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TO: Colorado Water Conservation Board Members

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SUBJECT: **Agenda Item 25, September 24-25, 2013 Board Meeting
New Supply**

John W. Hickenlooper
Governor

Mike King
DNR Executive Director

James Eklund
CWCB Director

Staff Recommendation: *This is a discussion item only. No Board action is required.*

Background:

During the August IBCC meeting, there was not sufficient time to resolve potential no and low regret actions concerning new supply. On September 11th the IBCC new supply subcommittee met with basin roundtable members from the Arkansas, Colorado, Gunnison, Metro, South Platte, and Southwest to discuss how to move forward. To assist the conversation a Venn diagram (attached) was developed that displayed where there are overlaps between the East Slope White Paper, the West Slope Caucus statement, the IBCC's New Supply Subcommittee Chairs' document, and a previous draft version of the No and Low Regrets document that incorporated previous discussions with the IBCC, the 2010 Letter to the Governors, SWSI 2010, and the Flaming Gorge Task Force. The group concluded that the following two concurrent conversations should occur:

1. New Supply Conceptual Agreement

- Topics: Items on the Venn diagram will serve as discussion topics. Additionally, the following components will be explored and included as needed:
 - Colorado River Cooperative Agreement, Flaming Gorge Task Force, and Windy Gap Firming as starting points
 - Feasibility discussion as appropriate
 - Project sponsorship discussion
 - Cooperative agreements
- Process: IBCC conversation with CWCB members participating and concerted outreach to the roundtables and other stakeholder groups (agriculture, environment, etc.) at the beginning, middle, and end
- Outcome and Timing: Deliver best agreement to Board in one year, including any remaining areas of disagreement and reasons for disagreement

2. Further Explore/Understand the Gap

- Regional assessment of needs
- Also further examine needs at a sub-county level

- Update/overlap gap data with scenario planning
- Identify potential customers for new supply
- Dig down into West Slope data

Discussion

After a brief introduction by staff, members from the IBCC New Supply Subcommittee and Basin Roundtables will discuss with and seek feedback from the Board on the recommended two concurrent conversations and how to move forward with both.

