

**Concerning the
Upper Colorado River Wild and Scenic Stakeholder Group Plan
(Effective as of July 8, 2015)**

Approved by SG March 25, 2021

**Protocol for
West Slope Water Conservancy/Conservation Districts and Landowners/Water
Users Interest Group**

1. PURPOSE.

- a. This protocol sets forth the process and procedures for inclusion in the West Slope Water Conservancy/Conservation Districts and Landowners/Water Users Interest Group (“West Slope Water IG”) and for the selection and responsibilities of its members, consistent with the Governance Section VI of the Stakeholder Group Plan (“SG Plan”).
- b. The West Slope Water IG is one of six Interests Groups and represents West Slope conservancy and conservation districts, water users, and landowners on the Governance Committee for the SG Plan. The purposes of the Governance Committee (“GC”) are outlined in Section VI. C. of the SG Plan.

2. MEMBERSHIP.

- a. Members. The initial members of the West Slope Water IG are the Colorado River Water Conservation District, the Middle Park Water Conservancy District, the Upper Eagle Regional Water Authority, the Eagle River Water and Sanitation District, Eagle Park Reservoir Company, Vail Associates, Inc., and the Yust Ranch (collectively “West Slope Water IG Members”).
- b. Procedures for Membership. The West Slope Water IG Members are also participating members of the SG Plan and have committed to funding pursuant to Section 5 of this Protocol.
 - i. Any additional West Slope Water IG Members must be participating members of the SG Plan as determined by the Governance Committee and must commit to funding pursuant to Section 5 of this Protocol.
 - ii. The unanimous consent of all existing West Slope Water IG Members is required to admit an additional member.
 - iii. This Protocol will be adjusted as appropriate for any changes to membership.
- c. Eagle River Entities. As outlined in footnote 15 of Section VI. D. 1. of the SG Plan, it was anticipated that the Upper Eagle Regional Water Authority, the Eagle

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River Water and Sanitation District, Eagle Park Reservoir Company, and Vail Associates, Inc. (the “Eagle River Entities”) would be included in either the Local Government Interest Group or the West Slope Water Conservancy/ Conservation District Interest Group. The Eagle River Entities have elected to be included in the West Slope Water Conservancy/ Conservation District Interest Group instead of the Local Government Interest Group. For the limited purpose of this West Slope Water IG Protocol only, the Eagle River Entities shall be deemed as a single Member of the West Slope Water IG, identified collectively as the Eagle River Entities. Nothing in this Protocol prevents the Eagle River Entities from subsequently determining to request moving from the West Slope Water IG to the Local Government Interest Group.

3. DECISION MAKING.

- a. Voting procedures for the Governance Committee are outlined in Section VI. of the SG Plan.
- b. Voting by the West Slope Water IG at Governance Committee meetings will proceed according to Figure 1 of this Protocol, taken directly from Section.

Figure 1. Section VI. H. 3 of SG Plan.

VOTING WITHIN INTEREST GROUPS	
Number of Interest Group GC Members Present at Meeting	Affirmative Votes required to pass Measure within Interest Group
3	2 of 3
2	2 of 2
1	1

- c. As provided in Section VI.H.4, no vote by the Governance Committee or by its members can commit the rights, authorities, resources, finances, or operations of any other member without that member's approval.

4. VOTING REPRESENTATION.

- a. Each Member will each designate one primary representative (“Representative”) and one alternate (“Alternate”) to the West Slope Water IG.
- b. The West Slope Water IG will strive to take action by unanimous consensus of its Members. Resolution of matters that fail to achieve unanimous consensus will be resolved in accordance with the voting protocol established by VI.H.3. of the SG Plan. The three initial voting Members of the West Slope Water IG shall be the River District, Middle Park, and the Eagle River Entities.

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- c. Representatives and Alternates are expected to use best efforts to attend all regular, annual, and special meetings of the Stakeholders and Governance Committee, and to coordinate among each other in preparation for such meetings.
- d. Terms. For initial appointments, the River District's Representative and Alternate will serve a three-year term; the Eagle River Entities' Representative and Alternate will serve a two-year term; and Middle Park's Representative and Alternate will serve a one-year term. Subsequent terms for each appointment will be for three-year terms.
- e. Replacement. Each Member may replace a Representative or Alternate at its discretion.
- f. Members may use staff or consultants to participate in SG Plan committees and workgroups and make recommendations within that context.

5. FUNDING ASSESSMENTS.

- a. Annual assessments levied to the Members pursuant to Section VIII.B.2 of the SG Plan shall be divided among the Members and subject to annual appropriations by Members. The River District, Middle Park, and the Eagle River Entities will each pay 33% of the West Slope Water IG's annual assessment, and Yust Ranch will pay 1% of the annual assessment.
- b. If any one of the Members wishes to revisit this funding structure in the future, the other Members will develop an alternative that is acceptable to all of the Members.

Adopted this _____ day of _____, 2016, effective as of July 8, 2015.



Colorado River Water Conservation District

Middle Park Water Conservancy District

Eagle River Entities

Yust Ranch