

December 14, 2006

Mike Gibson, Chairman  
Members of the Rio Grande Basin Roundtable  
415 San Juan Ave  
Alamosa, CO 81101

Dear Mike and Roundtable Members:

The Monte Vista Historical Society wishes to submit a grant application for funding from the Water Supply Reserve Account. We would ask the Rio Grande Basin Roundtable to consider this application. The Monte Vista Historical Society is exempt from Federal Income Tax under section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The EIN # is 74-2617945.

The Monte Vista Historical Society will enter into a contract with CWCB to carry out the requirements of the grant. The Committee for "100 Years of San Luis Valley Reservoirs" Celebration will assume all responsibilities of executing all of the provisions required to fulfill the contract.

The enclosed application will spell out the goals that the Committee plans to achieve, the means by which these goals are to be achieved, and how this Celebration will help to reach some of the objectives set out in SWSI, and in Colorado Revised Statute 37-75-104 Section II (C & D), and Colorado Revised Statute 37-75-106 and Colorado Revised Statute 39 – 29 – 109 Section I (D). It also meets the guiding principle of House Joint Resolution 03-1019 Part 10.

Education of people in the San Luis Valley, other Colorado citizens, and the wider Rio Grande Basin form the basic motivation for this Celebration. An informed public will make far better decisions for present water situations and for those of the future.

The Celebration, as outlined within the application, is designed to educate on several levels. It will include a widely distributed Video/DVD, a traveling exhibit, a full day symposium entitled "Water Storage in the Rio Grande Basin: The Past, The Present, and The Future," and very notable speakers at the banquet and other Celebration events.

Attached is a Budget for the Celebration identifying funding needs, other sources of support, and a request for funds from the Water Supply Reserve Account in the amount of \$13,000.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Peg Schall, Treasurer  
Monte Vista Historical Society  
P.O. Box 323  
Monte Vista, CO 81144  
719-852-2490



# COLORADO WATER CONSERVATION BOARD



## WATER SUPPLY RESERVE ACCOUNT 2006-2007 GRANT APPLICATION FORM

"100 Years of San Luis Valley Reservoirs"  
Celebration

Rio Grande -  
San Luis Valley

Name of Water Activity/Project

River Basin Location

\$13,000

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Basin Account

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Yes

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Statewide Account

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No

Amount of Funds Requested

Please Check Applicable Box

Approval Letter Signed By  
Roundtable Chair and  
Description of Results of  
Evaluation and Approval  
Process

**\* For the Basin Account, the Application Deadline is 60 Days Prior to the Bimonthly CWCB meeting.**

**The CWCB meetings are posted at [www.cwcb.state.co.us](http://www.cwcb.state.co.us) and are generally the third week of the month.**

**\* For the Statewide Account, the Application Deadline is 60 Days Prior to the March and September CWCB Board Meetings.**

**\* In completing the application you may attach additional sheets if the form does not provide adequate space. If additional sheets are attached please be sure to reference the section number of the application that you are addressing (i.e., A.1. etc.).**

**Instructions:** This application form should be emailed, typed, or printed neatly. The Water Supply Reserve Account Criteria and Guidelines can be found at <http://cwcb.state.co.us/IWMD/>. **The criteria and guidelines should be reviewed and followed when completing this application.** You may attach additional sheets as necessary to fully answer any question, or to provide additional information that you feel would be helpful in evaluating this application. Include with your application a cover letter summarizing your request for a grant. If you have difficulty with any part of the application, contact Rick Brown of the Intrastate Water Management and Development (Colorado Water Conservation Board) for assistance, at (303) 866-3514 or email Rick at [rick.brown@state.co.us](mailto:rick.brown@state.co.us).

Generally, the applicant is also the prospective owner and sponsor of the proposed water activity. If this is not the case, contact the Rick Brown before completing this application.

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### Part A. - Description of the Applicant (Project Sponsor or Owner);

1.	Applicant Name(s):	"100 Years of San Luis Valley Reservoirs" Celebration Committee		
	Mailing address:	100 Years of SLV Reservoirs P.O. Box 167 Monte Vista, CO 81144		
	Taxpayer ID#:	N/A	Email address:	<a href="mailto:mecagetz@fone.net">mecagetz@fone.net</a>
	Phone Numbers: Business:	719-580-4754		
	Home:	719-852-3188		
	Fax:			

2. Person to contact regarding this application if different from above:

Name:	Melvin E. Getz
Position/Title	Committee Chairman

3. Provide a brief description of your organization below: Refer to Part 2 of criteria and guidance for required Information. Attach additional sheet(s) as needed.

This committee was formed to plan and execute a celebration of the 100-year anniversary of the building of reservoirs in the San Luis Valley. The project includes a video/DVD and a traveling exhibit produced for the celebration and to be distributed to schools, libraries, museums, and visitor centers throughout the valley, and a speaker symposium.

Official name of the organization: 100 Years of San Luis Valley Reservoirs Committee  
Year formed: 2006

Since this committee was organized for this singular event, it is not incorporated and has no Bylaws, as such. The Monte Vista Historical Society is the official non-profit sponsor as required for grant applications by Colorado Historical Society, Colorado Humanities, and El Pomar.

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### Part B. - Description of the Water Activity – Please Refer to Criteria and Guidance Document for Eligibly Criteria

1. Name of water activity/project:

“100 Years of San Luis Valley Reservoirs” Celebration

2. What is the purpose of this grant application? Check one.

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Environmental compliance and feasibility study

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Technical assistance regarding permitting, feasibility studies, and environmental compliance

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Studies or analysis of structural, nonstructural, consumptive, nonconsumptive water needs, projects, or activities (Please specify)

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Structural and/or nonstructural water project or activity

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3. Please provide an overview of water project or activity to be funded including – type of activity, statement of what the activity is intended to accomplish, the need for the activity, the problems and opportunities to be addressed, expectations of the participants, why the activity is important, the service area or geographic location, and any relevant issues etc. Please include any relevant Tabor issues. Please refer to Part 2 of criteria and guidance document for additional detail on information to include. Attach additional sheets as needed.

This entire celebration is an educational endeavor to create awareness of the value of surface and underground reservoirs; the efforts of people working together 100 years ago to solve critical water problems; and the potential for wise future water decisions by an informed public. Although there will be many fun and family-oriented activities designed to encourage attendance and participation – the core message of “100 Years of San Luis Valley Reservoirs” Celebration is:

- The reservoirs of the Rio Grande Basin of Colorado affect the lives of the entire San Luis Valley population.
- The San Luis Valley has reaped benefits from its surface reservoirs for almost 100 years including irrigation water, fish and wildlife habitat, recreation, and flood control, and from underground reservoirs for even longer.
- Building the dams required extreme sacrifice – both physical and financial.
- All but Platoro were built and have been maintained with private funds.
- There are numerous small reservoirs built initially for irrigation and/or fish culture now owned by the Colorado Department of Wildlife, and others partnering with CDOW for conservation pools, etc.
- The dams and reservoirs of the San Luis Valley are showing their age. There are issues of safety and full utilization of existing water rights. Private reservoir companies are hard-pressed to fund needed maintenance and improvement.
- With the demand for water ever increasing, there may be opportunities to work together with the other Rio Grande Basin states to maximize this precious resource by increasing storage in the Upper Rio Grande Basin.

A video/DVD with wide distribution throughout the valley could provide an efficient and effective means of bringing the value of irrigation, fish and wildlife habitat, recreation, and flood control provided by San Luis Valley reservoirs into the public consciousness. The premier showing of the video/DVD will take place on the first day of the Celebration. It will run continuously during the rest of the Celebration. Copies of the video/DVD will be sent free of charge to schools, libraries, museums, and visitor centers of the valley, and be available to others at copying costs.

A traveling exhibit will address the questions: “Why Store Water?” and “Why 1907?” and use many historical photographs, accounts, and newspaper clippings to tell the story of building SLV reservoirs. The exhibit venues are already scheduled through March of 2008, with plans to bring it to all corners of the SLV over the next 5-10 years. The professional quality of this exhibit will serve to attract, engage, and educate.

The focus of the 3-day Celebration will be the speaker symposium entitled “Water Storage of the Rio Grande Basin: The Past, The Present, and The Future.” An agenda, as of this date, listing the knowledgeable and expert participants is attached.

“100 Years of SLV Reservoirs” Celebration will be extensively advertised through local, regional, state newspapers, radio stations, TV stations, magazines, and newsletters. Although residents of the SLV form the primary audience, people further down river and from other parts of Colorado are encouraged to attend.

This project meets the requirements set out in Section 2 (C & D) 37-75-104 CRS. It also helps fulfill Part 10 of House Joint Resolution 03-1019 endorsed by the IBCC as a ‘Foundational Guiding Principle,’ as stated: “There must be an ongoing, concerted effort to educate all Coloradans on the importance of water, and the need to conserve, manage, and plan for the needs of this and future generations.”

No Tabor issues are applicable.

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4. Please provide a brief narrative of any related or relevant previous studies. Attach additional sheets as needed.

In 1952, a celebration entitled "100 Years of Irrigation in Colorado" was held in the San Luis Valley. This celebration commemorated the first water right granted in Colorado – for an 1852 ditch diverting irrigation water from Culebra Creek, near San Luis. It was a three-day affair, sponsored by the Colorado Water Conservation Board and Colorado A & M, with notable water authorities participating.

The next biggest event involving water in the SLV was the building of reservoirs. Although several dams were begun on tributaries of the Rio Grande earlier, it was in 1907 that most of the SLV reservoirs were started when the federally imposed Embargo was lifted enough to allow construction.

Extensive research has been done on the building of these reservoirs, including the scanning of over 700 photographs documenting their construction. Much of this information along with historic photographs was recently published in the San Luis Valley Historian, Volume 38, Number 2, 2006.

Early in 2006, the history of water management in the Rio Grande Basin and a timetable of important events relating to this subject was prepared for the use of the Rio Grande Basin Roundtable by the applicant, who continues to research past and present water activities.

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5. Please provide a copy of the proposed scope of work. Please refer to Part 2 of the criteria and guidance document for detailed requirements. Attach additional sheets as needed.

A summary of the Celebration is found in the attached paper entitled “100 Years of San Luis Valley Reservoirs” “July 23-25, 2007” “Celebrating the Crowning Jewels of the Rio Grande Basin.” The educational goals include: Building an awareness of the importance of water storage, both surface and underground; Demonstrating why there is a need to maintain the present reservoirs and aquifers and use them more effectively; Investigating additional recharge capabilities for the underground reservoirs and the possibility of enlargement of surface reservoirs.

There are three main components of the Celebration all designed to further the educational goals:

- Traveling exhibit using retractable panels, ‘swing wing’ unit of historic photographs, info ‘tower’
- Video/DVD using aerial footage of valley reservoirs, harvest of crops, historic photos, graphs, maps
- Full day symposium, and other speakers throughout the Celebration, all experts in their water fields

On the attached summary, see the list of Planning Committee members and their associations.

The attached agenda outlines the 3-day event, speakers, topics, and other activities.

The attached budget lists detailed expenses of the Celebration and breakdown of requests for funding from the Water Supply Reserve Account.

### **Project Schedule:**

4/06-6/06 – Met with diverse groups to enlist support and recruit Committee members

5/06 – Conducted 4-hour flyover of all SLV reservoirs with professional photographer

5/06-9/06 – Gathered information and support letters for grant applications to CHS, CEH, El Pomar

7/06-12/06 – Contacted prospective participants, CFWE, Colorado Water Congress and others for advice and support, exhibit and video producers for cost estimates.

8/06 – Organizational meeting of Celebration Planning Committee; 14 members attended \*

9/06 – Filmed crop harvests in valley; potatoes, lettuce, carrots - and narration by farm managers

9/30/06 – All grant proposals submitted\*

12/06 – Grant results known \*

12/06 – Sign contract with Hughes Video for 15-minute video/DVD. Source of funds must be assured before signing. Actual funds could be supplied later. \*

1/15/07 – Final agenda completed – all participants confirmed. \*

1/20/07 – Advertising brochures complete

1/25/07 – Presentation to Colorado Water Congress, Denver

1/30-2/2/07 – Information booth at Southern Rocky Mountain Ag Conference & Trade Fair Monte Vista

2/1/07 – Contract signed with exhibit production company\*

3/07 – Information booth at Monte Vista Crane Festival, Ski Hi Park, Monte Vista

3/30/07 – All material for exhibit sent to contractor

6/1/07 – DVD completed; Final mailing of Celebration brochures\*

6/15/07 – All arrangements complete for bus tours, venues, food, lodging, and travel for participants

7/1/07 – Traveling exhibit complete\*

\* Key Milestones

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6. List the names and addresses of any technical or legal consultants retained to represent the applicant or to conduct investigations for the water activity/project.

Name	Address/Phone Number
Bill Hughes, Video Producer	Hughes Video Services 322 Adams Monte Vista, CO 81144 719-852-4393
Jim Murphy, Professional Photographer	Hughes Video Services 322 Adams Monte Vista, CO 81144 719-852-4393
Emmett Jordan, Communication and Design Specialist (Exhibit, brochures, website)	43225 WCR 97 Briggsdale, CO 80611 970-656-3801
Dr. Lynne Getz, Professor of History, Project Consultant	Appalachian State University Department of History Boone, North Carolina 28608 704-262-6010
Allen Davey, Engineer	Davis Engineering Service, Inc 1314 - 11 <sup>th</sup> Alamosa, CO 81101 719-589-3004
John and Jim Marr, Animation Specialists	303-665-1481
Mike Sullivan, Division 3 Water Engineer	Division of Water Resources 422 - 4 <sup>th</sup> Alamosa, CO 81101 719-589-6683



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7. Water Availability and Sustainability – this information is needed to assess the viability and effectiveness of the water project or activity. Please provide a description of each water supply source to be utilized for, or the water body to be affected by, the water activity. For water supply sources being utilized, describe its location, yield, extent of development, and water right status. For water bodies being affected, describe its location, extent of development, and the expected effect of the water activity on the water body, in either case, the analysis should take into consideration a reasonable range of hydrologic variation. Attach additional sheets as needed.

Not Applicable

8. If you have not specifically and fully addressed the Evaluation Criteria found in Part 3 of the criteria and guidance document please provide additional detail here. Attach additional sheet(s) if needed.

**This application meets the eligibility requirements and threshold criteria.**

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9. Additional Information – If you feel you would like to add any additional pertinent information please feel free to do so here. Attach additional sheets as needed.

The above statements are true to the best of my knowledge:

**Signature of Applicant:**

**Print Applicant's Name:** Melvin E. Getz

**Project Title:** “100 Years of San Luis Valley Reservoirs” Celebration

**Return this application to:**

Mr. Rick Brown  
Intrastate Water Management and Development Section  
COLORADO WATER CONSERVATION BOARD  
1580 Logan Street, Suite 600  
Denver, CO 80203

To submit applications by Email, send to: [rick.brown@state.co.us](mailto:rick.brown@state.co.us)

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### Reference Information

The following information is available via the Internet. The reference information provides additional detail and background information regarding these criteria and guidelines and water policy issues affecting our state.

#### Colorado Water Conservation Board Policies

Loan and Grant policies and information are available at - <http://cwcb.state.co.us/Finance/>

Water Supply Reserve Account Criteria and Guidelines –

[http://cwcb.state.co.us/IWMD/tools.htm#Water\\_Supply\\_Reserve\\_Account](http://cwcb.state.co.us/IWMD/tools.htm#Water_Supply_Reserve_Account)

#### Interbasin Compact Committee and Basin Roundtables

Interbasin Compact Committee By-laws and Charter –

<http://dnr.state.co.us/Home/ColoradoWaterforthe21stCentury/Interbasin+Compact+Committee/IbccHomePage.htm>

Basin Roundtable By-laws –

<http://dnr.state.co.us/Home/ColoradoWaterforthe21stCentury/IbccHome.htm>

#### Legislation

House Bill 05-1177 - Also known as the Water for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Act –

<http://cwcb.state.co.us/IWMD/statutes.htm>

House Bill 06-1400 – Adopted the Interbasin Compact Committee Charter –

<http://cwcb.state.co.us/IWMD/statutes.htm>

Senate Bill 06-179 – Created the Water Supply Reserve Account –

<http://cwcb.state.co.us/IWMD/statutes.htm>

#### Statewide Water Supply Initiative

General Information - <http://cwcb.state.co.us/IWMD/>

Phase 1 Report - <http://cwcb.state.co.us/IWMD/PhaseIReport.htm>

## B.5 – Agenda (pg 1)

# Celebrating 100 Years of SLV Reservoirs

### Monday July 23, 2007 – Reservoir Tours and Celebration Opening Events

9 am tours to reservoirs leave from SLV Information Center in Monte Vista

Tour #1 – Santa Maria, Continental, Rio Grande (Beaver if time permits)

Tour #2 - Terrace, Platoro (LaJara if time permits)

Tour #3 - Sanchez, Mountain Home, Smith

(Tentative plans are being made for a 2-day trip including both Tour #1 and #2 - starting Sunday)

3 pm SLV Information Center –

Poet and Art speakers discuss poetry and art and announce contest winners

Poet entrants in contest will read their poems

Art show winners on exhibit at Information Center and Adams State Marvel

House all during the Celebration

7 pm SLV Information Center –

First showing of video “Reservoirs of the SLV”

Unveiling of traveling exhibit of “100 Years of SLV Reservoirs”

Hayride to the Rio Grande for wienie roast

Buggy tours of historical Monte Vista

Possibly turn-of-the-century (1900) square dance exhibition

### Tuesday July 24, 2007 - Symposium entitled “Water Storage in the Rio Grande Basin: the Past, the Present, and the Future” (Confirmed speakers in bold)

7:30 am Carson Auditorium, Adams State College, Alamosa, complimentary continental breakfast

8:30 am **David Robbins**, Master of Ceremonies opens symposium

#### The Past:

Why 1907? - **Bill Paddock** will speak about the natural occurrences, political climate, court cases and judicial rulings that interacted to make 1907 the year most reservoirs were started in the SLV, and why the majority of Rio Grande Basin water is stored in the hot, dry climate of New Mexico. This will include a discussion of the establishment of the Reclamation Service in 1902 and the impact that legislation had on reservoir construction in the basin and also other factors that influenced reservoir locations.

The History of the Rio Grande Compact – Presented by **Dr. Douglas R. Littlefield, PhD** University of California, Dissertation entitled: “Interstate Water Conflicts, Compromises, and Compacts: The Rio Grande 1880-1938.” Dr. Littlefield heads Littlefield Historical Research in Oakland, CA.

#### The Present:

Condition of Dams and Reservoirs - Although no firm commitment has been made at this time, hopefully Dennis Miller or Frank Kugel, Dam Inspectors with Colorado Division of Water Resources will be available to present this material.

Short Presentations - Repairs needed, being done or planned on valley reservoirs; **Travis Smith, Bob Robbins or Mike Willett** and other superintendents or reservoir representatives

Underground Reservoirs – Status and sustainability; **Allen Davey**

Recreation and Wildlife –Retired DOW educator **Glen Hinshaw** will tell of DOW involvement in early reservoir development and discuss how DOW uses its reservoirs for the benefit of the general public.

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### **The Future:**

How can SLV Reservoirs be Better Used? – Panel discussion with **Mike Sullivan** moderator and four other water authorities including **David Harrison**.

Well Regulation and Subdistricts - What can we Expect? – **Hal Simpson** and/or the new State Engineer if Hal has retired.

The Future of Water Storage in the RG Basin – Panel discussion with **Russell George** moderator.

Hopefully Compact Commissioners from the three states will agree to sit on this panel along with a representative of the Arizona Water Banking Authority. At this time **Hal Simpson** and **Russ George** have made definite commitments to participate.

History and Science Fair projects from around the valley that relate to SLV reservoirs will be on display during the day, as well as other exhibits that show good/bad wells, valley geology and underground reservoirs, map/model of Rio Grande Basin including storage facilities.

### **Banquet – Inn of the Rio Grande – Colorado Supreme Court Justice Gregory Hobbs, speaker**

6 pm – no host social hour

7 pm – dinner

8 pm – Presentation by **Justice Hobbs** - “Water Culture of the Peoples of the San Luis Valley.”

### **Wednesday July 25, 2007 – Notable Speaker, Box Social and Fun Day at Monte Vista**

All day at SLV Information Center:

- showing of video “Reservoirs of the SLV”
- traveling exhibit of “100 Years of SLV Reservoirs”
- art show (winners also at Adams State College Marvel House)
- poetry displayed

10:30 am – Parade floats start assembling north side of Chapman Park

11 am - Float judging

11:30 – Presentation of colors – Ft. Garland Cavalry; National Anthem

12 noon – Box lunch served

- Costume contest - judging and awards
- Music from early 1900s
- Speaker - **Dr. Daniel Tyler**, History Professor Emeritus CSU, author of “Colorado, the Last Water Hole of the West” and “Silver Fox of the Rockies;” Topic – “Water Struggles in the SLV” with ‘perspective and humor’

## B.5 – Budget

### 100 Years of San Luis Valley Reservoirs Celebration Budget

<u>Video/DVD Cost</u>	<u>Cash</u>	<u>In-kind</u>	
Aerial photography – pilot and plane.....		\$400	
Aerial photography – fuel.....	\$200		
Aerial photography – (4hrs -\$60/hr).....	\$240		
Animation of maps and graphs.....		\$1500	
Photography of personal interviews in field & studio(8hrs - \$60/hr).....	\$480		
Assimilation of historic photographs, aerial video, interviews and narrative.....	\$4000		
Research/labor/travel (40hrs - \$20/hr).....	\$800		
Copies and distribution.....	\$220		
DVD Player/LCD unit (portable, heavy duty )..	\$900		
	<b>\$6840</b>		
		<b>\$1900</b>	<b>= \$8,740 Total</b>
<b>Source of Funds</b>			
In-kind.....	\$1900		
CDOW.....	\$500		
<b>Reserve Account Request....</b>	<b>\$6340</b>		
<b>Total Funds Video/DVD.....</b>	<b>\$8740</b>		

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<b><u>Traveling Exhibit Cost</u></b>	<b>\$10,665 Total</b>
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**Source of Funds**  
Colo Historical Soc. Grant Award.....\$7665  
El Pomar Grant Award.....\$3000  
Total Funds Traveling Exhibit.....\$10665

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<b><u>Website Design and Updating Cost</u></b>	<b>\$1,600 Total</b>
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**Source of Funds**  
**Reserve Account Request ....\$1600**

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<u>Symposium and Other Speaker Costs</u>	<u>Cash</u>	<u>In-kind</u>	
Speaker travel, lodging, meals.....	\$3757	\$495	
Speaker honoraria .....	\$1800	\$1100	
Brochures/Programs/Postage.....	\$1461	\$323	
Advertising .....	- 0-	\$500	
Booklet incl. Photography/transcription.....	\$2257	\$650	
Facility/Equipment rental .....	\$350	\$250	
Project Director and all staff.....	-0-	\$1500	
	<b>\$9625</b>	<b>\$4818</b>	<b>= \$14,443 Total</b>

**Source of Funds**  
Colo Humanities Grant Award.....\$2565  
El Pomar Grant Award.....\$2000  
In-kind ..... \$4818 |  || **Reserve Account Request.....** | **\$5060** |  |
|  | **\$14,443** |  |

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**Reserve Account Request**  
**Video/DVD.....\$6340**  
**Web Design/Update...1600**  
**Symposium Costs.....5060**  
**Total Reserve Account Request..\$13,000**

# **100 YEARS OF SAN LUIS VALLEY RESERVOIRS**

**July 23, 24, 25 - 2007**

## **Celebrating the Crowning Jewels of the Rio Grande Basin**

The year was 1907. Since the Embargo of 1896, people of the San Luis Valley had pleaded with the federal government for permission to build dams for irrigation storage. And finally, the Embargo was lifted enough to allow construction to proceed. One hundred years later these same reservoirs provide not only irrigation water - but recreation, fish and wildlife habitat, and flood control. It is time to recognize their value.

In 1952, another 100 year anniversary was celebrated – “100 Years of Irrigation in Colorado.” Since the very first irrigation right of the state had been granted for the People’s Ditch in San Luis, this major event took place here in the valley. There were notable speakers from across Colorado, banquets, and fun - a time to acknowledge the lifeblood of this region, water.

Now would be a good time to follow that example of gathering together people interested and dependent on water to commemorate the efforts of 100 years ago. The accomplishments were immense; from raising money, locating sites, the engineering work, to dam construction using horses, wagons, hydraulic sluicing, trains, man-power – and done without government support.

### **Planning committee members:**

Allen Brown – Hinsdale County Commissioner, RG Basin Roundtable  
Allen Davey – Davis Engineering, Inc.  
Carol Lee Dugan – SLVREC, Carnegie Public Library  
Camille Getz – Vice chairman  
Melvin Getz – Chairman, Rio Grande Basin Roundtable  
David Graham – SLV Water Conservancy District, SLV Irrigation District  
Alisha Jeter – City of Monte Vista administrative intern  
Royce Reinhardt – Terrace Irrigation Company  
Doug Shriver – Pres RG Water Users, RG River Restoration Com, RG Basin Roundtable  
Karla Shriver – SLV Conservancy Dist Bd, Ducks Unlimited, Stampede Com., CO Water Cong.  
Travis Smith – SLV Irrigation District, Colorado Water Conservation Board  
John Tonko - DOW Pueblo  
Zeke Ward – Mineral County Commissioner, RG Basin Roundtable  
Rose Wilson – Monte Vista City Council member, Treasurer  
Mike Wisdom – SLV Development and Resources, SLV Info & Education Center  
Herry Andrews, Alamosa County Administrator, has also offered to help on specific projects.

### **Proposed Events:**

- Tour of reservoirs
- Poetry reading and talk; contest winners announced; speaker
- Art contest winners announced; exhibit in Alamosa and Monte Vista; David Guerrero Coordinator
- Unveiling of traveling exhibit of dam construction – SLV Information and Education Center
- 1st showing of video documenting dam construction/agriculture – SLV Information and Education Center
- Symposium at Carson auditorium, Adams State College; speakers and panel discussions
- Banquet and banquet speaker
- Box Social with notable speaker, period costumes, parade floats, awards

### **People to Invite:**

- Governor
- Colorado State Engineer
- Senator Ken Salazar, Senator Wayne Allard, and Representative John Salazar
- Director of DNR
- Valley representatives and senators in State Legislature
- Attorney’s Bill Paddock, David Robbins, David Harrison
- Director of Colorado Water Conservation Board and other members
- Hydrologists, dam engineers, historians, poets, artists and especially valley residents .....OVER →

## B.5 – Summary (pg 2)

### Goals of 100 Year Celebration

- I. To honor and pay tribute to those water storage pioneers (ancestors of many people still living in the valley) who through their imagination, foresight, and great engineering skills, hard work and much sacrifice, both financially and personally, built a series of reservoirs that have served the people of the San Luis Valley for nearly 100 years; recognizing the diverse methods used in this construction including hydraulic sluicing and building railroads to move material to the dam site and the unique – at the time – process of transporting water from its source in one canyon to be stored in another.
  - II. To impress upon the citizens of the San Luis Valley, and for that matter the entire Rio Grande Basin, the tremendous value of these high altitude reservoirs in which water can be stored extremely efficiently, with very little loss from evaporation; and also to point out that the longest used and most efficient reservoirs are the underground reservoirs.
  - III. To make people aware that these structures built almost 100 years ago are still serving this great agricultural region, not only holding water in times of plenty to be used in times of shortage, but also providing a significant public service in flood control, fish and wildlife habitat, and recreation; that most were built with private funds and have been operated, repaired, and maintained with private funds.
  - IV. To educate future generations as well as our own how essential it is to maintain and improve these structures so that they can be utilized to the fullest extent of their capacities, conserving and making the best use of the scarce and expensive resource of water. This will be accomplished by public programs presented by knowledgeable dignitaries and the unveiling of a traveling photograph exhibit and video/DVD telling the story of dam and reservoir construction and historical use - but also their importance to the present and future of the San Luis Valley. The exhibit and video will be made available to schools, information centers, libraries, and museums in the San Luis Valley, and possibly throughout Colorado.
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We have met with the following organizations or individuals and have received their support:

Adams State College Nielsen Library Director  
Alamosa County Commissioners  
Colorado Department of Wildlife  
Colorado Water Conservation Board  
Creede Repertory Theatre Executive Director  
Rio Grande Basin Roundtable  
Sanchez Reservoir Company  
San Luis Valley County Commissioners  
San Luis Valley Irrigation District  
Santa Maria Reservoir Company

Alamosa/La Jara Water Conservation Board  
City of Monte Vista  
Colorado DNR Director  
Conejos Water Conservation District  
Monte Vista School District Superintendent  
Rio Grande Water Conservation District  
San Luis Museum and Cultural Center Director  
SLV Development Resources Group  
San Luis Valley Water Conservancy District  
Terrace Irrigation Company

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