



DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES

MEMORANDUM

TO: Division One Call List

FROM: DAVID L. NETTLES, Division Engineer

DATE: April 26, 2013

SUBJECT: **PROCEDURE FOR COMMUNICATING TRANSIT LOSSES IN WY2013**

In anticipation of another potentially very dry year in 2013, Division One is establishing a new process to communicate its assessment of transit losses to water users along the main stem of the South Platte River below Chatfield Reservoir. The intent of this procedure is to implement a transparent process that will result in more advanced notice to water users of any potential increases in transit losses based on river and climatic conditions.

1. **On the third Wednesday of each month** (beginning May 15, 2013) Division One will send an email to the Division One call list informing water users of the water commissioners' assessment of the current transit loss rate and a forecast for the next upcoming month.
 - a. The forecast is intended to be a preliminary assessment and may not include a specific value, but rather indicate whether the current transit loss rate is expected to remain stable, increase, or decrease based upon certain river and climatic conditions.
2. Water users may reply to the email notification with any applicable data or other factual information that may provide additional insight or assist the division engineer and water commissioners in their consideration of what the transit losses along portions, or the entire length, of the South Platte River below Chatfield Reservoir main stem are, or may be for the upcoming month.
3. **On, or around, the 30th of each month** the division engineer and water commissioners will finalize their assessment and establish a transit loss rate for the next upcoming month. This value will be communicated via email on, or around, the 30th of each month to the Division One call list.
4. We will continue this procedure until conditions along the main stem become more stable and predictable.

Disclaimer: In the event that the South Platte River basin experiences unstable conditions (i.e., large or sudden rainfall events or any other unexpected events) that may immediately affect transit losses, the division engineer and water commissioner may change the transit loss rates effective immediately, and without following the above-referenced procedures. In this instance, notification will still be provided via the Division One call list as soon as practicable.

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