

## **Review of Proposed Changes to the 1980 Operating Plan**

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Today ARCA will consider adopting a revised “Resolution Concerning An Operating Plan For John Martin Reservoir”, which is often referred to as the 1980 Operating Plan. This summary is for informational purposes only and is not intended to alter or interpret any of the changes.

Over the past few years a number of issues were raised concerning the accounting and interpretation of the 1980 Operating Plan. Colorado and Kansas staff, as well as ARCA’s Operations Committee, worked to resolve these issues. To expedite resolution, ARCA created a Special Engineering Committee by Resolution 2005-1, which was adopted by ARCA on December 13, 2005. In each subsequent year since, ARCA has passed a resolution extending the work of Committee.

The Special Engineering Committee consists of four members: the Kansas Chief Engineer, the Colorado State Engineer, and a compact representative from each state. This committee was charged to recommend resolutions to ARCA. From 2005 to 2007, ARCA resolutions adopted six recommendations of the Special Engineering Committee on various accounting or interpretation issues. The following is a listing of those ARCA Resolutions:

- ARCA Resolution 2006-01 / Recommendation A – John Martin Reservoir Permanent Pool Evaporation Method
- ARCA Resolution 2006-02 / Recommendation B – Winter Water and District 67 Winter Water Storage Charge Holding Accounts in John Martin Reservoir
- ARCA Resolution 2006-03 / Recommendation C – Transfer of Conservation Storage to Section II Accounts under the 1980 Operating Plan
- ARCA Resolution 2006-04 / Recommendation D – Section II Account Spill Volume
- ARCA Resolution 2007-05 / Recommendation E – Clarification of procedures for making up deficits on deliveries of Kansas account releases and Concurrent releases from the Kansas transit loss account and the Kansas account
- ARCA Resolution 2007-06 / Recommendation F – Clarification regarding evaporation charges when water is in flood control space in John Martin Reservoir

The resolutions suggested revisions to the 1980 Operating Plan.

Per assignment of ARCA in 2007, the States worked to incorporate these revisions into a revised 1980 Operating Plan during 2008 and 2009. As part of incorporating these revisions, it was noted that there were other areas where the clarification and consistency of the document could be improved. Those revisions were made and have been agreed upon by both States.

In sum, the proposed revisions incorporate changes approved by ARCA at previous meetings based upon recommendations from ARCA’s Special Engineering Committee and subsequent clarifications agreed upon by both States.