Southeastern Colorado Water Activity Enterprise

Excess Capacity Master Contract
Information Report

Date: August 19, 2021   **Agenda Item:** VI.C.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:
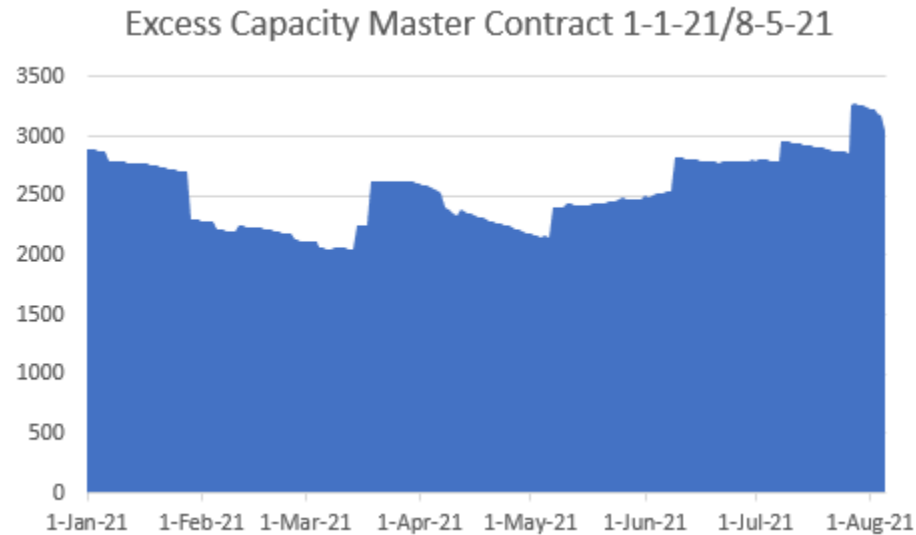Information

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:
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PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION AND/OR ACTIVITY:
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ISSUE SUMMARY DESCRIPTION:

Excess Capacity Master Contract (Contract):

The chart at left shows changes in the amount of storage from January 1, 2021 through August 5, 2021. Storage reached a low point of 2,049 AF in March, dipped again in May, 2021, but increased significantly during June and July to a high point of 3,276 AF on July 28, 2021.

The Contract was signed in 2016 and allows the District to store up to 29,938 acre-feet of water on behalf of participants for 40 years. In 2021, there are 16 participants, and only 11 of those currently are storing water. Another 21 participants will join as the Arkansas Valley Conduit (AVC) is completed.

As of August 5, 2021, 3,047 acre-feet of water was stored under the Contract, compared to 2,798 acre-feet on July 1, 2021.

The highest point for the year reached on July 28, 2021, at 3,276 acre-feet, the highest since March of 2020.

Storage levels continued to increase in July 2021, as Penrose and Salida added small amounts of water to their accounts almost daily, totaling about 300 acre-feet. Fountain, Security and Widefield added significant amounts on July 8, 2021, totaling about 150 acre-feet. The Lower Arkansas Valley Water Conservancy District added 400 acre-feet on July 27, 2021.

Those gains were offset by steady depletions to Fountain Valley Authority members and St. Charles Mesa accounts in the latter part of July. Rocky Ford, Poncha Springs, and the Upper Arkansas Water Conservancy District had evaporation losses only during July 2021.

The Contract allowed storage of up to 6,575 acre-feet in 2021, which is the same level as 2020. During 2020, between 2,525-3,324 acre-feet were stored.

SUGGESTED MOTION:
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ATTACHMENTS:
None