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## MEMORANDUM

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**SUBJECT:** Composite Water Head for Confined Aquifer Response Areas in Division 3: October 1 2015 Requirement of Division 3 Groundwater Rules Section 8.1.4

This memorandum is submitted to comply with Section 8.1.4 of the Division 3 Groundwater Rules which states that:

No later than October 1, 2015, the State Engineer must use measurements collected during February and March 2015 (outside the Irrigation Season) from the network of monitoring wells to develop a Composite Water Head in each of the Response Areas..

Water levels were collected during the non-irrigation season of 2015 from monitoring network wells identified in the following two memos. Monitoring network wells are listed in Table 1.

Kelley Thompson (CDWR Modeling/DSS), May 6, 2015, "Ground Water Sustainability Rules for Water Division 3: Identification of Proposed Monitoring Network Wells", Memorandum to Dick Wolfe (Colorado State Engineer/CDWR Director) and Mike Sullivan (CDWR Deputy State Engineer)

Kelley Thompson and Mary Halstead (CDWR Modeling/DSS), May 6, 2015, "Ground Water Sustainability Rules for Water Division 3: Confined Aquifer Monitoring Plan", Memorandum to Dick Wolfe (Colorado State Engineer/CDWR Director) and Mike Sullivan (CDWR Deputy State Engineer)

Monitoring Well Data and Composite Water Head Calculations are summarized in Table 2. The Annual Composite Water Head for each of the Confined Aquifer Response Areas through the current year 2015 is shown in Table 3. As detailed in the Monitoring Plan memo, composite water head is calculated as a change in water level from the 2015 year baseline. Therefore, the 2015 composite water head is zero.

Of note, most 2015 measurements were taken in February and March as indicated in the Rules. However, measurements were not available for several wells during February and March, so measurement from other months within or near to the non-irrigation season were used. Of note, transducer issues limited measurement from Well RGDSS P03 to April, while water levels from BACA wells DW-4 and DW-5 were measured by the USGS in May and December, respectively. Two other wells were measured by the USGS in January.



| RA             | Name   | Model UID       | USGS Alias           | WDID          | Permit | Measured | UTMX   | UTMY    |
|----------------|--------|-----------------|----------------------|---------------|--------|----------|--------|---------|
| osa La Ja      | ALA 4  | 372550105455001 | NA03701122CCC1 ALA 4 | 2006000 6420R |        | RGWCD    | 432310 | 4142957 |
|                | ALA 6  | 372403106000901 | NA03700933CCC1 ALA 6 | 2011058       | 809R   | RGWCD    | 411281 | 4139810 |
|                | ALA 7  | 372403106000902 | NA03700933CCC2 ALA 7 | 2011057       | 810R   | RGWCD    | 411280 | 4139804 |
|                | ALA 8  | 372506106004201 | NA03700929DCB ALA 8  |               |        | RGWCD    | 410473 | 4141775 |
|                | ALA 10 | 373457106003801 | NA03900932BCC ALA 10 | 2010420       | 6265F  | RGWCD    | 409873 | 4159849 |
|                | ALA 12 | 372950105580801 | NA03800934ADB ALA 12 |               |        | RGWCD    | 414304 | 4150475 |
|                | CON 1  | 371705106021501 | NA03500907CCC CON 1  | 2105055       | 10543R | RGWCD    | 407980 | 4126964 |
|                | CON 2  | 371745105501001 | NA03501012BBC CON 2  | 2205111       | 20111R | RGWCD    | 425788 | 4127870 |
|                | RIO 2  | 373227106030301 | NA03800813BDB RIO 2  | 2014378       | 15095F | RGWCD    | 407166 | 4155390 |
| Ala            | 6192R  | 373405106112501 | NA03800703ABB        | 2008878       | 6192R  | USGS     | 394594 | 4159277 |
|                | P03    | RGDSSP03        | RGDSSP03             |               | 223816 | RGWCD    | 424125 | 4126845 |
|                | P08    | RGDSSP08        | RGDSSP08             |               | 228923 | RGWCD    | 411365 | 4139762 |
|                | P09    | RGDSSP09        | RGDSSP09             |               | 231269 | RGWCD    | 398634 | 4147181 |
|                | P10    | RGDSSP10        | RGDSSP10             |               | 229397 | RGWCD    | 398416 | 4159268 |
|                | 4865F  | 372046106021901 |                      | 2010441       | 4865F  | CDWR     | 408015 | 4133773 |
|                | CON 2  | 371745105501001 | NA03501012BBC CON 2  | 2205111       | 20111R | RGWCD    | 425788 | 4127870 |
|                | P03    | RGDSSP03        | RGDSSP03             |               | 223816 | RGWCD    | 424125 | 4126845 |
|                | P07    | RGDSSP07        | RGDSSP07             |               | 228924 | RGWCD    | 415943 | 4118608 |
| 6              | P12    | RGDSSP12        | RGDSSP12             |               | 229399 | RGWCD    | 412608 | 4101681 |
| ejo            | 20WCB  | 371118105543501 |                      | 2205126       | 20WCB  | CDWR     | 419255 | 4116148 |
| Conejos        | 6747F  | 370324105561201 | NA03300936DBB        | 2205062       | 6747F  | CDWR     | 416666 | 4101583 |
| Ŭ              | 24316F | 370446105582701 |                      | 2205978       | 24316F | CDWR     | 413400 | 4104118 |
|                | 22258F | 371108106005101 |                      | 2205018       | 22258F | CDWR     | 409973 | 4115953 |
|                | 3416F  | 371030105585001 | NA03400922BCC        | 2205074       | 3416F  | CDWR     | 412817 | 4114667 |
|                | 296046 | 370843106021001 |                      |               | 296046 | CDWR     | 408005 | 4111476 |
|                | SAG 2  | 375310106021501 | NA04200907CCC SAG 2  | 2706027       | 11218F | RGWCD    | 408831 | 4193716 |
|                | SAG 3  | 380045106044501 | NA04300803ABB SAG 3  | 2605001       | 12859R | RGWCD    | 405341 | 4207897 |
|                | SAG 9  | 375255106084401 | NA04200818CCB SAG 9  |               |        | RGWCD    | 399209 | 4193336 |
| he             | SAG 10 | 375310106050001 | NA04200815ACC SAG 10 | 2705295       | 4589F  | RGWCD    | 404915 | 4193766 |
| ach            | SAG 12 | 380047106024801 | NA04300801BBA SAG 12 |               |        | RGWCD    | 408070 | 4207781 |
| Saguach        | SAG 13 | 375820106052001 | NA04300815CBB SAG 13 | 2605614       | 9541F  | RGWCD    | 404390 | 4203427 |
| S              |        | 375918106063601 | NA04300808ADC SAG 18 |               |        | RGWCD    | 402528 | 4205102 |
|                | P01    | RGDSSP01        | RGDSSP01             |               | 223817 | RGWCD    | 407731 | 4207973 |
|                | RG05   | 380537106004801 | NA04400906DAA RG05   | 2605422       | 11030F | CDWR     | 411096 | 4216705 |
|                | 19513Z | SAG18           |                      | 2605042       | 19513Z | CDWR     | 400613 | 4211376 |
|                | RG02   | 380941105545501 | RG02                 |               |        | RGWCD    | 419670 | 4223904 |
|                | RG03   | 380601105505201 | RG03                 |               |        | RGWCD    | 425620 | 4217242 |
| ~              | 11010F | 380855105553501 | NA04500913DCA        | 2505083       | 11010F | USGS     | 419056 | 4222618 |
| ree            | 1725R  | 380640105510001 | NA04501034DAA        | 2505400       | 1725R  | USGS     | 425706 | 4218035 |
| San Luis Creek | P14    | RGDSSP14        | RGDSSP14             |               | 231876 | RGWCD    | 421705 | 4206978 |
|                | DW-1   | 375842105473701 | BACA DW-1            |               |        | USGS     | 430319 | 4203720 |
| San            | DW-3   | 375828105432501 | BACA DW-3            |               | 195248 | USGS     | 436459 | 4203233 |
|                | DW-4   | 375428105472501 | BACA DW-4            |               |        | USGS     | 430536 | 4195889 |
|                | DW-5   | 375507105505901 | BACA DW-5            |               |        | USGS     | 425306 | 4197138 |
|                | 2760FR | 380652105552101 |                      | 2505260       | 2760FR | CDWR     | 419163 | 4218954 |

## Table 1. Monitoring Network Wells



| RA              | Name   | Model UID       | Thiessen | 2015 DTW      | 2015 DTW | 2015 DTW   | 2015 ΔDTW | 2015 ΔDTW |
|-----------------|--------|-----------------|----------|---------------|----------|------------|-----------|-----------|
|                 |        |                 | Weight   | Baseline (ft) | (ft)     | Date       | (ft)      | Weighted  |
|                 |        |                 | (a)      | (b)           | (c)      | (d)        | (e)       | (f)       |
|                 | ALA 4  | 372550105455001 | 16.888%  | -35.39        | -35.39   | 3/9/2015   | 0.00      | 0.00      |
|                 | ALA 6  | 372403106000901 | 2.410%   | -10.75        | -10.75   | 3/19/2015  | 0.00      | 0.00      |
|                 | ALA 7  | 372403106000902 | 2.410%   | -10.13        | -10.13   | 3/18/2015  | 0.00      | 0.00      |
|                 | ALA 8  | 372506106004201 | 5.461%   | -15.02        | -15.02   | 3/19/2015  | 0.00      | 0.00      |
|                 | ALA 10 | 373457106003801 | 2.817%   | -17.81        | -17.81   | 3/17/2015  | 0.00      | 0.00      |
| Alamosa La Jara | ALA 12 | 372950105580801 | 14.208%  | -4.18         | -4.18    | 3/26/2015  | 0.00      | 0.00      |
|                 | CON 1  | 371705106021501 | 9.582%   | 53.73         | 53.73    | 3/18/2015  | 0.00      | 0.00      |
|                 | CON 2  | 371745105501001 | 5.730%   | -15.64        | -15.64   | 3/24/2015  | 0.00      | 0.00      |
| mo              | RIO 2  | 373227106030301 | 5.567%   | -0.97         | -0.97    | 3/24/2015  | 0.00      | 0.00      |
| Ala             | 6192R  | 373405106112501 | 3.516%   | 52.48         | 52.48    | 1/22/2015  | 0.00      | 0.00      |
|                 | P03    | RGDSSP03        | 2.909%   | -2.74         | -2.74    | 4/28/2015  | 0.00      | 0.00      |
|                 | P08    | RGDSSP08        | 2.410%   | -13.37        | -13.37   | 3/31/2015  | 0.00      | 0.00      |
|                 | P09    | RGDSSP09        | 10.619%  | 37.54         | 37.54    | 2/10/2015  | 0.00      | 0.00      |
|                 | P10    | RGDSSP10        | 4.690%   | 19.39         | 19.39    | 2/10/2015  | 0.00      | 0.00      |
|                 | 4865F  | 372046106021901 | 10.783%  | 32.48         | 32.48    | 2/27/2015  | 0.00      | 0.00      |
|                 | CON 2  | 371745105501001 | 8.700%   | -15.64        | -15.64   | 3/24/2015  | 0.00      | 0.00      |
|                 | P03    | RGDSSP03        | 8.233%   | -2.74         | -2.74    | 4/28/2015  | 0.00      | 0.00      |
|                 | P07    | RGDSSP07        | 10.749%  | 0.53          | 0.53     | 3/3/2015   | 0.00      | 0.00      |
|                 | P12    | RGDSSP12        | 16.939%  | 166.04        | 166.04   | 3/3/2015   | 0.00      | 0.00      |
| ejos            | 20WCB  | 371118105543501 | 10.968%  | 4.00          | 4.00     | 2/27/2015  | 0.00      | 0.00      |
| Conejos         | 6747F  | 370324105561201 | 10.371%  | 100.42        | 100.42   | 2/27/2015  | 0.00      | 0.00      |
| 0               | 24316F | 370446105582701 | 9.104%   | 144.61        | 144.61   | 2/27/2015  | 0.00      | 0.00      |
|                 | 22258F | 371108106005101 | 6.886%   | 61.37         | 61.37    | 2/27/2015  | 0.00      | 0.00      |
|                 | 3416F  | 371030105585001 | 6.804%   | 63.41         | 63.41    | 2/27/2015  | 0.00      | 0.00      |
|                 | 296046 | 370843106021001 | 11.246%  | 160.91        | 160.91   | 3/29/2015  | 0.00      | 0.00      |
|                 | SAG 2  | 375310106021501 | 17.494%  | -39.14        | -39.14   | 3/26/2015  | 0.00      | 0.00      |
|                 | SAG 3  | 380045106044501 | 3.607%   | 5.95          | 5.95     | 3/30/2015  | 0.00      | 0.00      |
|                 | SAG 9  | 375255106084401 | 11.398%  | -4.25         | -4.25    | 3/30/2015  | 0.00      | 0.00      |
| е               | SAG 10 | 375310106050001 | 8.230%   | -28.93        | -28.93   | 3/25/2015  | 0.00      | 0.00      |
| ach             | SAG 12 | 380047106024801 | 14.626%  | -7.04         | -7.04    | 3/30/2015  | 0.00      | 0.00      |
| Saguache        | SAG 13 | 375820106052001 | 8.507%   | -11.98        | -11.98   | 3/25/2015  | 0.00      | 0.00      |
| ŝ               | SAG 18 | 375918106063601 | 9.324%   | 3.34          | 3.34     | 3/30/2015  | 0.00      | 0.00      |
|                 | P01    | RGDSSP01        | 2.518%   | -1.31         | -1.31    | 3/28/2015  | 0.00      | 0.00      |
|                 | RG05   | 380537106004801 | 14.135%  | 46.37         | 46.37    | 3/3/2015   | 0.00      | 0.00      |
|                 | 19513Z | SAG18           | 10.160%  | 58.08         | 58.08    | 3/3/2015   | 0.00      | 0.00      |
|                 | RG02   | 380941105545501 | 13.117%  | 65.28         | 65.28    | 3/4/2015   | 0.00      | 0.00      |
| San Luis Creek  | RG03   | 380601105505201 | 9.758%   | 29.10         | 29.10    | 3/4/2015   | 0.00      | 0.00      |
| s C             | 11010F | 380855105553501 | 3.261%   | 65.20         | 65.20    | 1/20/2015  | 0.00      | 0.00      |
| Lui             | 1725R  | 380640105510001 | 7.611%   | 55.59         | 55.59    | 2/17/2015  | 0.00      | 0.00      |
| an              | P14    | RGDSSP14        | 14.205%  | -32.87        | -32.87   | 3/31/2015  | 0.00      | 0.00      |
| Ś               | DW-1   | 375842105473701 | 11.410%  | -38.10        | -38.10   | 2/10/2015  | 0.00      | 0.00      |
|                 | DW-3   | 375828105432501 | 17.029%  | 24.41         | 24.41    | 2/10/2015  | 0.00      | 0.00      |
|                 | DW-4   | 375428105472501 | 9.348%   | -84.96        | -84.96   | 5/27/2015  | 0.00      | 0.00      |
|                 | DW-5   | 375507105505901 | 5.497%   | -142.08       | -142.08  | 12/16/2014 | 0.00      | 0.00      |
|                 | 2760FR | 380652105552101 | 8.765%   | 28.21         | 28.21    | 3/3/2015   | 0.00      | 0.00      |

# Table 2. 2015 Monitoring Well Data Summary and Composite Water Head Calculations

### Table 2. Column Calculation Notes

- (a) Thiessen weight = Thiessen polygon area / total polygon areas for Response Area (rounded to 5 digits)
- (b) minimum annual depth to water during non-irrigation season for 2015 baseline year (minimum DTW in February-March or progressively in other months if February/March DTW not available)
- (c) minimum annual depth to water during non-irrigation season for year (minimum DTW in February-March or progressively in other months if February/March DTW not available)
- (d) date of minimum annual depth to water during non-irrigation season measurement
- (e) change in depth to water calculated as baseline depth to water less year depth to water (a negative value indicates a falling water table)
- (f) change in depth to water multiplied by Thiessen weight used in calculation of composite water head. The composite water head for a Response Area equals the sum of these values by Response Area for the year.

| Response Area   | 2015 |  |  |
|-----------------|------|--|--|
| Alamosa La Jara | 0.00 |  |  |
| Conejos         | 0.00 |  |  |
| Saguache        | 0.00 |  |  |
| San Luis Creek  | 0.00 |  |  |

#### Table 3. Annual Composite Water Head by Response Area

