The Colorado River District was awarded the 2019 J. Evan Goulding District of the Year by the Special District Association (SDA) of Colorado at the SDA’s convention on Sept. 20, 2019, at Keystone.

Said the SDA: “The J. Evan Goulding District of the Year Award was established by the Special District Association of Colorado to single out a district that demonstrates exceptional leadership and community spirit. This award recognizes a district’s major accomplishments, series of outstanding efforts, and a steady determination to serve their constituency. This year’s winner, the Colorado River District, truly exemplifies these qualities….

“One way the River District fulfills its mission is through water storage and operational solutions that ensure the economic, agricultural, and environmental health of western Colorado. Wolford Mountain Reservoir is owned and operated by the District in conjunction with Denver Water, and it provides much needed water storage for the Colorado River Basin as well as a number of recreational opportunities. Elkhead Reservoir was originally built for industrial and recreational use and has since been enlarged for increased supply and additional storage for endangered fish flow management and future use in the Yampa River Basin. The River District controls water in various other reservoirs as well to support the Western Slope’s environment and economy…

“The River District also protects Colorado water interests through legislative and regulatory advocacy, both at the state and federal level. The River District continues to protect water rights and streamflows, balancing the need for development against the threat of overuse. The River District also represents the entire state in matters regarding the Colorado River Compact of 1922, which divides the Colorado River among seven states.”

We appreciate this recognition for the things we do that are not always visible to the public. For a full look at the SDA’s press release about the award, please go to bit.ly/2IsjXws