

ACCOMPLISHING THE MISSION OF THE DISTRICT

The District was formed in 1979 pursuant to the Colorado Water Conservancy Act of 1937 to perform water works within its area formed by the decree of the district court 1979CV30. Subsequent territorial inclusions which have become part of the District adopt the same mission and enter upon the same footing as the original geographical area. In accordance with the statute CRS 37-45-101 et. Seq., “The Water Conservancy Act”, and the formative decree 1979CV30, the board of directors has developed potential methods for attaining the Primary Mission of the District.

Methods of Attainment

- Through exercise of all legal, economic and political means at the water conservancy district’s disposal to contest any further erosion of Upper Valley water rights by out-of-priority appropriation by water users.
- Attempt to maintain current status of water in the Upper Valley by halting further depletions and supporting administration of water in accordance with historical priority dates.
- Seek to prevent transfer of water rights out of the Arkansas River Basin.
- Pursue conversion of voluntarily available surface agricultural water rights to other beneficial uses in the Upper Arkansas River Basin.
- Seek means for acquisition and utilization of Fryingpan-Arkansas Project water purchased and allocated through the Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District.
- Promote replacement of stream depletions resulting from out of priority water use by wells, ponds, and other structures.
- Wherever possible, seek to achieve, maintain, or advance cost-effective synergies between District initiatives or operations and non-consumptive beneficial uses of water such as recreation, fisheries, and the environment.
- Employ competent legal, technical, and managerial personnel to promote the Upper Arkansas Water Conservancy District’s objectives.