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## Colorado Water Conservation Board

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SUBJECT: **Agenda Item 11, July 20 - 21, 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.	Gunnison	Hanson Reservoir Outlet Rehabilitation	\$50,000	To fund up to \$50,000 from the Gunnison Basin Account.
b.	South Platte	Colorado Agricultural Meteorological Network (CoAgMet)	\$20,000	To fund up to \$20,000 from the South Platte Basin Account.
c.	South Platte	Data Logger and Telemetry Installation Project	\$46,000	To fund up to \$46,000 from the South Platte Basin Account
d.	Arkansas	Stakeholders' Cooperative Management Analysis for the Upper Arkansas River Basin	\$42,000	To fund up to \$42,000 from the Arkansas 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 activities for the basin and statewide accounts;
- Water Activity Summary Sheets which provide 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 July 2010

(Includes July 2010 Installment)

Basin	Approved Basin Grants	Total Basin Funds	Basin Account Balance	Approved State Grants	Statewide Account Balance
Arkansas	\$992,756	\$1,245,250	\$252,494	\$2,781,620	
Colorado	\$850,171	\$1,245,250	\$395,079	\$2,227,900	
Southwest	\$1,049,446	\$1,245,250	\$195,804	\$3,015,000	
Gunnison	\$888,665	\$1,245,250	\$356,585	\$861,660	
Metro	\$1,113,146	\$1,245,250	\$132,104	\$1,358,333	
North Platte	\$869,715	\$1,245,250	\$375,535	\$311,027	
Rio Grande	\$1,035,450	\$1,245,250	\$209,800	\$2,967,400	
South Platte	\$1,043,111	\$1,245,250	\$202,139	\$1,913,602	
Yampa/White	\$1,063,374	\$1,245,250	\$181,876	\$248,835	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$8,905,834</b>	<b>\$11,207,250</b>	<b>\$2,301,416</b>	<b>\$15,685,377</b>	<b>\$4,282,373</b>
<b>TOTAL APPROVED GRANTS</b>					<b>\$24,591,211</b>

Note: Only includes grants approved by CWCB.

### Water Supply Reserve Account Balance Summary and Project Status Report:

To provide the Board and public updates on the status of specific Water Supply Reserve Account grant applications and projects, staff will provide a status report in each CWCB Director's Report. The WSRA status report will include the following information:

- Water Supply Reserve Account Balance Summaries;
- List of completed WSRA projects;
- List of WSRA projects in progress; and
- List of WSRA Projects in the contracting and procurement process.