

Water Supply Planning:

Water history and issues in the Eagle River Valley

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- Current political structure
- History of water in Eagle River Valley
- Where our water comes from
- How we use water
- Important future issues









Early Eagle County



Edwards, CO; courtesy of Eagle County Historical Society



Genealogy – ERWSD

WATER

SEWER





Genealogy – UERWA

Member Districts:

Town of Avon (historic Avon Metropolitan District) Arrowhead Metropolitan District Beaver Creek Metropolitan District Berry Creek Metropolitan District Eagle-Vail Metropolitan District Edwards Metropolitan District





Benefits of regionalization

- Centralized water rights administration and strategy
- Integrated water systems for flexibility and optimization
- Administrative and operational efficiency
- Development of in-basin reservoir storage



Service area and watershed





Snowpack







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Black Lake 1





Eagle Park Reservoir



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Homestake Reservoir



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Diversions and outfalls





Water for new development

NEW RESERVOIR STORAGE

- Developers must dedicate, or pay a fee for, an adequate supply of water.
- Creating new storage is costly and takes many years, and is not feasible for developers to accomplish.
- Reservoirs are expanded or new storage is built to serve forecasted growth.

CONSERVATION

- Building code efficiency requirements.
- Reducing water use for landscaping.



Outdoor water efficiency





Topics for the next presentation

- Water supply model and conclusions
- Water supply master plan
- Proposed Programs and Projects

QUESTIONS / DISCUSSION