

# TIMELINE: Regional Pool Program Latest News

August 2010

## 2010

### Aug. 13

The Northern Water Board of Directors did not elect to allocate water to the RPP this month. Because September marks the end of the 2010 water year, the Sept. 10 Board meeting offers the final chance for directors to add water to this year's pool. They have said they probably will not do so.

This year's two allocations gave Northern Water staff the chance to carry out the RPP process for the first time. The program was successful in two primary ways. First, it gave water users a chance to rent Colorado-Big Thompson Project water that would not necessarily have otherwise been on the market, even if they do not have C-BT contracts. This increases the beneficial use of regional water supplies.

Second, the program's revenues this year totaled more than \$304,200. That money will go back to the C-BT accounts that contributed water to the pool.

For more information, visit [www.northernwater.org](http://www.northernwater.org) and click on the Regional Pool button.

### July 16

The second bids to lease Regional Pool Program water were opened, a week after the Board made a 15,000 acre-foot allocation to the pool.

Northern Water received 14 bid requests totaling 1,030 acre feet. All bid requests greater than or equal to \$9.32 were successful.

Bidding results are available by visiting [www.northernwater.org](http://www.northernwater.org) and clicking on the Regional Pool button.

### July 9

The second allocation of Regional Pool Program water was made by the Board during its regular meeting. The Board agreed to make 15,000 acre feet available for lease. Sealed bids were due in Northern Water's Berthoud headquarters by 2 p.m. July 16.

### March 19

The first bids to lease Regional Pool Program water were opened, a week after the Board made a 10,000 acre-foot allocation to the pool.

Northern Water received 58 bid requests totaling 22,120 acre feet. All bid requests greater than or equal to \$22.12 were successful.

## **March 12**

The first allocation of Regional Pool Program water was made by the Board during its regular meeting. The Board agreed to make 10,000 acre feet available for lease. Sealed bids were due in Northern Water's Berthoud headquarters by 2 p.m. March 19.

## **Jan. 8**

The Board discussed the RPP in relation to the upcoming runoff season, which is tough to predict this early. Directors wanted to be sure that the RPP makes sense given the water year and other Colorado-Big Thompson Project operations. They also talked about logistics of the RPP bidding process.

## **2009**

Northern Water staff's focus in 2009 was to draft procedures setting up the bidding process and how staff will manage incoming bids. This is the first year since the RPP Rule was approved that enough water is available for the program to be implemented for the following year.

## **2005**

The Board approved the RPP Rule, a policy that created the program and set limitations and other specifics on when and how it can come into play. The idea behind the RPP is to better manage and provide for efficient use of C-BT water.