



# RIVERSIDE

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## IRRIGATION DISTRICT

May 18, 2009

Tom Kroening  
Colorado Division of Wildlife  
PO Box 128  
Brush, CO 80723

RE: Andrick Property

Dear Tom,

Presently, the Riverside Irrigation District operates the Goodrich recharge facility located on property co-owned by Mr. Andrick and the Ruland family. We have enjoyed a very successful relationship with both parties and their predecessors. The Goodrich facility has proven to be a valuable water resource to Riverside and the property co-owners in particular and generally to the South Platte river for over thirty years.

The Colorado Division of Wildlife is negotiating the purchase of Mr. Andrick's portion of the project and has asked Riverside to offer its opinions regarding such an ownership transfer. Riverside's interest in this matter is in protecting the existing cooperative relationship, providing for long-term maximization of the recharge associated with the Goodrich facility, and protecting Riverside's 60% interest in the water diverted into the Goodrich facility.

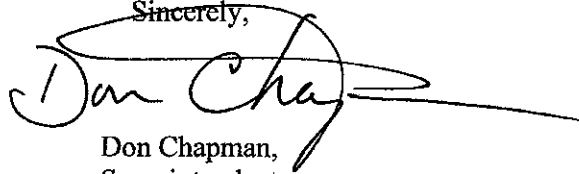
The cooperative relationship that we have enjoyed over the years could be adversely impacted if as a result of the DOW's ownership new and burdensome State or Federal requirements were instituted on operation of the facility regarding water quality, habitat management or other considerations beyond Riverside's control. We currently enjoy a local decision-making ability and flexible management style that helps ensure the intelligent water management of the project. New mandates in these kinds of matters could greatly disrupt, unnecessarily complicate, and frustrate efficient and successful project management. You have assured us that no Federal presence is being brought into the Goodrich facility and that no such new mandates on a State level will result from DOW's acquisition. This relieves one of our greatest concerns.

The Goodrich facility was developed for the purpose of developing recharge to the South Platte alluvium in accordance with the decree of the District Court, Water Division 1, in Case No. W-2919 (Area III) and has been actively operated and managed as such for over thirty years. This water source has benefited both the owners of the land on which the Goodrich facility is located and Riverside. Landowners with the Riverside Irrigation District are dependent upon the continued diversions to recharge of the Goodrich project because Riverside's 60% interest in such water is used as one of the key augmentation sources used in Riverside's augmentation plan that was recently decreed. There are few, if any, resources in Colorado that rival the value and importance of water.

It is with this view that we have co-operatively operated and managed the Goodrich facility. You have communicated to us that the DOW shares this goal of continuing maximum water diversion to the property for the purpose of maximizing recharge accretions to the alluvial aquifer of the South Platte River in accordance with the applicable decrees.

It is in reliance on these understandings that Riverside would welcome the Division of Wildlife as a partner in its purchase of the Andrick portion of the Goodrich recharge project. We look forward to working with the local DOW staff in operating the recharge water rights for the maximum beneficial use of all project participants. We have enjoyed a long history of and good relationship with the DOW regarding the existing parcels of Riverside Irrigation District land that the DOW manages and we have every expectation that that will continue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Don Chapman". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line extending to the right from the end of the name.

Don Chapman,  
Superintendent

STATE OF COLORADO

Bill Ritter, Jr., Governor  
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
**DIVISION OF WILDLIFE**

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May 5, 2009

Board of Morgan County Commissioners  
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Fort Morgan, CO 80701

RE: Andrick property acquisition

Dear Gentlemen,

The Colorado Division of Wildlife (CDOW) is working to purchase about 710 +/- acres from John and Linda Andrick. The property is located immediately southwest of and adjacent to Jackson Lake State Park in Morgan County. The purpose of this acquisition is to maintain and enhance valuable habitat for numerous wildlife species with a major emphasis on migratory and nesting waterfowl. This property will also provide excellent public access for hunting, wildlife viewing, and educational opportunities. CDOW will also pursue any opportunities for public fishing. Funding for this project will be provided through the Habitat Stamp program and Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO).

The CDOW will manage the property for public access and wildlife enhancement. This property has the potential to be a destination site for hunters and visitors from outside of Morgan County as well as county residents. The most recent economic impact study for Colorado in 2002 reflects over a \$10 million per year in direct income to Morgan County by wildlife recreationalists. Agricultural production will not be affected in any way through this project and, in fact, there could be secondary benefits through the continued use of the property for ground water recharge efforts. There is currently no agriculture production on the property. CDOW will make annual payments in lieu of taxes.

The CDOW and John and Linda Andrick have reached an agreement on a selling price which is the appraised value. In order to facilitate a closure of the sale of this property we are requesting your consideration of the project and indication of your concurrence or at least non-opposition. You could either send a separate letter of concurrence and/or non-opposition from the Board by June 8, 2009 or simply sign (below) and return this letter to me. Your letter will be included in the real estate package to be sent to members of the Capital Development Committee (CDC) for their consideration of this acquisition at a meeting in June. I will be sending similar requests to Senator Brophy and Representative Gardner once the Colorado Wildlife Commission has acted on this agenda item at their meeting on May 7 and 8, 2009.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this proposal. If you have any questions, please contact me at 970-842-6311.

Sincerely,

Tom Kroening  
Area Wildlife Manager - Brush

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, Harris D. Sherman, Executive Director  
WILDLIFE COMMISSION, Brad Coors, Chair • Tim Glenn, Vice Chair • Dennis Buechler, Secretary  
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CC: S. Yamashita, K. Green, E. Perkins, T. Cozad

The Board of Morgan County Commissioners hereby supports/ does not oppose (circle one) the acquisition of the Andrick property by the Colorado Division of Wildlife

By: [Signature]

By: Tony Carlson

By: [Signature]

6-16-09

Morgan County Commissioner(s)

----- Original Message -----

From: Senator Brophy <greg@gregbrophy.net>

To: Mauck, Tim

Sent: Fri Jun 19 14:37:36 2009

Subject: No opposition

I do not oppose the property purchase in Morgan County.

Greg

Sent from my BlackBerry® wireless device from Viaero