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Subject: September 2024 Projected Delivery for the Colorado Compact Compliance Pipeline

The RRCA approved the “Resolution by the Republican River Compact Administration Approving Operation and Accounting for the Colorado Compact Compliance Pipeline and Colorado’s Compliance Efforts in the South Fork Republican River Basin” August 24, 2016. Colorado is operating the Compact Compliance Pipeline (CCP) in 2023 under the provisions described in that resolution.

April’s projected CCP delivery requirement to meet Colorado’s obligation under the Compact in 2024 was approximately 12,500 ac-ft assuming a water short year administration of Harlan County Reservoir. In early July we were informed that a water short year administration of Harlan County Reservoir would not be in effect for 2024 thus lowering the projected CCP delivery requirement to 10,000 ac-ft under the approximate delivery obligation of:

Time Period	Amount of CCP Delivery (ac-ft)
January – April	6,004
October – December	4,017
Total	10,021

January through April values represent actual deliveries, and the October through December are estimated at a delivery rate of 30 cfs per day. Therefore, our recommendation is that the CCP deliveries start the winter deliveries for the pipeline on October 25th. The attached Tables 1 and 2 summarize the calculations used to derive the delivery amount. The following section briefly describes the data, and the estimated data used to develop the projections.

Data Utilized to Determine Delivery Amount

The Republican River Compact Administration (RRCA) Groundwater Model was run to obtain an estimate of the Groundwater Computed Beneficial Consumptive Use (CBCU). For Colorado groundwater pumping the 2023 data was repeated for 2024. For Kansas and Nebraska, the data from 2023 was repeated for 2024. Historical precipitation, reservoir stage,

evapotranspiration and streamflow data were utilized when available. Long term average data was used when historical data was not available. Streamflow records for 2024 were estimated using engineering judgement and historical streamflow records.

The projections were made assuming that water short year administration on Harlan County Reservoir would not be in effect. The 5-run model approach was utilized in these projections.

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Operation of the Colorado Compact Compliance Pipeline
(units of ac-ft)

	North Fork Basin Accounting									Arikaree Basin Accounting					
		Consumptive Use									Consumptive Use				
Jan - Dec Calendar Year	North Fork Gaged Flow	CCP Deliveries	Net North Fork Gaged Flows for Virgin Flow Calculations	0.40 x Haigler Canal Divs Measured at Stateline	CO SW and Small Res Evap	CO GW Con Use	KS GW Con Use	NE GW and SW Con Use	Virgin Flow	Gaged Flow	KS GW and Non- Fed Res				Virgin Flow
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)
2000	19,435	0	19,435	2,368	3,122	13,173	15	4,709	42,822	3,631	0	1,918	128	196	5,873
2001	19,752	0	19,752	2,004	2,809	13,534	18	4,683	42,800	553	0	1,288	190	341	2,372
2002	15,904	0	15,904	2,258	3,172	13,562	14	5,324	40,234	231	0	401	114	351	1,097
2003	17,700	0	17,700	1,986	2,615	14,023	17	4,381	40,722	1,060	0	242	100	507	1,909
2004	19,759	0	19,759	1,493	3,022	14,373	16	3,685	42,348	341	0	353	157	431	1,282
2005	21,060	0	21,060	1,898	3,171	14,359	17	4,290	44,795	1,151	0	811	163	250	2,375
2006	17,608	0	17,608	1,767	3,140	14,301	12	4,017	40,845	404	0	1,116	130	125	1,775
2007	20,333	0	20,333	1,809	3,014	14,790	0	3,612	43,559	1,308	0	1,143	117	112	2,680
2008	21,638	0	21,638	1,998	671	15,004	0	3,925	43,235	1,567	0	1,536	106	124	3,333
2009	24,405	0	24,405	1,677	265	15,783	0	3,468	45,598	779	0	4,011	162	153	5,106
2010	20,418	0	20,418	2,016	325	15,479	0	3,999	42,238	2,358	49	1,446	109	73	4,035
2011	19,722	0	19,722	1,930	354	15,689	0	3,899	41,594	1,074	33	1,830	170	93	3,200
2012	14,376	0	14,376	2,452	583	15,309	0	4,698	37,418	494	63	1,558	116	78	2,309
2013	18,433	0	18,433	1,536	377	15,649	0	3,362	39,357	91	45	458	214	126	934
2014	26,707	7,448	19,259	1,244	285	16,283	0	2,962	40,034	0	21	1,141	236	128	1,526
2015	27,895	10,760	17,135	1,467	512	16,424	0	3,324	38,862	142	23	2,829	192	108	3,294
2016	28,091	10,130	17,961	1,596	419	16,820	0	3,550	40,346	397	37	2,638	196	147	3,415
2017	26,046	11,330	14,716	1,893	297	16,906	0	4,013	37,825	646	12	2,102	168	77	3,005
2018	32,580	13,578	19,002	1,408	325	17,365	0	3,317	41,417	821	0	2,639	190	112	3,762
2019	26,082	8,905	17,177	1,585	182	17,492	0	3,607	40,043	1,113	0	2,084	123	76	3,396
2020	22,984	6,218	16,766	2,115	235	17,390	0	4,419	40,925	1,657	0	1,646	100	73	3,476
2021	25,846	9,390	16,456	2,256	169	17,951	0	4,656	41,488	1,635	0	1,443	131	110	3,319
2022	21,129	8,501	12,628	2,486	258	17,903	0	5,018	38,293	982	0	735	144	105	1,966
2023	28,618	12,259	16,359	1,673	176	19,066	0	3,838	41,112	1,678	0	2,214	252	157	4,301
2024	25,000	10,020	14,980	2,000	170	19,156	0	4,348	40,654	1,500	0	2,404	133	73	4,110
2025	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2026	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2027	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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Operation of the Colorado Compact Compliance Pipeline
(units of ac-ft)

Jan - Dec Calendar Year	South Fork Basin Accounting							CO Compact Allocation				
	Consumptive Use							22.4%	78.5%	44.4%	All Basins	
	Gaged Flow at Benkelman	CO SW + CO Small Res Evap	CO GW + Bonny Res Seepage	CO Bonny Res Evap	KS GW, Non-Fed Res Evap, SW CU	NE GW	Virgin Flow	North Fork	Arikaree	South Fork	Colorado Allocation of Beaver Creek (See Table 5F in Water Short Year)	Total of All Basins
(1)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)
2000	4,855	2,732	10,450	5,557	6,333	982	30,909	9,592	4,610	13,723	1,940	29,866
2001	3,097	980	10,964	3,972	7,515	641	27,170	9,587	1,862	12,063	1,500	25,012
2002	1,579	2,288	10,765	5,750	4,933	1,282	26,598	9,012	861	11,809	0	21,683
2003	905	598	12,115	3,375	5,390	1,347	23,730	9,122	1,499	10,536	0	21,156
2004	0	770	12,874	3,158	6,091	1,202	24,094	9,486	1,006	10,698	0	21,190
2005	0	275	14,952	3,430	7,525	1,372	27,553	10,034	1,864	12,233	0	24,131
2006	0	0	11,757	3,031	4,723	1,040	20,551	9,149	1,394	9,124	0	19,667
2007	674	266	12,511	2,428	5,670	1,055	22,605	9,757	2,104	10,036	1,576	23,473
2008	1,397	52	14,707	1,766	5,933	1,021	24,876	9,685	2,617	11,045	3,080	26,426
2009	8,407	101	14,976	1,020	7,856	1,302	33,661	10,214	4,008	14,946	3,100	32,268
2010	12,756	919	11,938	1,921	3,016	625	31,174	9,461	3,167	13,841	2,890	29,360
2011	9,916	177	13,092	1,965	6,164	941	32,256	9,317	2,512	14,322	2,580	28,730
2012	6,441	107	9,321	67	2,568	810	19,314	8,382	1,813	8,575	1,860	20,630
2013	0	52	12,321	0	5,190	473	18,036	8,816	733	8,008	76	17,633
2014	0	150	13,868	0	8,552	1,027	23,597	8,968	1,198	10,477	22	20,665
2015	4,819	408	13,865	0	5,528	918	25,537	8,705	2,586	11,339	724	23,353
2016	3,898	331	13,883	0	5,835	904	24,851	9,037	2,681	11,034	780	23,532
2017	2,385	444	13,537	0	4,733	699	21,798	8,473	2,359	9,678	2,450	22,960
2018	1,970	356	14,602	0	6,736	974	24,638	9,277	2,953	10,939	578	23,748
2019	2,385	0	13,154	0	3,455	607	19,601	8,970	2,666	8,703	2,510	22,848
2020	7,229	0	11,037	0	3,577	717	22,560	9,167	2,729	10,017	2,250	24,163
2021	321	0	13,764	0	5,292	774	20,151	9,293	2,605	8,947	1,940	22,786
2022	0	0	12,347	0	4,496	820	17,663	8,578	1,543	7,842	1,270	19,233
2023	48	0	16,252	0	8,101	1,165	25,566	9,209	3,376	11,351	1,680	25,617
2024	7	0	13,456	0	3,534	576	17,573	9,106	3,226	7,802	1,980	22,115
2025	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2026	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2027	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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	CO Consumptive Use							Colorado Compact Compliance Accounting					
	Instate			GW Con Use in Nebraska									
Jan - Dec Calendar Year								Annual Amount Colorado Exceeded Compact Entitlement BEFORE		Annual Amount Colorado Exceeded Compact Entitlement after Accounting for CCP Delivery		5-year Running Average of the Amount Colorado Exceeded Compact Entitlement after Accounting for CCP Delivery	
	North Fork	Arikaree	South Fork	Buffalo and Rock Creek	French- man Creek	Rep River Mainstem	Total Colorado Con Use	CCP Deliveries	CCP Delivery	CCP Delivery	CCP Delivery		
(1)	(29)	(30)	(31)	(32)	(33)	(34)	(35)	(36)	(37)	(38)	(39)		
2000	16,295	1,918	18,739	276	599	-4,242	33,585	3,719	0	3,719			
2001	16,343	1,288	15,917	293	569	-4,166	30,244	5,231	0	5,231			
2002	16,734	401	18,804	298	619	-6,155	30,700	9,017	0	9,017			
2003	16,638	242	16,088	324	37	132	33,460	12,304	0	12,304			
2004	17,395	353	16,802	348	39	-1,269	33,668	12,478	0	12,478	8,550		
2005	17,530	811	18,656	367	42	-1,954	35,452	11,321	0	11,321	10,070		
2006	17,441	1,116	14,788	383	43	-3,009	30,762	11,094	0	11,094	11,243		
2007	17,804	1,143	15,205	406	55	-2,062	32,552	9,079	0	9,079	11,255		
2008	15,675	1,536	16,525	429	370	-2,487	32,048	5,621	0	5,621	9,919		
2009	16,048	4,011	16,097	451	2,917	-1,549	37,975	5,707	0	5,707	8,564		
2010	15,804	1,495	14,777	472	3,030	-2,698	32,880	3,520	0	3,520	7,004		
2011	16,043	1,863	15,234	492	2,554	-2,305	33,881	5,151	0	5,151	5,816		
2012	15,892	1,621	9,495	513	1,485	-6,712	22,294	1,664	0	1,664	4,333		
2013	16,026	503	12,373	531	1,125	-1,919	28,639	11,005	0	11,005	5,410		
2014	16,568	1,162	14,018	554	951	-1,162	32,092	11,427	7,448	3,979	5,064		
2015	16,936	2,852	14,273	584	1,769	-2,649	33,765	10,411	10,760	-349	4,290		
2016	17,239	2,675	14,214	608	1,600	-2,436	33,900	10,368	10,130	238	3,307		
2017	17,203	2,114	13,981	614	1,206	-3,316	31,802	8,842	11,330	-2,488	2,477		
2018	17,690	2,639	14,958	644	1,162	-1,978	35,116	11,368	13,578	-2,210	-166		
2019	17,674	2,084	13,154	671	1,669	-2,522	32,730	9,881	8,905	976	-767		
2020	17,625	1,646	11,037	576	1,121	-5,115	26,890	2,728	6,218	-3,491	-1,395		
2021	18,120	1,443	13,764	519	183	-3,839	30,190	7,404	9,390	-1,986	-1,840		
2022	18,161	735	12,347	482	174	-5,340	26,559	7,325	8,501	-1,176	-1,577		
2023	19,242	2,214	16,252	530	167	-9	38,396	12,779	12,259	520	-1,031		
2024	19,326	2,404	13,456	556	159	-3,761	32,140	10,025	10,020	5	-1,225		
2025	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-527		
2026	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-130		
2027	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	105		

Table 2
Surface Water Data Used in Accounting
(units of acre-feet)

Calendar Year	Streamflow Gages					Colo Surface Water Diversions			Reservoir Evaporation					Beaver Creek		
	North Fork at CO-KS Stateline Gage	Measured Compact Compliance Pipeline Delivery	Haigler Canal Stateline Flume	Arikaree at Haigler, NE Gage	South Fork at Benkelman Gage	Total North Fork Divs including CO Pioneer	Colorado Arikaree Divs	Colorado South Fork Divs	Colorado Non-Fed Res Evap in North Fork	Colorado Non-Fed Res Evap in South Fork	Kansas Non-Fed Res Evap in Arikaree	Kansas Non-Fed Res Evap and Small SW Div Con Use in South Fork	Bonny Res Evap	Colorado Compact Entitlement in non-water short years	Colorado Beaver Creek Reduced Allocation' Water Short Years	Water Short Year (Yes/No) CO receives no Beaver Creek Allocation in Water Short Year
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)
2000	19,435	0	5,921	3,631	4,855	5,203	0	4,554	0	0	0	13	5,557	1,940	0	
2001	19,752	0	5,011	553	3,097	4,682	0	1,634	0	0	0	65	3,972	1,500	0	
2002	15,904	0	5,646	231	1,579	5,286	0	3,814	0	0	0	41	5,750	770	770	Yes
2003	17,700	0	4,965	1,060	905	4,358	0	996	0	0	0	39	3,375	260	260	Yes
2004	19,759	0	3,732	341	0	4,960	0	1,283	46	0	41	310	3,158	360	360	Yes
2005	21,060	0	4,745	1,151	0	5,213	0	458	43	0	41	298	3,430	910	910	Yes
2006	17,608	0	4,418	404	0	5,150	0	0	50	0	46	325	3,031	1,420	1,420	Yes
2007	20,333	0	4,522	1,308	674	4,961	0	444	38	0	18	143	2,428	2,320	744	Yes
2008	21,638	0	4,995	1,567	1,397	1,056	0	87	37	0	14	121	1,766	3,080	0	No
2009	24,405	0	4,193	779	8,407	394	0	169	28	0	7	65	1,020	3,100	0	No
2010	20,418	0	5,041	2,358	12,756	474	81	1,336	41	117	11	98	1,921	2,890	0	No
2011	19,722	0	4,826	1,074	9,916	530	55	39	36	154	14	119	1,965	2,580	0	No
2012	14,376	0	6,129	494	6,441	886	105	0	51	107	24	213	67	1,860	0	No
2013	18,433	0	3,839	91	0	553	75	0	45	52	17	147	0	1,130	1,054	Yes
2014	26,707	7,448	3,110	0	0	412	35	184	38	40	11	100	0	1,250	1,228	Yes
2015	27,895	10,760	3,668	142	4,819	792	38	616	37	38	14	124	0	2,130	1,406	Yes
2016	28,091	10,130	3,991	397	3,898	636	62	510	37	25	13	118	0	2,430	1,650	Yes
2017	26,046	11,330	4,732	646	2,385	432	20	716	38	14	11	96	0	2,450	0	No
2018	32,580	13,578	3,520	821	1,970	479	0	594	38	0	12	106	0	2,430	1,852	Yes
2019	26,082	8,905	3,963	1,113	2,385	236	0	0	40	0	12	107	0	2,510	0	No
2020	22,984	6,218	5,288	1,657	7,229	325	0	0	40	0	19	107	0	2,250	0	No
2021	25,846	9,390	5,640	1,635	321	217	0	0	39	0	16	137	0	1,940	0	No
2022	21,129	8,501	6,216	982	0	356	0	0	44	0	16	137	0	1,270	0	No
2023	28,618	12,259	4,182	1,678	48	192	0	0	61	0	16	137	0	1,680	0	No
2024	25,000	10,020	5,000	1,500	7	200	0	0	50	0	16	137	0	1,980	0	No
2025																
2026																
2027																

USGS, BOR, and RRCA Accounting records used when available. Missing data estimated from historical values using engineering judgement.