

PIPELINE DELIVERS WATER TO RIVER

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The Compact Compliance Pipeline (CCP) started delivering water to the North Fork of the Republican River on Friday, January 17th.

The Board of Directors of the Republican River Water Conservation District voted to start operating the pipeline after the State of Colorado received approval from Kansas for 100% credit for the water delivered by the pipeline for 2014.

Colorado and Kansas continue to negotiate the permanent approval of the pipeline proposal.

The CCP is scheduled to deliver approximately 4,000 acre-feet of water prior to April 1st in an effort to be in compliance with the compact.

In late summer Colorado will calculate if the state will be in compliance depending on weather conditions and the amount of water that is pumped in the Basin during the summer months. If additional water is required, the pipeline will deliver the acre-feet necessary to be in compliance with the compact, prior to the end of 2014.

Water delivered by the pipeline is measured in the channel just prior to the water flowing into the river by a state operated Sutron Gage installed in the parshall flume. There are totalizing flow meters (TFM) on each of the 8 wells that currently pump into the pipeline. There is an additional flow meter measuring the amount of water just prior to the end of the pipeline.

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