Northern Water Board increases C-BT quota to 80 percent

BERTHOUD – Northern Water’s Board of Directors has opted to increase the delivery quota for the Colorado-Big Thompson Project from 70 percent to 80 percent. The increase will make more water available to allotment contract holders throughout Northern Water.

The allocation will be effective on July 1.

In a presentation to the Northern Water board, Water Resources Department Manager Luke Shawcross outlined the current status of storage in the C-BT Project, as well as the hot and dry conditions that have emerged this spring on the Eastern Plains.

“We need to be looking at the needs of the region,” said Northern Water Director John Rusch, noting the extended heat and wind in the eastern counties in Northern Water’s boundaries. Rusch represents Morgan and Washington counties on the Board.

The allocation of a supplemental quota is not uncommon in Northern Water’s history. This marks the sixth time since 2000 that the board has issued a supplemental quota after April.

About Northern Water:

Northern Water, a public agency created in 1937, provides water for agricultural, municipal, domestic and industrial uses for more than 1 million people in Northern Colorado via the Colorado-Big Thompson Project, Pleasant Valley Pipeline and Southern Water Supply Project. Its Municipal Subdistrict delivers water through the Windy Gap Project. Northern Water and the Municipal Subdistrict are currently developing the Windy Gap Firming Project and the Northern Integrated Supply Project to enhance Front Range water supplies for the future.