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 *Via U.S. Mail*

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 **Re: December 3, 2015 Meeting**

 Dear Directors:

 Enclosed are meeting materials for the next meeting of the Yellow Jacket Water Conservancy District, to be held Thursday, December 3, 2015 at 2:00 at the Rio Blanco County Commissioner’s meeting room.

 At the meeting, the Board will be asked to approve and adopt the attached budget. The District received revised valuations from Garfield and Moffat Counties. The Garfield County revisions did not result in a material change to the anticipated revenues ($1). The Moffat County revisions resulted in a $227 reduction in property taxes. The budge has been revised accordingly with a reduction to the ending fund balance for 2016.

 Craig Ullman from Applegate Group will be present to provide the results of this year’s storage feasibility study. Craig and I met with Colorado Parks and Wildlife and discussed the options for an enlarged Lake Avery. While a number of technical issues and contractual issues remain to be worked out, the staff we met with were favorable to the concept and encouraged proceeding to the next steps. Any project with Parks and Wildlife would likely require a collaborative effort with portions of the additional water to be dedicated to maintaining water for fish flows.

 In addition to technical issues with the engineering of a dam crest or spillway modification, there are some “political” questions that will need to be addressed in the next year. One relates to possible inundation of Mr. Livingston’s property during possible flood events where the water may back up on to the property before it can travel through the spillway. Further engineering is necessary to discover the extent of such temporary inundation, as well as a discussion with Mr. Livingston to see his willingness to work with the District.

 Additionally, the District will need to work with the Yampa/White Basin Roundtable and the Colorado Water Conservation Board to get this project on the radar of those entities and to champion the project.

 See you next week.

Very truly yours,

By:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 Scott Grosscup