

Scope of Work

Environmental/Recreation Subcommittee Coordination
In support of the Chatfield Reservoir Reallocation Project

Chatfield Basin Conservation Network (CBCN) July 2008

The Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB) would like to contract with the Chatfield Basin Conservation Network (Network) to become a technical advisor to the Chatfield Reservoir Reallocation project. The Network has valuable experience and background on this project, and can bring a level of expertise and stakeholder involvement to enhance the outcome of the overall process.

The Network is an organized interest group representing numerous stakeholders and stakeholder groups interested in the Chatfield Basin located within the South Platte River Basin. In particular, the Network strives for “Conserving Connections for Nature and People” with a specific vision of protecting an interconnected, functioning system of green infrastructure which includes open space and wildlife habitat, recreational amenities, water resources and a sense of place.

The Network is co-managed by Ray Sperger and Ms. Brooke Fox. The Network is respected by, and is effective in collaborating with, a variety of stakeholders given Mr. Sperger’s experience as an ecologist, and Ms. Fox’ background in open space and natural resource policy, as well as negotiation and planning. Their combined expertise coupled with their established relationships with many of the Projects’ interested parties, place the Network in a unique position to assist the CWCB in fulfilling its environmental, recreation, and public outreach responsibilities related to the Chatfield Reservoir Feasibility Report and Environmental Impact Study (FR/EIS). The proposed scope includes:

Environmental/Recreation Subcommittee Coordination (\$10,000) – The CWCB currently coordinates a variety of meetings and activities related to the EIS process, but does not have the capacity or the complete environmental expertise to perform all duties and functions necessary for such a large, multi-disciplined project. The Network, therefore, will coordinate activities related to the Environmental/Recreation Subcommittee on behalf of the CWCB and the FR/EIS Coalition.

This responsibility would entail:

- Coordinating monthly meetings and working with FR/EIS Coalition to address topical issues
- Creating and distributing agendas
- Facilitating meetings
- Conducting any necessary follow-up, including meeting minutes provided to CWCB for distribution and posting to the website

- Performing other necessary or assigned tasks in support of the Subcommittee and the FR/EIS Coalition.

Stakeholder and Public Outreach (\$9,000) – The Network has established relationships with over eighty different organizations within the Chatfield Basin. These relationships can be used to assist in circulating information and requesting input on the FR/EIS. In addition, the Network will conduct regular Outreach Subcommittee meetings for public outreach purposes, assist with task guidance for a public relations firm hired by the Chatfield water user entities, conduct informational meetings, distribute information through its webmail server, website, mailing list and other means. This responsibility would primarily be conducted by the Network as directed by the Outreach Subcommittee.

Technical Input and Document Review (\$6,000) – The Network has established relationships with land management agencies and landowners, is focused on the natural resources and ecological systems within the Chatfield Basin, and has conducted extensive work to identify areas needing protection, restoration and enhancement within the Chatfield Basin. The Network will provide specific technical input on mitigation opportunities, implementation measures and other environmental and recreation issues. This responsibility would be conducted by the Network on an as needed basis.

Schedule and Cost – The Network will begin work following the issuance of a Purchase Order from the CWCB, and the responsibilities contained in this scope of work shall be performed until June 30, 2009. The total cost to the CWCB for this scope of work is **\$25,000**.