

Public Notice Division 7 Measurement Rules Stakeholder Meeting October 17, 2024

The Colorado Division of Water Resources will conduct a stakeholder meeting on October 17, 2024, at 6:00 pm at the Holiday Inn & Suites, located at 21636 US HWY 160, Durango, CO, 81303, to discuss proposed Measurement Rules in Water Division 7. There will also be a remote option to join this meeting, included at the bottom of this notice. Division 7 includes the San Juan, Animas, La Plata, Mancos, Pine, Piedra, McElmo Creek, parts of the Dolores, and other adjoining basins for tributaries exiting Colorado in the southwest part of the state. Measuring surface water and groundwater diversions is essential in Colorado to allow for accurate water rights administration, establish a valuable record of use for water rights, and provide useful information for operating decisions.

Colorado water law requires that water diversions have a proper diversion structure and measuring device where necessary. Measurement Rules will give guidance, structure, and certainty to the Division Engineer's implementation of that statutory requirement, which is critical in areas experiencing more demand, intrastate administration, and the need to protect Colorado interests related to the Colorado River Compact.

State Engineer Jason Ullmann and Division Engineer Rob Genualdi will lead the stakeholder meeting and the Rulemaking effort, with assistance from other DWR staff and the Attorney General's Office.

Division 7 Measurement Rules Stakeholder Meeting Thursday, October 17 · 6:00 - 8:00pm Time zone: America/Denver Google Meet joining info Video call link: <u>https://meet.google.com/dde-oubd-psb</u> Or dial: (US) +1 628-400-7243 PIN: 237 080 314#

More information, including an FAQ and a copy of draft rules, is available under "Water Administration Rulemaking" on the <u>DWR-Water Administration Webpage</u>.