

LA PLATA ARCHULETA WATER DISTRICT
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Mr. Greg Johnson
Colorado Water Conservation Board
Department of Natural Resources
1313 Sherman Street, Room 721
Denver, CO 80203

Dear Mr. Johnson, *Greg*

This letter regards the application from the La Plata Archuleta Water District (LAPLAWD) for funds from the WSRA State account, that the CWCB will consider at its September meeting.

LAPLAWD had planned to have a mill levy election this November in order to have a funding source to continue development of this critical water project. The LAPLAWD Board, after review of nearly 200 responses to a questionnaire mailed to voters and input from election consultants, concluded that voters will not approve any new taxes due to the national economic situation. The responses to the questionnaire indicated that most voters believe the project is needed and necessary but this is not the time for new taxes; therefore, LAPLAWD will not pursue a mill levy vote in November and will not have any mill levy funding in 2010.

The next opportunity for a mill levy election is May of 2010 which if passed, the taxes will be first available in April of 2011. The District has designated George K. Baum & Company as its underwriter and is working closely with Don Diones and Paul Hanley to develop an effective election strategy for May, 2010. The Board of Directors is committed to securing the funding necessary to complete this important project.

Due to the election situation, the \$400,000 (Reduced from \$500,000 to assist CWCB in allocating limited resources.) requested from the State WSRA funding pool is crucial to the continued development of the project in 2010. Without these funds to continue designs and permitting, there will be no further development on the project in 2010 which will delay the project by at least one year.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please call me or Amy Kraft, our engineer with Harris Water Engineering (970-259-5322), if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Dick Lunceford

Dick Lunceford, President
Board of Directors