

Supplemental Augmentation Water

Should House Creek continue to be dry the State Engineer, Garver Brown, may require Stagestop to supply supplemental water to fulfill its augmentation requirements. Garver has estimated this to be at most 5 acre-ft per year.

Headwater Authority of the South Platte (HASP) can supply the water on request. See the HASP Documents for details.

At this time Garver feels confident Stagestop should be able to continue to fulfill the augmentation requirement well into the future. He suggests we check the snowpack each spring to get some indication of the House Creek water potential and trend toward the future. We generally release enough water in the spring runoff and into the early summer months to more than satisfy our summer use requirements. As long as we can satisfy our winter use requirements by releasing water from the reservoirs we should be ok. He applauds our efforts to keep on top of our water requirements and recommends we create a plan of action if necessary. This would include setting sufficient funds into a separate account earmarked for such an emergency.

With regard to HASP water availability Garver informs me they are acquiring more than 100 acre-ft of additional water which will more than double their capacity. At this point he sees no reason the first come, first served water would not be available for the foreseeable future.