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TO: Colorado Water Conservation Board Members

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SUBJECT: **Agenda Item 12a, November 13-15, 2012 Board Meeting**  
Colorado River Water Availability Study Update  
- Information Item -

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This is an informational item for Board discussion on the status of the Colorado River Water Availability Study (CRWAS) continuation effort and the proposed process to develop a final corresponding scope of work.

To date, staff and the CRWAS team have solicited input and perspectives from water providers and water users on key anticipated elements of the CRWAS continuation effort. This feedback has been used, in combination with previous Board direction and recent legislative authorization, to structure a draft scope of work for CRWAS continuation. The current draft scope of work will be refined through the following process to develop a final scope of work.

- Provide the draft scope to the CWCB Board for individual review and comment
- Discuss the draft scope and individual CWCB Board comments at a scheduled CWCB Board workshop
- Meet and present to basin roundtables to obtain feedback on the draft scope of work
- Present to IBCC the draft final scope and feedback received from basin roundtables for IBCC discussion and feedback
- Present the corresponding draft final scope at the CWCB Board meeting for final approval

Execution of the scope of work will require interaction and information from the BRTs and the IBCC. When the CRWAS team is under contract, staff and the CRWAS team will meet with the BRTs and the IBCC to discuss implementation of the CRWAS continuation scope of work and develop the interactive coordination process.