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SUBJECT: **Agenda Item 9, January 26-27, 2010 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.	Rio Grande	Trinchera Irrigation District--Sangre de Cristo Trinchera Diversion Canal Restoration	\$54,000	To fund up to \$54,000 from the Rio Grande Basin Account.
b.	Southwest	Town of Norwood--Raw Water System Update and Future Needs Study	\$58,458	To fund up to \$58,458 from the Southwest Basin Account.
c.	Yampa/White	Yellowjacket WCD—Water Storage Feasibility Study	\$220,800	To fund up to \$220,800 from the Yampa/White Basin Account
d.	Yampa/White	TNC-- Watershed Flow Evaluation Tool	\$169,002	To fund up to \$169,002 from the Yampa/White 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 January 14, 2010

Basin	Approved Basin Grants	Total Basin Funds	Basin Account Balance	Approved State Grants	Statewide Account Balance
Arkansas	\$972,756	\$1,121,275	\$148,519	\$2,781,620	
Colorado	\$850,171	\$1,121,275	\$271,104	\$2,227,900	
Southwest	\$990,988	\$1,121,275	\$130,287	\$3,015,000	
Gunnison	\$692,565	\$1,121,275	\$428,710	\$861,660	
Metro	\$993,146	\$1,121,275	\$128,129	\$1,358,333	
North Platte	\$849,715	\$1,121,275	\$271,560	\$311,027	
Rio Grande	\$866,450	\$1,121,275	\$254,825	\$2,967,400	
South Platte	\$1,043,111	\$1,121,275	\$78,164	\$1,913,602	
Yampa/White	\$673,572	\$1,121,275	\$447,703	\$248,835	
TOTAL	\$7,932,473	\$10,091,475	\$2,159,002	\$15,685,377	\$1,265,648
TOTAL APPROVED GRANTS					\$23,617,851

Note: Only includes grants approved by CWCB.
Includes January 2010 Installment of \$1,732,500.



Water Supply Reserve Account Applications for Consideration at the CWCB January 2010 Board Meeting								
Basin	Applicant	Name of Water Activity	Date Received	CWCB Meeting	Basin Account Request	Statewide Account Request	Total Request	Type of Water Activity
Rio Grande	Trinchera Irrigation Company	Shortfall Request - Sangre de Cristo Trinchera Diversion Canal Restoration	11/18/2009	Jan-10	\$54,000	\$0	\$54,000	Structural and/or nonstructural water project or activity
Rio Grande Basin Total Requests					\$54,000	\$0	\$54,000	
Southwest	Town of Norwood	Raw Water System Update and Future Needs Study	11/16/2009	Jan-10	\$58,458	\$0	\$58,458	Study/analysis of consumptive water project or activity
Southwest Basin Total Requests					\$58,458	\$0	\$58,458	
Yampa/White/Green	Yellow Jacket Water Conservancy District	Water Storage Feasibility	9/16/2009	Jan-10	\$220,800	\$0	\$220,800	Technical assistance regarding permitting, feasibility studies, and environmental compliance. Study of Structural Project
Yampa/White/Green	The Nature Conservancy	Yampa White Basin Nonconsumptive Needs Assessment Watershed Flow Evaluation Tool	12/21/2009	Jan-10	\$169,002.35	\$0	\$169,002	Study/analysis of nonconsumptive water project or activity
Yampa/White/Green Basin Total Requests					\$389,802	\$0	\$389,802	
Water Supply Reserve Account Total January Requests					\$502,260	\$0	\$502,260	