SOUTHWEST BASINS ROUNDTABLE Michael Preston, Chair c/o Dolores Water Conservancy District P.O. Box 1150 Cortez, Colorado 81321 970-565-7562

EMAILED November 19, 2008

Mr. Todd Doherty Chief, Intrastate Water Management and Development Section Colorado Water Conservation Board 1580 Logan Street, Suite 600 Denver, Colorado 80203

SUBJECT: Recommend funding from the Basin and Statewide Funding from the Water Supply Reserve Account for the Lower Blanco Restoration Project

Dear Mr. Doherty:

The Southwest Basins Roundtable is pleased to recommend \$100,000 from the Basin fund and \$300,000 from the Statewide fund of the Water Supply Reserve Account for the Lower Blanco Restoration Project.

This application was considered in detail at the November 12, 2008 meeting of the Southwest Basins Roundtable. There was a quorum of Roundtable members present. The application will need some additional work prior to submission to clearly indicate how the Water Supply Reserve Account Funds fit in context with a variety of other funding sources. The refined application should also describe the river access and signage component that was a condition of the approval.

Subject to these refinements in the application, the Southwest Basins Roundtable recommends that the CWCB approve the requested funding for the Lower Blanco Restoration Project from the Basin Account (\$100,000) and the Statewide Account (\$300,000). The completed Grant Applications will be forwarded directly to you by the applicant. Please contact the applicant directly or me at 970-565-7562, <a href="majority-mpreston@frontier.net">mpreston@frontier.net</a>, if you have questions or wish to discuss these applications in more detail.

Sincerely,

Michael Preston Southwest Basins Roundtable Chair