



MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Brian Thompson, Government Affairs Administrator
DATE: February 17, 2023
RE: February 23, 2023, Board Meeting

This memorandum shall serve as notice of a Regular Joint Meeting of the Boards of Directors of the Eagle River Water & Sanitation District and the Upper Eagle Regional Water Authority:

**Thursday, February 23, 2023
11:00 a.m.**

This meeting will be held at:

Walter Kirch Room
Eagle River Water & Sanitation District Vail office
846 Forest Road
Vail, Colorado

The meeting can also be accessed on Microsoft Teams. Login information can be requested by sending an email at least 24 hours in advance to info@erwsd.org. In-person attendance is subject to public health protocols.

Input from members of the public is welcomed during the meeting's designated Public Comment period consistent with §18-9-108, C.R.S. Speakers may address the Board on a first-recognized basis by the Chair. Public Comments are limited to three minutes per speaker on relevant matters not listed on the agenda.



BOARDS OF DIRECTORS REGULAR JOINT MEETING
February 23, 2023
11:00 a.m.
Walter Kirch Conference Room

AGENDA

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| 1. Introductions | <u>Attachment Link</u> |
| 2. Public Comment | |
| 3. Colorado River Basin Issues – Kathy Chandler-Henry & Zane Kessler,
Colorado River Water Conservation District | Informational |
| 4. Adjournment | |



MEMORANDUM

TO: Boards of Directors
FROM: Diane Johnson, Communications & Public Affairs Manager
DATE: February 23, 2023
RE: Colorado River Basin presentation

Summary

With the ongoing crisis in the Colorado River Basin, it's an opportune time to more fully discuss the issues, parties, programs, and negotiations.

Presenters

- Zane Kessler, Director of Government Relations, Colorado River District
- Kathy Chandler-Henry, Colorado River District Board President, and Eagle County Commissioner

Discussion

River District staff have long provided perspective for district and authority board members on "Big River" issues given their unique role within Colorado and as an influential organization in the seven basin states.

Zane and Kathy will discuss recent moves by the federal government and seven basin states, Colorado's perspective, the River District's involvement, and differences in lower basin and upper basin operations. They'll also touch on state and federal legislative affairs, plus provide an overview of federal funding opportunities (Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act and Inflation Reduction Act) and ways that the CRD might be helpful in bringing some of those dollars to the West Slope.

Attachments (or hyperlinks):

1. Feb. 15, 2023, KUNC: [Lake Powell drops to a new record low as feds scramble to prop it up](#)
2. Feb. 1, 2023, High Country News: [Glen Canyon revealed; What comes next for Lake Powell](#)
3. Jan. 31, 2023, KUNC: [Six states agree on a proposal for Colorado River cutbacks, California has a counter](#)
4. Jan. 31, Los Angeles Times: [Colorado River in Crisis: A Times series on the Southwest's shrinking water lifeline](#) (8-part series)