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**New Year's Message: Colorado's overlooked water, energy, and environmental silver bullet**

**For: Colorado's governor and political, business, farm, education, and environmental leaders**

**From: Dave Miller  strategic water – energy – environmental planner**

The enclosed U. S. Army Corps of Engineers' positive response to Natural Energy's innovative, high altitude, pumped-storage concept could serve as a major institutional breakthrough for Colorado and the Western Region's vital water, energy, and environmental needs.

Natural Energy's enclosed October 15, 2012 letter to the Corps briefly explains how Central Colorado Project's (CCP) high storage would be an economic and environmental game changer for Colorado and arid down river states on both sides of the Continental Divide.

In view of these realities, Colorado's policy leaders should unite behind an emergency federal, state, and local program to evaluate and develop CCP. CCP's U. S. Patented regional water and energy productivity multiplier concept can serve as a pilot high storage project and solution for our nation's escalating western drought, growth, and environmental crises.

A CCP Evaluation and Development Program would reveal Colorado's currently proposed transmountain, transmountain reuse, and farm fallowing alternatives are economically and environmentally inferior to CCP's unique regional concept. National Environmental Policy Act EIS scoping rules require objective consideration of *all reasonable alternatives*.

U. S. Department of Interior Dam Safety Studies also indicate the Bureau of Reclamation's Taylor Park and Pueblo Reservoir Dams would fail catastrophically with flood flows above 55% of today's official Probable Maximum Flood (PMF) criteria. CCP is designed to replace and enlarge Taylor Park Reservoir. CCP will also reduce Southeastern Colorado's growing dependence on USBR's unsafe Pueblo Reservoir and its excessively depleted Arkansas River.

Our nation's western states can permanently benefit from integrated, multi-basin, high storage projects. Such projects can eventually replace traditional dams on rivers that are filling with silt, concentrating pollutants, increasing regional evaporation losses, and harming river environments. **CCP is Colorado's overlooked water, energy, and environmental silver bullet.**

Encls: USACOE letter dated 11-28-12; with Natural Energy's ref. 10-15-12 letter (without encls.)  
cc: The White House; CEQ; Secretaries of Interior, Agriculture, & Energy; EPA; USACOE; USBR; Western Governors; Denver & Colorado Springs; selected local, state, and national entities.



REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS  
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South Pacific Division  
Regional Integration Team

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Dear Mr. Miller:

Thank you for your letter dated October 15, 2012, regarding your interest in high altitude pumped-storage projects in Colorado. I am committed to assisting local communities in solving water related problems and developing sustainable water resources. I apologize for the delay in responding.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers builds water resource projects by partnering with local sponsors through a cost shared process involving studies, authorization, appropriation and ultimately project construction. Lacking a specific authority, the Corps has limited programmatic authority to assist states; however, one such authority is the Planning Assistance to States (PAS) program. This program authorizes assistance to states, local governments and other non-federal entities in the preparation of comprehensive plans for the development and conservation of water and related land resources. Any state, local, or tribal official interested in obtaining assistance under this program should begin by contacting the appropriate Corps district office. For further details you can contact the Corps Sacramento District PAS coordinator Ms. Judy Soutiere via email at [Judy.m.soutiere@usace.army.mil](mailto:Judy.m.soutiere@usace.army.mil) or by phone at (916) 557-7397.

Please be assured that I understand the significance of innovative solutions to renewable water and energy needs and appreciate your support. Thank you for your interest in the Corps Civil Works Program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Stockton".

Steven L. Stockton, P.E.  
Director of Civil Works

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**October 15, 2012**

**Commissioner Michael Connor  
U. S. Bureau of Reclamation  
1849 C Street, NW  
Washington, D. C. 20240**

**Lt. General Thomas Bostick  
U. S. Army Corps of Engineers  
441 G Street, NW  
Washington, D. C. 20314**

**Subject: Evaluation of Central Colorado Project (CCP) for western water & energy needs**

**Dear Commissioner Connor and General Bostick:**

Natural Energy's September 12, 2012 letter to President Obama and Governor Hickenlooper describes how federal, state, and local leaders are violating national environmental laws by ignoring Central Colorado Project's innovative solutions for western water and energy needs.

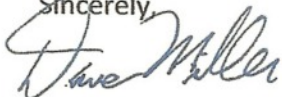
The enclosed Central Colorado Project White Paper, Professional References, and U. S. Patent Abstract provide good summaries of CCP's breakthrough high altitude pumped storage capabilities. CCP is designed to selectively integrate and multiply the reliability and productivity of limited water and energy resources throughout five Southwestern river basins and the western power grid. Modeling can confirm CCP's expected benefit-cost ratio is higher than 10 to 1. The industry's norm for water projects is 2 to 1. Public safety is also enhanced.

Several of your NEPA compliance officials have advised that the Bureau's Denver Office and the Corps' Sacramento Office have advanced planning functions that could preliminarily evaluate CCP's unprecedented solutions for our nation's clean water and energy shortage crises.

The Bureau's overlooked Upper Gunnison Aspinall Pool Transmountain Studies and Natural Energy's detailed Feasibility Level Geological, Geotechnical, and Stability Investigations for Union Park Dam provide good starting points for your vital CCP scoping evaluations.

Natural Energy is looking forward to working closely and sharing its proprietary rights with all stakeholders involved with the evaluation and development of Central Colorado Project's game changing solutions for western water and energy needs. Thank you, and please advise.

Sincerely,



Dave Miller, President

Encls: CCP White Paper & Prof. Refs., 4-19-07; U. S. Patent Abstract, 1-11-11; Profile, 2-12-08.  
cc: The White House; CEQ Chair Sudley; Secretary Salazar; Secretary Vilsack; Secretary Chu;  
EPA Administrator Jackson; Gov. Hickenlooper; Western Governors; selected leaders.