

## Description of Proposed Temporary Excess Capacity Contract with the City of Victor

Reclamation is considering a request from the City of Victor (Victor) to enter into a one year temporary excess storage capacity contract for storage of up to 1,000 ac-ft of non-project water in Pueblo Reservoir for municipal purposes. Of the expected outflow from Pueblo Reservoir, only the 40 ac-ft in April, 80 ac-ft in May, 89 ac-ft in June, 80 ac-ft in July, and 92 ac-ft in August that would be exchanged out of Pueblo Reservoir to the Altman Pump Station (Altman) will be analyzed in the Environmental Assessment. The remainder of their request, which involves the Arkansas River, is within the scope of the Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact No. EC-1300-06-02 signed in April 2006 (2006-2010 EA).

As a result of entering into this contract, Victor would exchanges to Altman when the streamflow at the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) Stream Gage 07099060 at Beaver Creek above Highway 115 near Penrose, Colorado is greater than 8.0 cfs. As a result, exchanges could not occur during dry conditions. The maximum rate of exchange would not exceed 1.5 cfs.

The diversions made at Altman would be for the same time period and in the same amount and rate as would occur without a contract with Reclamation. The only difference is that Victor would need to find another source of water instead of exchanging their water stored in Pueblo Reservoir. Therefore, preliminary analysis shows that no impacts would occur as a result of entering into the proposed contract that have not already been analyzed in the 2006-2010 EA.