

NORTH PLATTE BASIN ROUNDTABLE

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Mr. Todd Doherty
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COLORADO WATER CONSERVATION BOARD
1580 Logan Street, Suite 600
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Re: Water Supply Reserve Account Grant Application for the North Park Irrigated
Meadow Conservation Program – Phase 1
Applicant: Ducks Unlimited, Inc. - \$20,000.00 Basin Account Funds

Dear Mr. Doherty:

This letter is to advise you that the grant application for WSRA funds from Basin Account funds for the North Park Irrigated Meadow Conservation Program – Phase 1, submitted by Ducks Unlimited, Inc. was reviewed by the North Platte Basin Roundtable and evaluated utilizing the North Platte Basin Roundtable Water Supply Reserve Account Grant Criteria on the 9th day of March 2010. This project is Phase 1 (study, feasibility and site selection) for implementation of additional irrigated meadows on private property in the North Platte Basin which would also provide habitat for waterfowl as well as additional habitat for amphibians and shorebirds.

This project and funding request for \$20,000.00 from Basin Account funds was approved by a majority of the voting members present at the North Platte Basin Roundtable meeting on March 9, 2010. Five of the nine voting members of the North Platte Basin Roundtable present at the meeting voted to approve the project and the requested WSRA funding. The five positive votes were cast by Kent Crowder (Chair & Legislative Appointee), Hal Hagen (Recreational Representative), Ty Watterberg (At-large Representative), Jim Baller Jr. (Michigan River Water Conservancy District Representative) and Barbara Vasquez (Vice Chair & Environmental Representative). A stated reason for supporting this application and activity was that it has the potential to benefit both consumptive and nonconsumptive needs and uses.

Four voting members voted to not approve the project and funding request. The four no votes were cast by Richard F. Wyatt (Municipal Representative), John C. Rich (Jackson County Representative), Mike Allnutt (Agricultural Representative), and Kay Meyring, (At-large Representative). Mr. Wyatt stated that he would not vote to approve funding for the project because he could not trust that the applicant and project would not create problems

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for private landowners and usurp their property rights. Mr. Allnutt stated that he voted to not approve funding for the project because he believed such projects should be funded by the private landowners and sportsmen. Mr. Rich stated that he voted to not approve the project and funding because he was tired of funding studies and wanted to see funds expending for actual projects on the ground. Mrs. Meyring stated that she also voted to not approve the project because she questioned the use of state funds for this type of project and she also wanted to see funds expended for projects on the ground.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions that you may have regarding the North Platte Basin Roundtable meeting or the Roundtable's level of support for this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Wm. Kent Crowder", written in a cursive style.

Wm. Kent Crowder, Chair
North Platte Basin Roundtable

cc: Matthew A. Reddy, Regional Biologist, Ducks Unlimited, Inc.