



April 20, 2020

Dear Members:

We are excited to share that the Colorado Water Protective and Development Association (CWPDA) and the Arkansas Groundwater Users' Association (AGUA) are exploring a possible merger or consolidation of our membership and/or operations in a manner that benefits all.

CWPDA and AGUA's discussions are in the early stages and could last through the end of 2020. Such a merger/consolidation would require approval by both organizations, pursuant to a specific plan to be worked out with the boards of each organization.

The potential benefits of a merger/consolidation include cost savings from joint water replacement plan preparation, approval, and accounting; joint water and water facility acquisition and use; more flexibility to efficiently use source water and avoid spills/losses; and efficiencies in personnel and other costs.

Business as usual will occur for both organizations during these merger/consolidation discussions, which will not interfere with the ability of either organization to provide their members with reliable supplies of replacement water.

With the departure of Kevin Niles from AGUA to manage Stratmoor Hills Water and Sanitation District, AGUA hired Kent Ricken to fill the role of General Manager for the remainder of 2020, in addition to his current role as General Manager of CWPDA. Also, starting in May 2020, AGUA will operate from CWPDA's new office space at 205 South Main Street in Fowler. These arrangements will immediately save each organization money.

We look forward to evaluating the opportunities that combined operations may provide to CWPDA and AGUA, and will update the members of each organization on our progress.

We hope that you are staying healthy and staying safe!

Sincerely,

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Matthew Proctor  
President, CWPDA

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Scott Brazil  
President, AGUA