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SUBJECT: **Agenda Item 13, November 17-18, 2009 Board Meeting
Water Supply Reserve Account Grant Applications**

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Staff Recommendation

A summary of staff's recommendation for each grant request is provided in the table below. Favorable recommendations may be contingent on providing the CWCB with additional information, clarifications, or modifications in the scope of work. Please refer to the Water Activity Summary Sheets contained within this agenda item to find a summary of staff's review and any conditions associated with each recommendation.

| | Basin | Project Name | Total Request | Recommendation |
|----|-------------------|--|---------------|--|
| a. | Southwest | Mancos River Diversion Project, Phase I | \$24,753 | To fund up to \$24,753 from the Southwest Basin Account. |
| b. | Southwest | Protecting Irrigated Agricultural Lands and Water Rights for Agricultural Production | \$31,500 | To fund up to \$31,500 from the Southwest Basin Account. |
| c. | Yampa/White/Green | Water Storage Feasibility | \$220,800 | To fund up to \$220,800 from the Yampa/White/Green Basin Account |

Background

During this agenda item the Board will be provided with a brief overview of both applications that are requesting money from the Water Supply Reserve Account (WSRA). Attachments to this memo include:

- Summary spreadsheet summarizing funding requests and summarizing to date activities for the basin and statewide accounts;

- Water Activity Summary Sheet which provides an overview, discussion, issues/additional needs, and staff recommendation regarding funding, partial funding, or not funding the applications; and
- Copies of the full applications, Basin Roundtable approval letters and any supporting documentation provided by the applicants.

Staff's review of the applications involved the following procedures and steps:

- 1) The applications were reviewed for completeness based on the information requirements, which are primarily outlined in Part 2 of the Criteria and Guidelines.
- 2) The applications were reviewed to verify that the water activity met the **eligibility requirements** in Section 39-29-108 (III) C.R.S. (also outlined in Part 2 of the Criteria and Guidelines) and the **threshold criteria**, which are based on the requirements of Section 39-29-108 (III) C.R.S., and two sections of the Water for the 21st Century Act (House Bill 1177); Section 37-75-102 and Section 37-75-104(2)(c) (see Part 3 of the Criteria and Guidelines). Staff also verified whether that the applicant was an **eligible entity** to receive funding (see Part 2 of the Criteria and Guidelines).
- 3) This funding cycle only provided for funding from the Basin Accounts. Therefore, staff did not need to review the applications for conformance with the **evaluation criteria**.
- 4) Staff then prepared the Water Activity Summary Sheet which documents the outcome of the review process and contains staff's recommendations.

Water Supply Reserve Account Balances as of November 6, 2009

| Fund Distribution | | | | | |
|-------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| Basin | Approved Basin Grants | Total Basin Funds | Basin Account Balance | Approved State Grants | Statewide Account Balance |
| Arkansas | \$972,756 | \$1,069,300 | \$96,544 | \$2,781,620 | |
| Colorado | \$850,171 | \$1,069,300 | \$219,129 | \$2,227,900 | |
| Southwest | \$934,735 | \$1,069,300 | \$134,565 | \$2,790,000 | |
| Gunnison | \$813,125 | \$1,069,300 | \$256,175 | \$861,660 | |
| Metro | \$993,146 | \$1,069,300 | \$76,154 | \$1,358,333 | |
| North Platte | \$849,715 | \$1,069,300 | \$219,585 | \$311,027 | |
| Rio Grande | \$866,450 | \$1,069,300 | \$202,850 | \$2,967,400 | |
| South Platte | \$1,043,111 | \$1,069,300 | \$26,189 | \$1,913,602 | |
| Yampa/White | \$673,572 | \$1,069,300 | \$395,728 | \$248,835 | |
| TOTAL | \$7,996,780 | \$9,623,700 | \$1,626,920 | \$15,460,377 | \$225,923 |

Note: Only includes grants approved by CWCB.