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TO: Colorado Water Conservation Board Members

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SUBJECT: **Agenda Item 12a, July 20-21, 2010 Board Meeting**
Water Supply Reserve Account Project Change –
Fraser River Settling Pond

Bill Ritter, Jr.
Governor

Mike King
DNR Executive Director

Jennifer L. Gimbel
CWCB Director

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends granting the requested change of Water Supply Reserve Account contracting entity for the Fraser River Settling Pond project.

Background

The East Grand Water Quality Board (EGWQB) received approval for a combined WSRA grant from the Statewide Account (\$127,900) and Colorado Basin Account (\$60,000) totaling \$187,900 at the March 2008 CWCB Board Meeting. This is a structural water project to reconstruct the Fraser River Settling Pond located at the base of Berthoud Pass in order to properly catch traction sand used on US Highway 40 and on Berthoud Pass to minimize impacts to the Fraser River. Due to the limited resources of the EGWQB and the evolving complexity of the project, Grand County has agreed to administer the WSRA grant if approved by the CWCB.

This project is a multi-jurisdictional effort with partners including: the United States Forest Service, Colorado Department of Transportation, Denver Water Board, Grand County, EGWQB, Army Corps of Engineers, EPA, CDPHE, and the Colorado Department of Wildlife. Project partners have been diligently working together to finalize the designs in order to accommodate Denver Water Board's existing infrastructure as well as accommodate the long term operations and maintenance needs of CDOT while complying with permitting requirements. Project costs have increased as reflected in the attached scope of work, but additional funds are being contributed by project partners well in excess of 20% as detailed in the attached letters.

Grand County requests CWCB approval of changing the project's contracting entity from EGWQB to Grand County. Grand County is willing to assume all applicable responsibilities for completion of the project and has committed to contracting for WSRA funds pursuant to the standard State of Colorado contract. All other aspects of the project remain the same.