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SUBJECT: **Agenda Item 18, July 20-21, 2010 Board Meeting**
Colorado State University Arkansas Basin Data Collection and Assessment

Staff Recommendation

This is an *information* item and Board action is not required.

Background

A presentation will be given on the status of this project, which receives funding from the Water Supply Reserve Account.

Colorado State University is performing this two-year project: *Data Assessment and Collection in Support of Improved Water Management in the Arkansas River Basin*. The data-focused objectives are to assess data needs, compile existing data, and gather selected new field data in representative regions of the Arkansas Basin. A database will be developed with access to selected data through a GIS-based web page. Analyses of the new data will be conducted, with recommendations for ongoing data collection needed for system characterization and model support.

Funding of \$600,000 from the Water Supply Reserve Account was approved for this project: \$100,000 from the Arkansas Basin Account and \$500,000 from the Statewide Account.