Tri-County Water Conservancy District’s Board of Directors voted unanimously in favor of supporting the Colorado River District’s ballot question 7A and urges all eligible voters to vote “YES” in the November election. Voters will be asked to increase their property tax by $1.90 per year per $100,000 of assessed residential value. The Board’s action was taken during a regular board meeting on Wednesday, September 16, 2020.

The Colorado River District’s ballot question 7A asks voters to support a property tax increase to protect water resources in Western Colorado while funding projects to improve water use and healthy streams. The River District is asking voters for the authority to raise their mill levy by .248 mills, increasing the total mill levy from .252 to .5 mills which is projected to raise $4.9 million in additional annual tax revenue for the River District and protection of Western Slope water resources. According to the River District, approximately 86% of the amount raised will be allocated toward partnerships with water users and communities with the River District on projects identified as priorities by local communities and Basin Roundtables. They plan to prioritize multi-purpose projects that meet the needs of one or more of five identified categories which include: productive agriculture, infrastructure, healthy rivers, watershed health and water quality, and conservation and efficiency. Tri-County supports the River District’s efforts which are critical to district residents as the River District serves as a strong and effective advocate on water matters affecting Western Colorado.

For additional information about Tri-County Water’s support of the Colorado River District’s ballot call Tri-County at (970) 249-3369 or email our general manager at mike@tricountywater.org.

Simple tips & tricks to conserve our most precious resource

Water conservation is a year-round endeavor. Simple household and outdoor tricks can help your family save water and money.

- Apply water only as fast as soil can absorb it. If you plan to soak a shrub, make sure you use the lightest flow of water and monitor progress.
- Report broken pipes, leaky hydrants and errant sprinklers to property owners or your local water provider.
- Plant species native to your region.
- Minimize or eliminate the use of waterfalls and sprays in your landscaping. Aeration increases evaporation.
- Reduce the amount of lawn by planting shrubs and ground covers appropriate to your site and region. Also make sure to account for sunlight needs and weather patterns.
- Evaporative coolers require a seasonal maintenance check. For more efficient cooling, check your evaporative cooler annually.