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# Water Conservancy District

*"Your investment in water"*

**To:** DeWeese Ditch & Reservoir Company, Superintendent/Manager  
**From:** Garrett Markus, P.E., Water Resources Engineer  
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**Subject:** Reclamation Reform Act (RRA) FORM 7-21INFO 2020 Instructions

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Each year DeWeese Ditch & Reservoir Company submits an application to the Southeastern Colorado Water Activity Enterprise (Southeastern) for Fryingpan-Arkansas Project water (Project water), which is supplemental to decreed water rights. In mid-May of each year Southeastern allocates Project water and notifies the agricultural water organization of the amount of Project water available to them.

Contractually, Southeastern must comply with the Reclamation Reform Act (RRA) as defined by the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation). Reclamation recommended all landholders receive the FORM 7-21INFO Instructions GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE RRA FORMS, which provides a wide spectrum of information explaining the RRA. An additional resource is on the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation's website at <https://www.usbr.gov/rra/index.html>

Public Law 97-293 and Section 426.18 of the Acreage Limitation Rules and Regulations require all landholders who own or lease lands, (directly or indirectly) over the form submittal threshold certify all landholdings "westwide" (the 17 Western states). If a landholder fails to complete the proper RRA form(s), that landholder will not be eligible to receive Project water until the proper RRA form(s) are received by this office and may receive a fine for not complying. If your landholdings are *under* the reporting threshold, this material is strictly for your information.



**Who must submit RRA forms?** All landholders who hold irrigable or irrigation land within any Reclamation Project and who exceed the applicable RRA forms submittal threshold, see FORM 7-21INFO page two, Table 1, Southeastern's forms submittal is Category 1.

If you have questions, feel free to contact Southeastern at (719) 948-2400 or the Bureau of Reclamation toll free RRA Hotline at (877) 587-9540.

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