Rio Blanco secures right for dam-and-reservoir project

On Jan. 7, Rio Blanco Water Conservancy District secured an important conditional water storage right for a dam-and-reservoir project that could provide much-needed water supply for the county.

The historic ruling by the Water Court, Division 6, allows a future conditional water storage right on Wolf Creek in Rio Blanco County. This project, which has been in development for many years, is a key component of the district's vision for securing water for future needs.

The decree, which must be approved by the state engineer, is the culmination of years of work by the district and its partners. It represents a significant milestone in the project's development and marks a step forward for water security in the area.

The 11,887-acre-feet-per-year right will be stored in a reservoir on Wolf Creek, providing a backup supply of water for the district in times of drought or other water shortages.

It is not yet clear how much water will be used for the project, or when construction will begin. However, the decree is a major victory for the district, which has been working for years to secure this water right.

The project is expected to provide much-needed water for irrigation, recreation, and other purposes. It is a key part of the district's efforts to ensure water security for Rio Blanco County.

The Water Court's decision is a testament to the hard work and dedication of the district's leadership, its staff, and its supporters. It is a significant achievement in the ongoing effort to secure water for the future.

The district now has a conditional water storage right that it can use to meet future water needs. It is hoped that this right will be approved by the state engineer, allowing the district to move forward with the construction of the reservoir.

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