grant Funding

Structure Name	Applicant	Disbursement Date	UYWCD Funding	WSRF Funding	Total Project Cost
Boor #3	John Redmond	9/15/2020	\$ 968.86	\$ -	\$ 1,937.72
Boor #4	John Redmond	9/15/2020	\$ 968.86	\$ -	\$ 1,937.72
Beaver Creek Parshall Flume	John Redmond	9/15/2020	\$ 446.86	\$ -	\$ 893.72
Creek Ranch Headquarters Pond	Creek Ranch Owners Association	11/4/2020	\$ 459.20	\$ 459.19	\$ 1,836.77
Dry Creek Ditch	Kathleen Barnes	11/4/2020	\$ 2,288.49	\$ 2,288.49	\$ 9,153.97
Kemmer Ditch	Riverbank Ranches LLC	11/4/2020	\$ 1,233.00	\$ 1,233.00	\$ 4,932.00
Lucas Ditch #1	Rick Milway	11/23/2020	\$ 724.40	\$ -	\$ 1,448.80
Lucas Ditch #2	Rick Milway	11/23/2020	\$ 550.75	\$ -	\$ 1,101.50
Welch & Monson Ditch	Catamount Metropolitan District	3/8/2021	\$ 803.01	\$ 803.00	\$ 3,212.03
Martin Springs Diversion	Deborah Martin	3/8/2021	\$ 1,086.77	\$ 1,086.77	\$ 4,347.07
Duquette Ditch	Duckels Construction, Inc	3/8/2021	\$ 2,131.26	\$ 2,131.25	\$ 8,525.02
Brinker Creek Ditch	Finger Rock Preserve, LLC	3/8/2021	\$ 1,079.75	\$ 1,079.75	\$ 2,504.50
Hamill Ditch	Jake Hamill	3/8/2021	\$ 932.70	\$ -	\$ 1,865.40
Utley Ditch	Jake Hamill	3/8/2021	\$ 584.75	\$ 584.75	\$ 2,339.00
Grouse Creek Ditch	Joe Roberts	3/8/2021	\$ 1,431.61	\$ 1,431.61	\$ 5,726.43
Morrison Creek Ditch #2	Margaret E. Hagenbuch Trust	3/8/2021	\$ 1,128.61	\$ 1,128.61	\$ 4,514.44
Larsen Ditch	Mark Foster	3/8/2021	\$ 1,442.78	\$ 1,442.78	\$ 5,771.12
Sage Creek Diversion	The Nature Conservancy	3/8/2021	\$ 1,498.44	\$ 1,498.44	\$ 5,993.75
Baxter Ditch	Baxter Ditch Association	6/29/2021	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 11,527.67
Dequine Ditch	Lou Dequine	9/8/2021	\$ 895.32	\$ 895.32	\$ 3,581.28
Dequine Ditch Alternate Point #1	Lou Dequine	9/8/2021	\$ 416.44	\$ 416.43	\$ 1,665.73
Yampa Pump#2	Julie Green	9/8/2021	\$ 246.96	\$ 246.96	\$ 987.83
Middle Creek Ditch	Middle Creek Ranch, LLLP	9/8/2021	\$ 1,652.38	-	\$ 3,304.76
Steamboat Lake Golf Course Pond/Feeder Ditch	The Preserves at Pearl Lake Homeowners Association	9/8/2021	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 18,338.08
Elgin Creek Ditch	Hy Cattle Corporation	10/28/2021	\$ 951.68	\$ 951.67	\$ 3,806.70
Little Mountain Ditch	Bobby George	5/5/2022	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 6,000.00
Pennsylvania Ditch	Bobby George	10/1/2022	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00
Gibraltar Ditch	Lynn Powell & Bruchez Ranch, LLC	4/21/2023	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 394,230.30
CA Leighton Ditch	Clyncke Bros Hay Company LLC	8/31/2023	\$ 1,210.98	\$ 1,210.98	\$ 4,843.92
Lindsey Ditch	Clyncke Bros Hay Company LLC	8/31/2023	\$ 1,461.78	\$ 1,461.78	\$ 5,847.13
Donham Pump #2	Rita Donham	12/8/2023	\$ 2,458.83	\$ 2,458.82	\$ 9,835.31
Cottonwood Park Ditch	Ted Myers	12/8/2023	\$ 1,331.25	\$ 1,331.25	\$ 5,325.50
Gil West Pasture	Ted Myers	12/8/2023	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 5,000.00
Welsh #3	Frank Welsh	12/8/2023	457.73	457.73	915.46
<b>Total Work Completed:</b>					<b>\$ 546,250.63</b>
<b>TOTAL DISBURSED:</b>			<b>\$ 64,093.45</b>	<b>\$ 57,348.58</b>	<b>\$ 121,442.03</b>
<b>DIIP FUNDS REMAINING:</b>			<b>\$ 35,906.55</b>	<b>\$ 42,651.42</b>	<b>\$ 78,557.97</b>

## 2023 Community Grant Funding

Project	Applicant	Date Approved	Amount Approved
Yampatika Water Education Program	Yampatika	11/16/2022	\$20,000
CAA Ag Water Coordinator	Community Agriculture Alliance	7/12/2023	\$ 15,000.00
<b>TOTAL APPROVED:</b>			\$35,000
<b>TOTAL FUNDS REMAINING:</b>			\$65,000.00

**REPORT OF GENERAL COUNSEL**

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# BOARD COMMUNICATION FORM

**From:** Scott Grosscup, legal counsel

**Date:** January 10, 2024

**Item:** Water Resumes for November/December

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I have reviewed the water resumes of water applications filed in Water Divisions 5 and 6 in the month of November for Water Divisions 5 and 6 and the December resume for Water Division 6. The December water resume was not available for Water Division 5 at the time of writing this report. I did not see any water court applications to be of concern to the District filed in the month of November and December. I will report on the December resume for Water Division 5 at the board meeting if it is available at that time.



**PENDING WATER CASES**

**STATUS OF OTHER WATER CASES**

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# BOARD COMMUNICATION FORM

**From:** Scott Grosscup, legal counsel

**Date:** January 10, 2024

**Item:** Water Court Cases Update

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Following is an update of the status of water court cases in which the Upper Yampa Water Conservancy District is an Applicant or Opposer and matters pending before the Utah Division of Water Resources.

**Case No. 20CW3019 and Case No. 20CW3020** – Diligence application filed by Public Service Company of Colorado for 52.5 cfs decreed to the Wessels Canal Hinman Park Reservoir and the Saddle Mountain Pump Station. The District entered a stipulation in the two cases. The October trial dates have been vacated to allow for settlement discussions to proceed. The parties have indicated to the court that settlement is ongoing. A further case management conference is scheduled for January 22, 2024.

**Case No. 21CW3046** – Tri-State’s diligence application for the Craig Station Ditch and Pipeline in the amount of 15.07 cfs, conditional, with an appropriation date of November 1, 1972. This matter has been re-referred to the water judge with trial to begin April 7, 2025. The State Engineer and Division Engineer, Water Division 6, have also moved to intervene in this case.

**Case No. 22CW3002 - Yamcolo Reservoir Second Filling** – The District filed its application for finding of reasonable diligence or to make absolute for the Yamcolo Reservoir Second Filling water right on January 24, 2022. This water right is conditional in the amount of 7,066 acre feet. Tri State and the United States Forest Service have filed statements of opposition. We responded to the Division Engineer’s initial Consultation Report and the Division Engineer has issued a subsequent report. In that report, the Division Engineer recommends 3,500 acre feet of the remaining conditional amounts be canceled based on the District’s Master Plan. This matter has been re-referred to the water judge. The Division Engineer has moved to intervene in the case. A trial scheduling conference is set for November 13, 2023. This case is scheduled for a five-day trial with Case No. 22CW3108 to begin January 27, 2025.

**Case No. 22CW3018 Pleasant Valley Reservoir Rights at Yamcolo Reservoir** – This application confirms the Pleasant Valley Reservoir Rights stored in Yamcolo Reservoir have

been made absolute for all decreed uses. Tri-State has filed a statement of opposition. We have responded to the Division Engineer's consultation report which raised questions about whether the various uses had been cancelled and how power could be produced from Yamcolo Reservoir. The Division Engineer has provided comments on the proposed ruling of referee that do not modify the substance of the relief requested but clarify the water right at issue. This matter has been re-referred to the water judge. A trial scheduling conference is set for November 13, 2023. This case is scheduled for a three-day trial to begin March 4, 2025.

**Case No. 22CW3102 – Opposition to Water Measurement Rules** – The State Engineer and Division Engineer for Water Division 6 submitted proposed Rules to require all water users to install measuring devices for their water facilities subject to the terms of the proposed rules. The water court approves and adopts the rules as the formal rule-making body. All opposers have entered stipulations with the Division of Water Resources. These stipulations do not change any of the rules. Rather, the various stipulations relate to the application of the rules to various water rights owned by specific opposers. The Division will now file a motion to request the court recognize all protests have been resolved making the rules effective.

**Case No. 22CW3107 – Diligence on Yampa River Augmentation Plan** – This case requests a finding of reasonable diligence and to make absolute in part on appropriative rights of exchange used within the District's Yampa River umbrella augmentation plan. Tri-State filed a statement of opposition. The Division Engineer issued her consultation report requesting additional information on the claims to make absolute.

**Case No. 22CW3108 – Little Morrison Diversion** – Requests a finding of reasonable diligence on the Little Morrison Diversion and Little Morrison Diversion Alternate Point in the amount of 50 c.f.s. to deliver water from Morrison Creek into Little Morrison Creek and provide an additional source to fill Stagecoach Reservoir. Tri-State and the Margaret Hagenbuch Trust filed statements of opposition. This matter has been re-referred to the water judge. A trial scheduling conference is set for November 13, 2023. This case is scheduled for a five-day trial with Case No. 22CW3002 to begin January 27, 2025.

**Case No. 23CW3025 – Moffat County Umbrella Augmentation Plan** – The District is monitoring case to ensure no terms and conditions are imposed on the Moffat County plan that would impact Upper Yampa's umbrella augmentation plan. Seven other statements of opposition were filed to the application by: State and Division Engineer, Bruchez Ranch and Flanders Ranch, State Board of Land Commissioners, City of Craig, Tri State Generation and Transmission, Colowyo Coal Company LP, and Sage Creek Holdings LLC. No case management deadlines are in place.

**Water Horse Resources** – Upon competing motions for summary judgment, the Utah District Court upheld the Utah State Engineer's decision denying Water Horse's application to move water from Utah to Colorado's eastern slope. The Court ruled in part the Upper Colorado River Compact grants states the ability to apply their own laws and Water Horse cannot draw from Colorado's allotment without following state laws. And in Utah, this includes following Utah's laws on exporting of water, and showing that the project can be completed and applied to beneficial use. It also concluded the Application was speculative as there is no identified end-

user or place of use. Lastly, it determined Colorado is a necessary party to the proceedings, and denied the Application because it could not be joined in the proceedings. The Applicant will need to decide whether to appeal or to take the matter to Wyoming.

**NEW BUSINESS**

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## EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

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Executive session under CRS § 24-6-402(4)(b) to discuss legal issues on Water Resumes, Water Cases, Contract Negotiations and \_\_\_\_\_. Mere presence or participation of an attorney at an executive session is not sufficient to satisfy the requirements of CRS § 24-6-402(4)(b). Executive sessions to discuss legal matters are not recorded.

Executive session under CRS § 24-6-402(4)(e)(I) for the purpose of determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations; developing strategy for negotiations; and instructing negotiators with respect to \_\_\_\_\_. This session will be recorded, and a copy of the recording maintained for not less than 90 days.

## BOARD ACTIONS IN REGARD TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

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**DETERMINATION OF NEXT MEETING(s) AGENDA(s)**

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# AGENDA

**UPPER YAMPA WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 2024 (12:00 PM)  
MOUNTAIN VALLEY BANK COMMUNITY ROOM  
2220 CURVE PLAZA, STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, CO  
ONLINE MEETING:**

[HTTPS://US06WEB.ZOOM.US/J/83540738317?PWD=moJLDjXpPQ95PEwOKhXNHep8OMN6BY.1](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83540738317?pwd=moJLDjXpPQ95PEwOKhXNHep8OMN6BY.1)

THE UPPER YAMPA WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT REQUESTS THAT UNVACCINATED PEOPLE ATTENDING THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING AT THE MOUNTAIN VALLEY BANK COMMUNITY ROOM WEAR A MASK.

## **MATERIALS FOR BOARD PACKET DUE: MARCH 11<sup>TH</sup> BY 5:00 PM**

### **INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO JOIN A ZOOM MEETING FOLLOW THE AGENDA**

A Board of Directors meeting packet is available for public review on our website at <https://upperyampawater.com/agendas-and-meeting-documents/> by the Friday before the meeting. Amendments to the Agenda and new documents that are generated or submitted after the original posting of the meeting materials will be posted under "Additional Documents" on the website for the relevant meeting.

**QUESTIONS ON AGENDA AND/OR BOARD MATERIALS:** Members of the public or Board of Directors with questions on the agenda or meeting materials, including the consent agenda, are welcome to contact the General Manager at the District offices prior to the meeting. You may reach the General Manager at: [arossi@upperyampawater.com](mailto:arossi@upperyampawater.com) or (970) 871-1035 Ext. 2.

**MEETING PROCEDURE:** Comments from the Public are welcome at two different times during the course of the meeting: 1) Comments no longer than three (3) minutes on items **not** scheduled on the Agenda will be heard under Public Input and Comment; and 2) Comments no longer than three (3) minutes on all scheduled public hearing items will be heard following the presentation. Please wait until you are recognized by the President. With the exception of subjects brought up during Public Input and Comment, on which no action will be taken or a decision made, the Board may take action on, and may make a decision regarding, ANY item referred to in this agenda, including, without limitation, any item referenced for "review", "update", "report", or "discussion" whether or not listed as an "Action Item."

- (1) **12:00 PM** Establishment of Quorum and Call to Order
- (2) **12:00 PM** Approval of Agenda for Meeting
- (3) **12:05 PM** Public Input and Comment

**Action item**

The Board will make no decision nor take action, except to direct the General Manager. Those addressing the Board are requested to identify themselves by name, organization, if any, and address. Comments shall not exceed three (3) minutes.

- a. Update from CDWR

- (4) **12:10 PM** Board Member Reports
- a. Board Member Disbursements
  - b. Individual Reports
- (5) **12:30 PM** Consent Agenda **Action item**
- a. Approval of the Minutes of the January 18, 2024, Board Meeting
  - b. Financials
    - i. Approval of Disbursements
    - ii. Budget Comparison
- (6) **12:45 PM** Report of General Manager
- a. General Manager's Report
  - b. Augmentation Plan Updates
  - c. Financial Audit Update
  - d. Board Member Appointment Recognition
  - e. Colorado River District Matters Update
- (7) **2:15 PM** District Engineer Report
- a. Update on Reservoir Water Status
- (8) **2:30 PM** Public Information Updates **Action item**
- a. Grant Disbursements
  - b. New Grant Applications
- (9) **2:45 PM** Report of General Counsel
- (10) **3:00 PM** Pending Water Cases
- a. Water Resumes
  - b. Status of Other Water Cases
- (11) **3:15 PM** New Business (Limited to emergency matters that came up **Action item**  
During the course of the meeting)
- (12) **XX:XX PM** Executive Sessions:
- a. Executive session under CRS § 24-6-402(4)(b) to discuss legal issues on Water Resumes, Water Cases, Contract Negotiations and \_\_\_\_\_ (insert description) . Mere presence or participation of an attorney at an executive session is not sufficient to satisfy the requirements of CRS § 24-6-402(4)(b). Executive sessions to discuss legal matters are not recorded.
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- (13) **XX:XX PM** Board Actions in Regard to Executive Session
- (14) **XX:XX PM** Determination of Next Meeting(s) Agenda(s)
- (15) **XX:XX PM** Adjournment.