

Protocol for East Slope Water Users Interest Group
2020 Upper Colorado River W&S Stakeholder Group Plan (Amended & Restated Plan)

1. Voting Members

- a. Representatives – Denver Water, Northern Water along with its Municipal Subdistrict, and Aurora Water/Colorado Springs Utilities representing the Homestake Partners, will each select one voting member and one alternate, for a total of three voting members. Representatives and alternates are expected to use best efforts to attend all regular, annual, and special meetings of the GC, and to coordinate among each other in preparation for such meetings.
- b. Terms – Denver Water’s representative will be appointed for a three-year term; Northern Water’s representative will be appointed for a two-year term; and the Homestake Partners’ representative will be appointed for a one-year term. Subsequent terms for each appointment will be for full three-year terms.
- c. Replacement – A representative or alternate may be replaced by the respective entity at its discretion.
- d. It is understood that the respective entities may use staff or consultants to participate in SG Plan committees and make recommendations within that context.

2. Decision making

- a. The East Slope Water Users Interest Group, through its voting members, will work by unanimous consensus. All voting representatives present at a GC meeting must have a “1” or “2” level of support for the Interest Group to vote in the affirmative to endorse a SG decision pursuant to Section VI.H of the Amended & Restated Plan.
- b. If any one of the three entities sees the need to revisit the unanimous consensus approach in the future, the entities will meet to develop an alternative for representation and decision making that works for the group.

3. Representative to the Review Committee

- a. Denver Water and Northern Water will choose a designee from one of their respective Boards to serve on the “Review Committee” to provide

non-binding guidance on disputed issues that are elevated pursuant to Section VI.J.3.b of the Amended & Restated Plan.

- b. Such designee will serve for a three-year term. The designee may be replaced by Denver/Northern at the entities' discretion.

4. Funding Assessments

- a. Annual assessments levied to the East Slope Water Users Interest Group pursuant to Section VIII.B.2 of the SG Plan shall be paid for equally (in thirds) among Denver Water, Northern Water, and the Homestake Partners.

5. Outreach

- a. The East Slope Water Users Interest Group will periodically advise the Front Range Water Council (and other entities/groups as appropriate) on the activities of the group.

6. Changes in Interest Group Membership

- a. If there are any changes to the membership of the East Slope Water Users Interest Group, this Interest Group governance protocol will be adjusted as appropriate.

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