

June 21, 2010
Via Electronic Mail

Colorado Water Conservation Board
Attn: Ben Wade
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RE: Grand Valley Regional Water Conservation Plan
75% Completion Report

Dear Mr. Wade:

We have completed the Grand Valley Regional Water Conservation Plan through Step 6 for the City of Grand Junction (City), the Clifton Water District (Clifton), and the Ute Water Conservancy District (Ute or District). Below is a detailed description of the work to that has been completed since the 50% completion report:

Step 4: Identify Conservation Goals: Conservation goals were discussed at length. Each Entity had their own priorities for goals to be met in the WCP, however, a “universal” set of goals were established once we proceeded through the identification of measures and programs.

Step 5: Identify Conservation Measures and Programs: Once current measures and programs were identified and water savings were estimated, the Steering Committee started to identify Plan Elements not already addressed. The Steering Committee was presented with many options for fixture upgrades and retro-fits as well as information regarding landscape and building audits. Since the Grand Valley Regional Water Conservation Plan is a new joint project and funding is still uncertain at this time, the Entities decided to take a very conservative approach to the Plan Elements not already in place.

Step 6: Evaluation Conservation Measures and Programs: The evaluation and final determination of measures and programs were made according to the acceptance by Ute and Clifton’s Boards of Directors and by the Grand Junction City Council.

Several meetings have been held with the Steering Committee, most of the current water saving measures were identified however some data is still being obtained. The WCP is more than 75% complete and has been sent to Kevin Reidy for review and comments.

Obstacles encountered: As stated in the 50% completion report, data acquisition has been challenging, especially obtaining data from the past year which is still being compiled. Also, getting agreement on new measures and programs was difficult since the Steering Committee members each answer to different authorities.

Preliminary findings and accomplishments: As stated above, the WCP is better than 75% complete. A draft of the Grand Valley Regional Water Conservation Plan has been submitted and progress on the WCP has temporarily ceased pending comments from the CWCB.

Respectfully,

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City of Grand Junction
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