Memo -- Storage Study Committee

August 19, 1996

TO: Storage Study Committee Members and Interested Parties

FROM: Steve Arveschoug

RE: Up-date—SECWCD Board Action, Dam Site Tour and August 6th Committee Meeting Summary, Letter to USBR

I want to keep you updated on the work of the Storage Study Committee, so I've attached for your review the following documents: Meeting Summary August 6th Storage Study Committee Meeting, the Report on the Committee's Dam Site Tour—August 16th, and a August 20th letter to Jack Garner, USBR, requesting informal, written response to the Committee's storage solutions list.

Based on the recommendation of the Committee, the Board of the Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District has directed that a formal survey of the various water-user groups in the District be conducted. The written survey/questionnaire is considered the next step in the outreach-meeting process, and will be mailed to water users in the very near future.

The Board also agreed that a formal water needs assessment may be required after the initial survey is complete. The assessment would be designed to determine the future water and storage needs of the District's municipal and agricultural water users. Further consideration of the water needs assessment will take place after the survey.

Please give me a call if you have questions or comments.
August 20, 1996

Mr. Jack Garner  
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Eastern Colorado Area Office  
U.S. Bureau of Reclamation  
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Dear Mr. Garner:

As I shared with you during our brief cell phone-to-cell phone conversation last Friday, August 16, 1996, the Storage Study Committee of the District needs further assistance from your office in order to continue with it's work.

Specifically, the Committee would like written, informal comment on the following concepts which are a part of the our list of possible solutions to future storage demands. Those items include:

1. Long term If-and-When contracts (greater than 1 year—5, 10 or 20 year contracts);

2. Storage of non-project water in dedicated Project space (i.e., storage of Colorado Springs water in space set aside for Colorado Springs' portion of the FVA Project Water storage space);

3. Reallocation of Project storage and spill priority to allow for permanent storage contracts; and

4. Storage of Project Water in non-project space (i.e., the storage of Project Water in Lake Meredith).

Please provide us a description of the USBR's initial, informal position on each of the above. As well as any regulatory requirements which would need to be considered in any USBR decision on these items (NEPA compliance, ESA, etc.).
The District has not taken any formal position on any of these solution items. One of the goals of the Storage Study Committee is to identify all the possible solutions to the basin's water storage demands, and to understand the limitations on each. Your responses to these solutions will be helpful in accomplishing that goal.

We look forward to your response to this request, and ask that you provide your comments before the next Storage Study Committee meeting—September 27, 1996.

Please give me a call if you have questions.

Sincerely,

Steve Arveschoug
General Manager

cc. SECWCD Board
Water Storage Study Group

Date: 12/20/95

To: Jack Garner, USBR; Philip Saletta, Colo. Springs Utilities; Bob Northrup, Chairman District Allocation Committee

CC: District Board Members, Dave Cross, Jim Townsend, Steve Witte, Tom Musgrove, Doug Cain

From: Steve Arveschougg

RE: Storage Needs Study Group

I'm late in following up on our October meeting regarding future storage needs for municipal and agricultural water users within the Southeastern District. Recall that the Board agreed to enter into a study effort with the District's water users to review storage needs and Fry-Ark facilities operation. This was precipitated in part by the Raw Water Storage Requirements Report from Colorado Springs Utilities and the lack of storage space for the Winter Water Storage Program.

When we met I promised to draft a Study Group participant list for general review, and to bring the issue before the full Board. Therefore, I've attached for your consideration a list of general interest-group participants for the Study Group. Please take the time to add specific names or other interest groups which you feel need to be added. Then provide me your thoughts by January 15, 1996 and I'll start to pull the group together for our first meeting.

As I've noted, the Board did agree to move forward with an effort to review current storage needs and assess how Project operation or policy changes may address those needs. That effort will begin as soon as we finalize our participant list. I will ask the Board for their ideas on possible Study Group members as well.

I have received copies of documents which describe the 1985 effort to accommodate non-project storage in Fry-Ark facilities. This includes an outline for marketing the available storage space, which was presented to the Agriculture Long Term Water Storage meeting held July 18, 1985, and an M&I storage meeting which was conducting around that same time period. If you would like to review this information immediately, please let me know. Otherwise, I will make this information available to all the final participants of the Study Group before our first meeting.

Please give me a call if you have questions
Storage Needs Study Group

Draft Interest-Group Participant List

1. Winter Water Storage Program / AVDA
2. Upper Arkansas Municipal and Recreation Interests
3. Colorado Springs Utilities
4. Pueblo Board of Water Works
5. CWPDA / AGUA - well owner groups
6. Lower Arkansas Municipal Interests
7. FVA
8. Division Engineer's Office
9. USBR
10. US Corps of Engineers
11. US Geological Survey
12. Other ?