



**WATER SUPPLY RESERVE ACCOUNT
 2009-2010 GRANT APPLICATION FORM**

**PROTECTING IRRIGATED AGRICULTURAL LANDS AND WATER RIGHTS
 FOR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION**

Name of Water Activity/Project

Approving Basin Roundtable

\$31,500

Amount from Statewide Account

\$0

Total Amount of Funds Requested

Amount from Basin Account

\$31,500

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Instructions

To receive funding from the Water Supply Reserve Account (WSRA), a proposed water activity must be approved by the local Basin Roundtable AND the Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCBC). The process for Basin Roundtable consideration/approval is outlined in Attachment 1.

Once approved by the local Basin Roundtable, the applicant should submit this application, a detailed statement of work, detailed project budget, and project schedule to the CWCBC staff by the application deadline.

The application deadlines are:

- Basin Account – 60 days prior to the bi-monthly Board meeting
- Statewide Account – 60 days prior to the March and September Board meeting

Board Meeting Dates	Basin Account Deadlines	Statewide Account Deadlines
3/17 - 3/18/2009	1/16/2009	1/16/2009
5/19 - 5/20/2009	3/19/2009	n/a
7/21 - 7/22/2009	5/21/2009	n/a
9/15 - 9/16/2009	7/15/2009	7/15/2009
11/17 - 11/18/2009	9/17/2009	n/a
January 2010	11/15/2010	n/a
March 2010	1/15/2010	1/15/2010
May 2010	3/15/2010	n/a

When completing this application, the applicant should refer to the WSRA Criteria and Guidelines available at: <http://cwcb.state.co.us/IWMD>.

The application, statement of work, budget, and schedule must be submitted in electronic format (Microsoft Word or text-enabled PDF are preferred) and can be emailed or mailed on a disk to:

Mr. Todd Doherty
Colorado Water Conservation Board
Intrastate Water Management and Development Section
WSRA Application
1580 Logan Street, Suite 600
Denver, CO 80203
Todd.Doherty@state.co.us

If you have questions or need additional assistance, please contact Todd Doherty of the IWMD Section at 303-866-3441 x3210 or todd.doherty@state.co.us.

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

1.	Applicant Name(s):	Conserving Farmland Partnership	
	Mailing address:	P.O. Box 2673 Telluride, CO 81435	
	Taxpayer ID#:	N/A	Email address: <u>jenny.rplaw@lawtelluride.com</u>
	Phone Numbers: Business:	970-728-5006, ext.1	
	Home:		
	Fax:	970-728-5976	

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

Name:	Jenny Russell
Position/Title	N/A

3. Eligible entities that may apply for grants from the WSRA include the following. What type of entity is the Applicant?

<input type="checkbox"/>	Public (Government) – municipalities, enterprises, counties, and State of Colorado agencies. Federal agencies are encouraged to work with local entities and the local entity should be the grant recipient. Federal agencies are eligible, but only if they can make a compelling case for why a local partner cannot be the grant recipient.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Public (Districts) – special, water and sanitation, conservancy, conservation, irrigation, or water activity enterprises.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Private Incorporated – mutual ditch companies, homeowners associations, corporations.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Private individuals, partnerships, and sole proprietors are eligible for funding from the Basin Accounts but not for funding from the Statewide Account.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Non-governmental organizations – broadly defined as any organization that is not part of the government.

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4. Provide a brief description of your organization

We are a partnership formed to protect working irrigated agricultural lands for future generations in the Southwest Basins. A critical component of this is protection of agricultural water rights

5. If the Contracting Entity is different then the Applicant (Project Sponsor or Owner) please describe the Contracting Entity here.

Mancos Valley Resources
P.O. Box 494
Mancos, CO 81328
Tax identification #: 84-1232547

Mancos Valley Resources is a non-profit organization that operates as a receiver and administrator of grant funds for other organizations or individuals. Please see attached Letter describing Mancos Valley Resources background and mission.

Successful applicants will have to execute a contract with the CWCB prior to beginning work on the portion of the project funded by the WSRA grant. In order to expedite the contracting process the CWCB has established a standard contract with provisions the applicant must adhere to. A copy of this standard contract is included in Attachment 3. Please review this contract and check the appropriate box.

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| <input checked="checked" type="checkbox"/> | The Applicant will be able to contract with the CWCB using the Standard Contract |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | The Applicant has reviewed the standard contract and has some questions/issues/concerns. Please be aware that any deviation from the standard contract could result in a significant delay between grant approval and the funds being available. |

6. The Tax Payer Bill of Rights (TABOR) may limit the amount of grant money an entity can receive. Please describe any relevant TABOR issues that may affect the applicant.

The entity is not a governmental entity and so is not subject to TABOR.

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Part B. - Description of the Water Activity

1. Name of the Water Activity/Project:

PROTECTING IRRIGATED AGRICULTURAL LANDS, AND AGRICULTURAL WATER RIGHTS, FOR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION

2. What is the purpose of this grant application? (Please check all that apply.)

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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

Study or Analysis of:

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Structural project or activity

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Nonstructural project or activity

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Consumptive project or activity

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Nonconsumptive project or activity

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Structural and/ or nonstructural water project or activity

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3. Please provide an overview/summary of the proposed water activity (no more than one page). Include a description of the overall water activity and specifically what the WSRA funding will be used for.

The applicant seeks \$30,000 grant funding to create a program, or an achievable plan for the creation of a program, that will assist non-profit organizations and local communities in the Southwestern Colorado Basin in conserving irrigated agricultural lands as working agricultural lands, and their associated agricultural water rights. Protection and conservation of the natural environment, including protection of open space, is an important part of conserving southwestern Colorado's water supplies and promoting its economic and agricultural health, but assuring that protected lands remain in active agricultural use is not currently part of such conservation efforts.

It is widely known that every year many acres of irrigated agricultural lands in Colorado are converted to other uses, and such conversion often results in negative consequences. Such consequences include the loss of local food production and thus a reduction in food security, the loss of the knowledge and experience held by current agricultural landowners, the inability of the next generation of agricultural producers to purchase lands at values consistent with earning a living in agriculture, and the potential conversion of water rights from agricultural use to municipal and industrial use. Although local non-profit land trusts and similar organizations operate throughout the Southwest Colorado Basin and often work to protect irrigated agricultural lands through voluntary agreements with landowners (known as conservation easements), such agreements do not require such lands to remain in working agriculture. Instead, conservation easements usually strive to protect the land from uses that would be inconsistent with agricultural production, while leaving the choice of working the land, or not, to the current landowner.

Research is needed to understand: the barriers to protecting lands exclusively for agricultural use; the possible solutions to overcoming such barriers; and how a program, or an achievable plan to create a program, can be implemented and funded to promote such solutions. Interest in preserving working lands is not unique to Colorado; therefore, research into other successful models for such preservation around the country may lead to potential programs that could be implemented in southwest Colorado. Stakeholders in such an effort must be identified and assembled to discuss such solutions and to understand what type of program stakeholders would encourage and support.

The goal of a program identified through this grant will be to assure that irrigated agricultural lands are protected as working agricultural lands, rather than simply as open space, and to make such lands more affordable for the next generation of farmers and ranchers. Keeping such lands in working agricultural production will help assure a local food and fiber production and will help assure that agricultural water rights remain in agricultural use.

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Part C. – Threshold and Evaluation Criteria

1. Describe how the water activity meets these **Threshold Criteria**. (Detailed in Part 3 of the Water Supply Reserve Account Criteria and Guidelines.)

- a) The water activity is consistent with Section 37-75-102 Colorado Revised Statutes.¹

The program or plan to be created and implemented at the conclusion of this water activity will assist non-profit organizations and communities in the Southwest Basins in conserving agricultural lands and water rights for continued agricultural production. The program or plan will protect – not diminish or impair – existing agricultural water rights.

- b) The water activity underwent an evaluation and approval process and was approved by the Basin Roundtable (BRT) and the application includes a description of the results of the BRT's evaluation and approval of the activity. At a minimum, the description must include the level of agreement reached by the roundtable, including any minority opinion(s) if there was not general agreement for the activity. The description must also include reasons why general agreement was not reached (if it was not), including who opposed the activity and why they opposed it. Note- If this information is included in the letter from the roundtable chair simply reference that letter.

A letter from the Roundtable Chair will be attached to this application

¹ 37-75-102. Water rights - protections. (1) It is the policy of the General Assembly that the current system of allocating water within Colorado shall not be superseded, abrogated, or otherwise impaired by this article. Nothing in this article shall be interpreted to repeal or in any manner amend the existing water rights adjudication system. The General Assembly affirms the state constitution's recognition of water rights as a private usufructuary property right, and this article is not intended to restrict the ability of the holder of a water right to use or to dispose of that water right in any manner permitted under Colorado law. (2) The General Assembly affirms the protections for contractual and property rights recognized by the contract and takings protections under the state constitution and related statutes. This article shall not be implemented in any way that would diminish, impair, or cause injury to any property or contractual right created by intergovernmental agreements, contracts, stipulations among parties to water cases, terms and conditions in water decrees, or any other similar document related to the allocation or use of water. This article shall not be construed to supersede, abrogate, or cause injury to vested water rights or decreed conditional water rights. The General Assembly affirms that this article does not impair, limit, or otherwise affect the rights of persons or entities to enter into agreements, contracts, or memoranda of understanding with other persons or entities relating to the appropriation, movement, or use of water under other provisions of law.

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- c) The water activity meets the provisions of Section 37-75-104(2), Colorado Revised Statutes.² Specifically describe how the water activity either furthers the Roundtable's basin-wide water needs assessment or meets a consumptive or non-consumptive water supply need identified in the Roundtable's working needs assessment.

The Southwest Basins Roundtable has not yet completed its consumptive needs assessment. However, this water activity addresses the need identified by the Roundtable to preserve agricultural land and water rights in the basin.

- d) Matching Requirement: For requests from the Statewide Fund, the applicant is required to demonstrate a 20 percent (or greater) match of the request from the Statewide Account. Sources of matching funds include but are not limited to Basin Funds, in-kind services, funding from other sources, and/or direct cash match. Past expenditures directly related to the project may be considered as matching funds if the expenditures occurred within 9 months of the date the application was submitted to the CWCB. Please describe the source(s) of matching funds. (NOTE: These matching funds should also be reflected in your Detailed Budget in Part D of this application)

There are no matching funds because until the program is developed pursuant to this water activity, there can be no identifiable project beneficiaries. This is not a request from the Statewide Fund.

² 37-75-104 (2)(c). Using data and information from the Statewide Water Supply Initiative and other appropriate sources and in cooperation with the on-going Statewide Water Supply Initiative, develop a basin-wide consumptive and nonconsumptive water supply needs assessment, conduct an analysis of available unappropriated waters within the basin, and propose projects or methods, both structural and nonstructural, for meeting those needs and utilizing those unappropriated waters where appropriate. Basin Roundtables shall actively seek the input and advice of affected local governments, water providers, and other interested stakeholders and persons in establishing its needs assessment, and shall propose projects or methods for meeting those needs. Recommendations from this assessment shall be forwarded to the Interbasin Compact Committee and other basin roundtables for analysis and consideration after the General Assembly has approved the Interbasin Compact Charter.

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2. For Applications that include a request for funds from the Statewide Account, describe how the water activity meets the **Evaluation Criteria**. (Detailed in Part 3 of the Water Supply Reserve Account Criteria and Guidelines.)

N/A

Part D. – Required Supporting Material

1. Water Rights, Availability, and Sustainability

This information is needed to assess the viability of the water project or activity. Please provide a description of the water supply source to be utilized, or the water body to be affected by, the water activity. This should include a description of applicable water rights and the name/location of water bodies affected by the water activity.

N/A

2. Please provide a brief narrative of any related or relevant previous studies.

N/A

3. Statement of Work, Detailed Budget, and Project Schedule

The statement of work will form the basis for the contract between the Applicant and the State of Colorado. In short, the Applicant is agreeing to undertake the work for the compensation outlined in the statement of work and budget, and in return, the State of Colorado is receiving the deliverables/products specified. Please note that costs incurred prior to execution of a contract or purchase order are not subject to reimbursement.

Please provide a detailed statement of work using the following template. Additional sections or modifications may be included as necessary. Please define all acronyms. If a grant is awarded an independent statement of work document will be required with correct page numbers.

Statement of Work

WATER ACTIVITY NAME – Protecting Irrigated Agricultural Lands, and Agricultural Water Rights, for Agricultural Production

GRANT RECIPIENT – The Contract will be with Mancos Valley Resources

FUNDING SOURCE - Basin Account

INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

Provide a brief description of the project. (Please limit to no more than 200 words; this will be used to inform reviewers and the public about your proposal)

The goal of a program identified through this grant will be to assure that irrigated agricultural lands are protected as working agricultural lands, rather than simply as open space, and to make such lands more affordable for the next generation of farmers and ranchers. Keeping such lands in working agricultural production will help assure a local food and fiber production and will help assure that agricultural water rights remain in agricultural use.

OBJECTIVES

List the objectives of the project

1. Research existing barriers to conservation of working agricultural lands and solutions to overcoming such barriers.
2. Create a stakeholders group consisting of Southwestern Colorado Basin Roundtable members, farmers, ranchers, and land trusts that will help identify a program to protect irrigated agricultural lands and will assume responsibility for implementing the program in the future.
3. Identify a program, or an achievable plan for the creation of a program, that will result in protecting irrigated agricultural lands for agricultural production in southwestern Colorado and potential funding sources for such program.

TASKS

Provide a detailed description of each task using the following format

TASK 1 – Research existing barriers to conservation of working agricultural lands.

Description of Task – Although southwest Colorado land trusts and other organizations currently work to protect agricultural lands, they do not ensure that such lands remain in working agriculture. It is important to understand the barriers standing in the way of these organizations ensuring working lands remain in agricultural use in order to develop a program

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that can surmount such barriers. It is also important to understand the urgency of the problem of the loss of irrigated working lands as well as agricultural landowners' needs with respect to conservation of working lands, since no program can succeed without their participation and support.

Method/Procedure – Interviews and a survey will be conducted with the land trusts and other organizations currently serving southwestern Colorado, including: Montezuma Land Conservancy, La Plata Open Space Conservancy, the Animas Conservancy, the Colorado Cattlemen's Agricultural Land Trust, Lake Fork Valley Conservancy, the Southwest Land Alliance, The Nature Conservancy, the New Community Coalition, and the Conservation Fund. Interviews will also be conducted with interested members of the Roundtable, farmers and ranchers, attorneys representing land trusts and similar organizations, and employees of the Natural Resource Conservation Service and Colorado State University Extension.

Deliverable – A written report to the Roundtable summarizing findings.

TASK 2

Description of Task – Research solutions to protecting irrigated agricultural lands and assuring they remain in working agriculture. The dilemma of the loss of productive agricultural lands facing Colorado is not unique, and other organizations in different parts of the country have attempted to find their own methods of assuring working agricultural lands remain in agricultural production and are kept affordable for future generations of farmers and ranchers. It may not be necessary to create an entirely new program in southwest Colorado – research may indicate a program or programs that could be adapted to Colorado's needs and implemented in the State.

Method/Procedure – Internet and personal interview research on agricultural protection activities around the country, focusing on those that assure protected lands remain in working agriculture. Land trusts such as the Equity Trust, the American Farmland Trust, the Montana Land Reliance and organizations supporting land conservation, such as the Land Trust Alliance will be researched, as will programs such as Montana's Land Link and community land trust affordable housing developments to determine their potential for replication in southwest Colorado and/or applicability to protecting working agricultural lands.

Deliverable – A written report to the Roundtable summarizing findings.

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TASK 3

Description of Task – Identify and recruit individuals and organizations to join a stakeholders' group that is willing and able to help craft and implement the program, or the achievable plan for a program (see Task 4), to protect working irrigated agricultural lands.

Method/Procedure – Interview members of the Roundtable, members of local land trusts, interested farmers and ranchers and others (such as representatives of CSU Extension or the NRCS) with respect to their interest and willingness to serve on such a stakeholders' group. Secure suggestions for additional members from interviews conducted in Task 2.

Deliverable – An identified stakeholders' group whose membership reflects parties interested in retaining working agricultural lands and the water rights associated with such lands.

TASK 4

Description of Task – Working with the stakeholders' group (see Task 3) identify a program, or an achievable plan for the creation of a program, that will result in protecting irrigated agricultural lands for agricultural production in southwestern Colorado and potential funding sources for such program. Because the funding implications of a program may be difficult to assess, the program may be a pilot program that demonstrates that the expected results can be achieved, which will then serve as a model for a permanent program to protect irrigated agricultural lands.

Method/Procedure – Convene at least two (2) in-person meetings of the stakeholders' group to discuss possible programs that could be implemented in southwest Colorado and to identify the one program that a consensus of the stakeholders' group identifies as the most likely to achieve the goal of protecting irrigated agricultural lands as working lands. Prior to the first meeting of the stakeholders, or at least before the second meeting, identify potential funding sources for implementation of the program through in-person discussions with the Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund, the Colorado Conservation Trust, and other potential funders.

Deliverable – Identification of a program, or pilot program, for irrigated agricultural lands protection and a commitment from the stakeholders' group to pursue funding for the program through potential funding sources identified under this Grant. Prepare Final Report summarizing grant results.

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REPORTING AND FINAL DELIVERABLE

Reporting: The applicant shall provide the CWCB a progress report every 6 months, beginning from the date of the executed contract. The progress report shall describe the completion or partial completion of the tasks identified in the statement of work including a description of any major issues that have occurred and any corrective action taken to address these issues.

Final Deliverable: At completion of the project, the applicant shall provide the CWCB a final report that summarizes the project and documents how the project was completed. This report may contain photographs, summaries of meetings and engineering reports/designs.

BUDGET

Provide a detailed budget by task including number of hours and rates for labor and unit costs for other direct costs (i.e. mileage, \$/unit of material for construction, etc.). A detailed and perfectly balanced budget that shows all costs is required for the State's contracting and purchase order processes. Sample budget tables are provided below. Please note that these budget tables are examples and will need to be adapted to fit each individual application. Tasks should correspond to the tasks described above.

Total Costs			
	Labor	Other Direct Costs	Total Project Costs
Task 1: Research Existing Barriers	\$3,000	\$735	\$3,735
Task 2: Research Solutions	\$7,500	\$1,660	\$9,160
Task 3: Create Stakeholders Group	\$4,000	\$800	\$4,800
Task 4: Identify Program	\$8,750	\$3,555	\$12,305
Administration Fee Mancos Valley Resources	\$1,500		\$1,500
Total Costs:	\$24,750	\$6,750	\$31,500

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Project Personnel:	Project Manager (Jane Ellen Hamilton: see attached resume)	Consultant	Total Costs
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Hourly Rate:	\$75/hour	\$50/hour	
Task 1: Research Existing Barriers	40 hours	0	\$3,000
Task 2: Research Solutions	80 hours	30 hours	\$7,500
Task 3: Create Stakeholders Group	40 hours	20 hours	\$4,000
Task 4: Identify Program	90 hours	40 hours	\$8,750

Other Direct Costs

Item:	Copies	Mileage	Telephone	Meeting Room Rental	Travel Expenses (hotel & meals)	Total
Units:	No.	Miles				
Unit Cost:	\$0.10/each	\$0.55/mile		\$500/day	\$200/day	
Task 1: Research Existing Barriers	100/\$10	500 mi./\$275	\$50	0	\$400	\$735
Task 2: Research Solutions	100/\$10	1,000 mi./\$550	\$100	0	\$1,000	\$1,660
Task 3: Create Stakeholders Group	250/\$25	500 mi./\$275	\$100	0	\$400	\$800
Task 4: Identify Program	1,800/\$180	1,500 mi./\$825	\$150	\$1,000	\$1,400	\$3,555

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SCHEDULE

Provide a project schedule including key milestones for each task and the completion dates or time period from the Notice to Proceed (NTP). This dating method allows flexibility in the event of potential delays from the procurement process. Sample schedules are provided below. Please note that these schedules are examples and will need to be adapted to fit each individual application.

Task	Start Date	Finish Date
1	Upon NTP	NTP + 60 days
2	Upon NTP	NTP + 120 days
3	Upon NTP	NTP + 210 days
4	Upon NTP	12/31/10

NTP = Notice to Proceed

PAYMENT

Payment will be made based on actual expenditures and invoicing by the applicant. Invoices from any other entity (i.e. subcontractors) cannot be processed by the State. The request for payment must include a description of the work accomplished by major task, and estimate of the percent completion for individual tasks and the entire water activity in relation to the percentage of budget spent, identification of any major issues and proposed or implemented corrective actions. The last 5 percent of the entire water activity budget will be withheld until final project/water activity documentation is completed. All products, data and information developed as a result of this grant must be provided to the CWCB in hard copy and electronic format as part of the project documentation. This information will in turn be made widely available to Basin Roundtables and the general public and help promote the development of a common technical platform.

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

Signature of Applicant:

Jenny Russell, Conserving Farmland Partnerships

Print Applicant's Name:

Jenny Russell

Project Title:

Protecting Irrigated Ag lands Water Rights

Return this application to:

Mr. Todd Doherty
Intrastate Water Management and Development Section
COLORADO WATER CONSERVATION BOARD
1580 Logan Street, Suite 600
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To submit applications by Email, send to: todd.doherty@state.co.us

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Interbasin Compact Committee By-laws and Charter (under Helpful Links section) –

<http://ibcc.state.co.us/Basins/IBCC/>

Legislation

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

<http://cwcbweblink.state.co.us/DocView.aspx?id=105662&searchhandle=28318>

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

<http://cwcbweblink.state.co.us/DocView.aspx?id=21291&searchhandle=12911>

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

<http://cwcbweblink.state.co.us/DocView.aspx?id=21379&searchhandle=12911>

Statewide Water Supply Initiative

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

Phase 1 Report – <http://cwcb.state.co.us/IWMD/SWSITechnicalResources/SWSIPhaseIReport/>

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Attachment 4

W-9 Form

NOTE: A completed W-9 form is required for all WSRA projects prior execution of a contract or purchase order. Please submit this form with the completed application.

CONCEPTS FOR BASIN EVALUATION AND PRIORITIZATION

The following will be used to evaluate a project submitted to the Southwestern Colorado Basin Roundtable:

Required:

A. Projects must be submitted on an application form used by the State IBCC and CWCB. Form Submitted

All applicable sections must be completed.

B. Projects must address the values encompassed by the SW Basin Bylaws, especially the following goals and objectives:

- **Seek the involvement of all interested parties and stakeholders.** We will be working with a variety of stakeholders from current and potential farmers to land trusts to interested governmental entities in order to create a program with broad buy-in.
- **Propose methods or projects, both structural and non-structural, for meeting any future needs as well as utilizing any unappropriated waters.** This project will address the need for local food production and protection of irrigation water rights.
- **Promote the protection, conservation, and use of water in the Southwestern Colorado Roundtable area.** This project will promote and protect irrigation water rights.
- **Promote the socio-economic sustainability of the Southwestern Colorado Roundtable area.** This project supports a sustainable agricultural population within our roundtable.
- **Promote the protection and conservation of the natural environment, including the protection of open space.** This project will promote the protection of open agricultural lands.

C. Provide the financial details of the plan, including cost sharing and other possible funding sources. Give a financial overview and rough timeline for completion of the project.

Please see application.

To assist the Southwest Roundtable in determining whether and to what extent a proposed project meets the values set forth in the Bylaws, the following questions should be addressed separately as can reasonably be answered by the applicant.

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1. What benefit(s) does the project provide? Are there multiple purposes?

Note: this does not mean that a single purpose project would be rejected, but for major funding requests, addressing multiple use needs would be an advantage. This project will protect irrigation water rights and open agricultural farm lands.

2. Outline the steps needed for completion of the project. What permit issues must be overcome?

How will funds acquired in this process be used to accomplish the final goal? There are no permit issues or other obstacles to completion of the project.

3. For prioritization of different proposals and assessment of the merits of the plan, can this project be physically built with this funding. Are further studies needed before actual construction is commenced(if the project anticipates construction)? Will these studies or additional steps delay the completion of the project substantially? No further studies are needed.

Once the project is completed and a plan in place, we will need to obtain funding for the implementation phase.

4. How does the proposal envision and anticipate support from its beneficiaries or from other sources in addition to the funding requested here? Would a loan reasonably address the needs of the applicant or, with a grant, should a recommendation be added to assess the future project status for ability to repay a portion of the grant? Because no beneficiaries can be addressed at this time, there are no entities or individuals who can support the project at this stage. We will obtain such support at the implementation phase.

5. What is the ability of the sponsor to pay for the project? What actions have been taken to secure local funding? Are there supporting factors which overcome the sponsor's inability to pay? (These could be related to basin water needs and compact considerations). N/A

6. What alternative sources of water or alternative management ideas have you considered? Are there water rights conflicts involving the source of water for the project? If so, please explain.

This project does not involve any conflicts regarding water rights.

7. How has public input been solicited and is there local support for the project? Have the beneficiaries solicited funding, letters or other documentation to demonstrate support? We have spoken with land trusts and others for the initial outlines of this proposal. Their input, as well as the input of farmers, ranchers and interested governmental entities will be critical to the plan that is produced from this project.

8. Is there opposition to the project? If there is opposition, how have those concerns been addressed? We are not aware of any opposition to this project.

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9. How does the project affect the protection and conservation of the natural environment, including the protection of open space? This project will help protect and conserve open farm land.

10. What is the impact of the proposed action on other non-decreed values of the stream or river? Non-decreed values may include things such as non-decreed water rights or uses, recreational uses and soil/land conservation practices. None.

11. How does the project relate to local land use plans? If conflicts exist, how will these be addressed? N/A

12. Identify any intrabasin conflicts and how they will be addressed. N/A

13. Identify any interbasin impacts and how any conflicts would be addressed. N/A

14. How does the project support agricultural development or protect the existing agricultural economy? This is the principal purpose of the project.

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EDUCATION

Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, with Honors; University of Texas

Minor studies in Geology and French

Juris Doctorate University of Texas School of Law

Continuing Education in Natural History, Ecology, Computer Applications; Colorado Mountain College

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Land Conservation Attorney and Consultant – May 2001 through present; Ridgway, Colorado.

Representation of various conservation clients in the following areas:

- Negotiation, drafting and closing the acquisition of conservation easements; preparation of baseline documentation; monitoring and stewardship of conservation easements;
- Conservation land planning;
- Research and reporting on various topics related to land conservation;
- Speaker's bureau for landowners, community members, foundations and elected officials on land conservation topics;
- Training and education for land conservation professionals on all aspects of land conservation including: policies and procedures for land trusts; establishing a land conservation program; establishing a conservation easement stewardship program (including preparation of baseline documentation, establishment of a monitoring program, drafting and advising upon amendment and enforcement procedures);
- Continuing Legal Education seminars for attorneys, appraisers and real estate professionals in Colorado, Texas, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Florida and numerous other states on all aspects of conservation easements and the state and federal laws affecting conservation easements.

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Executive Director, Colorado Coalition of Land Trusts; December 1999 – May 2001; Carbondale and Golden, Colorado.

Responsibilities included consultation, training and direct assistance to the 38 land trusts in the State of Colorado; providing public policy support at the state and federal levels; designing and implementing annual conferences; web site design; newsletter drafting and distribution; public education through speaking engagements and provision of continuing

education credits to Colorado attorneys and real estate brokers; fundraising, personnel management, and all aspects of Colorado non-profit organization administration.

Chief Executive Officer, Pitkin County Open Space & Trails; March 1994 – December 1999; Aspen, Colorado.

Responsibilities included locating, negotiating, drafting and closing conservation easements and open space land acquisitions; stewardship of such acquisitions; public outreach; budget management of \$3 million program; personnel management of staff and volunteers; trails acquisition, design and construction; oversight of property management and all other aspects of directing public open space program designed to operate in a similar fashion as a non-profit land trust.

Attorney, Law Offices of Jane Ellen Hamilton; March 1992 – March 1994; Aspen, Colorado.

Area of practice included real estate, land use and corporate law. Responsibilities covered all aspects of for profit business management, including marketing, personnel management, and financial management.

Attorney, Garfield & Hecht; December 1986 – March 1992; Aspen, Colorado.

Area of practice included real estate, land use and corporate law.

Attorney, Kutak Rock & Campbell – June 1984 – November 1986; Denver, Colorado.

Area of practice included real estate and securities law.

Legislative Aide, U.S. Representative Jack Brooks; May 1980 – August 1982; Washington, D.C.

Responsibilities included researching and drafting legislation; building legislative coalitions; constituent and lobbyist relations.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- Appointed member, Colorado Governor Bill Owens' "Commission on Saving Open Space, Farms and Ranches," June 2000
- Member, National Land Trust Council, 1999-2001
- Member, Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund open space stakeholder, 1994-2001
- Graduate, Leadership Aspen, May 1994
- Member, National Conservation Defense Advisory Council, 2008 - present
- Licensed Colorado attorney
- Senior Faculty Member, Land Trust Alliance, 1999 - present
- Member of Board of Directors, Windstar Land Conservancy
- Member of Advisory Board, Trust for Land Preservation
- Former member of Board of Directors: Aspen Valley Land Trust, Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado, Roaring Fork Outdoor Volunteers, Mountain Rescue - Aspen

Mancos Valley Resources



Mancos Valley Resources Background

Mancos Valley Resources Mission Statement

Mancos Valley Resources is a community-based nonprofit (501(c)3) charitable organization dedicated to preserving and enhancing the cultural, historical, recreational, educational and charitable assets of the Mancos Valley. Mancos Valley Resources accomplishes its mission by advocating, facilitating and supporting the efforts of others to meet defined needs through grants and other funding sources.

The Mancos Valley Resources is an organization of volunteers constituted solely for the purpose of providing help for other organizations / individuals in their pursuit of grant funding for worthy projects, specifically if they need a non-profit (501(c)3) status. We act as a pass-thru for grant requests after review and approval by our board. We provide advice/support during the grant writing period, oversight financial review as requested by the granting organizations, and tax reporting. Otherwise, we do not involve ourselves in the operations of the requesting organizations.