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Proposed Republican River Compact Rules and Measurement Rules

The public meetings scheduled for August 27 and 28, 2007 in five locations located throughout the Republican River Basin to discuss proposed rules to govern the use, diversion, and measurement of water resources in the Basin have been delayed. Because these rules are important to achieving compliance with the Republican River Compact and are expected to generate significant comment from water users in the Basin, the Colorado Department of Natural Resources has requested to have the proposed rules fully reviewed internally before submitting them for public comment. Ken Knox, Chief Deputy State Engineer stated "We recognize the frustration of our neighbors and water users who are concerned about their ability to divert water and their need to have accurate information in a timely manner to make personal business decisions. However, it is important that the initial public draft be as complete and well thought out as possible. Thus, we are taking additional time to try to do that." Knox agrees that the request for more time is reasonable and the delay will not adversely impact Colorado's actions toward compliance with the Republican River Compact. To accommodate harvest, the public meetings will be held in early October and the specific dates, times, and locations will be provided in advance notice. In the interim, Knox welcomes public comments, which should be submitted to republicanriverrules@state.co.us.