CWCB Resolution – January 2010 In Support of the Chatfield Reservoir Reallocation Project

WHEREAS, The CWCB has contracted with the Omaha District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) to investigate the feasibility of reallocating existing storage space within Chatfield Reservoir through a contract known as the Feasibility Cost Share Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Feasibility Cost Share Agreement outlines the roles and responsibilities of the Corps and the CWCB pertaining to a Feasibility Report/Environmental Impact Statement for the Chatfield Reservoir Reallocation Project (Project); and

WHEREAS, the fundamental scope of the Project is to evaluate the feasibility of converting up to 20,600 acre-feet of existing flood control storage space in the federal facility into water supply storage space (joint conservation pool) for municipal, industrial, agricultural, and other beneficial uses; and

WHEREAS, the Corps has determined that through updated watershed modeling, antecedent flood criteria, and administrative operations of the reservoir during conditions of flooding, water supply storage space can be made available without adversely impacting the existing flood protection function of the facility; and

WHEREAS, A consortium of 15 Water Users signed Letters of Commitment with the CWCB pledging cost-share funding assistance and notice of interest in potentially receiving predetermined portions of the reallocated storage space within the reservoir; and

WHEREAS, each of the 15 water users would be financially responsible for their portion of the total cost of the reallocated space resulting from the Project and pursuant to a future contract between the CWCB and the Corps; and

WHEREAS, the Project has broad support from a strong coalition of water supply and environmental interests as well as from a multitude of elected officials, government agencies, non-profit organizations, and other stakeholders throughout Colorado.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Colorado Water Conservation Board supports the Chatfield Reservoir Reallocation Project, which could provide additional raw water supply storage volume within the South Platte River Basin by reallocating up to 20,600 acre-feet of reservoir storage space within the existing federal facility.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Colorado Water Conservation Board strongly encourages the Federal Government to work expeditiously in completing and approving the necessary studies and documents in order to obtain a successful Record of Decision that will allow the Chatfield Reservoir Reallocation Project to move forward in a timely manner.

CERTIFICATE

I certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by a majority vote of the members of the Colorado Water Conservation Board in regular session assembled at Denver, Colorado, on the 26th day of January, 2010, at which a quorum was present.

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