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### MEMORANDUM

To: Governance Committee-GC, Platte River Recovery  
Implementation Program (PRRIP)  
From: Ted Kowalski, State of Colorado, GC Alt. Representative  
Alan Berryman, Colorado Water User GC Member  
Date: March 31, 2008  
Re: Changes to Colorado's Depletions Plan Assumptions

Bill Ritter, Jr.  
Governor

Harris D. Sherman  
DNR Executive Director

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Colorado is diligently conducting work to complete its initial depletions report for the Platte River Recovery Implementation Program, which is due at the end of 2008. In the course of this work, we have discovered new information related to population estimates that affects the assumptions relied upon by the Program. Colorado is raising this issue to the Governance Committee in order to assure transparency and in order to obtain the Governance Committee's support for Colorado's proposed approach. At the time the Cooperative Agreement was signed in 1997, the City of Broomfield was included in three different counties—Boulder, Adams and Jefferson counties. Since the 1997 baseline was established, Broomfield has become a separate county. Geographically, Broomfield county is located right on the border of the North and Central Regions (See the attached map). In 1997, 45% of the population was located in the Central Region (Adams and Jefferson Counties) and 55% of the population was located in the North Region (Boulder County). Colorado is proposing to divide the population of Broomfield County between the Central and North Regions by the same percentages that existed when the 1997 baseline was determined. This oversight was not reflected in the original letter of the State Demographer, submitted in March, 2007. As such, we have attached a revised and updated letter from the State Demographer with Broomfield County divided into the two regions on a percentage basis.

Colorado would also like to obtain the Governance Committee's support for the appropriate deadline for Colorado's initial report. The Program document states: "The initial Reporting Period will be two years from the initiation of a Program." The Program document does not say when the initial report is due. Colorado is requesting that the Governance Committee authorize Colorado to submit the initial report to the Governance Committee by March 31, 2009, in order to allow Colorado to have enough time to assemble the information from the initial reporting period into a report.

Attachments.

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Dear Mr. Kowalski:

According to the Platte River Recovery Implementation Program the State Demography Office shall report the amount by which the population of each region is expected to increase over the Population Baseline (July, 1997) by the end of the initial reporting period (January, 2009).

On the second page you will find a table with the defined regions, Colorado Depletion Plan (CDP) estimates for July 1, 1997, State Demography Office (SDO) estimates for July 1, 1997, SDO population forecasts for January 1, 2009, and the forecast population increase. The population is expected to increase by 728,120 in the whole South Platte River Basin between the baseline of July 1, 1997 and January 1, 2009.

Please be aware that we revise our county forecasts annually so what we are showing currently as our forecast for 2009 may change dependant upon economic and social conditions within the state and nationally. All of our data is available on our website at:

<http://www.dola.state.co.us/dlg/demog/index.html>

Please contact me with any questions regarding the estimates and forecasts.

Regards,

Elizabeth Garner  
State Demographer  
Colorado Department of Local Affairs

cc: Tony Hernandez, Director, Division of Local Governments

**Colorado Population Forecasts for the Platte River Recovery Implementation Program**  
**Source: Colorado State Demography Office, Department of Local Affairs 3/08**

<b>Counties</b>	<b>CDP 1997 Est.</b>	<b>SDO July 1997</b>	<b>SDO Jan. 2009</b>	<b>Pop. Increase</b>
Boulder		266,063	294,590	28,527
Broomfield 55%	*	*	27,647	27,647
Larimer		232,796	289,781	56,985
Logan		20,008	22,629	2,621
Morgan		26,647	30,185	3,538
Phillips		4,574	4,704	130
Sedgwick		2,731	2,672	-60
Washington		5,210	4,974	-237
Weld		166,840	254,738	87,898
<b>Total Northern Region</b>	<b>701,470</b>	<b>724,869</b>	<b>931,918</b>	<b>207,049</b>
Adams		332,744	437,921	105,177
Broomfield 45%	*	*	22,620	22,620
Clear Creek		8,880	9,939	1,059
Denver		527,442	597,812	70,370
Gilpin		4,035	5,338	1,303
Jefferson		504,234	544,098	39,864
Park		12,362	18,375	6,013
Arapahoe 90%		413,152	509,852	96,700
<b>Total Central Region</b>	<b>1,766,207</b>	<b>1,802,849</b>	<b>2,145,954</b>	<b>343,105</b>
Arapahoe 10%		45,905	56,650	10,745
Douglas		129,331	288,916	159,585
Elbert		16,987	24,623	7,636
<b>Total Southern Region</b>	<b>194,602</b>	<b>192,223</b>	<b>370,189</b>	<b>177,966</b>
<b>South Platte River Basin Total</b>	<b>2,662,279</b>	<b>2,719,941</b>	<b>3,448,061</b>	<b>728,120</b>

CDP - Colorado Depletion Plan, SDO - State Demography Office

\* The City and County of Broomfield was created in 2001 from parts of Boulder, Adams and Jefferson County