

***Fountain Creek Watershed District
Pueblo, Colorado***

April 19, 2010

Mr. Todd Doherty
Intrastate Water Management and Development Section
Colorado Water Conservation Board
1580 Logan Street, Suite 600
Denver, Co 80203

RE: Letter of Support for the Fountain Creek Fish Marking and Fish Monitoring Study

Dear Mr. Doherty:

The Fountain Creek Watershed Greenway and Flood Control District is pleased to support the Fountain Creek Fish Marking and Fish Monitoring Study grant request. Fountain Creek supports numerous plains fish species, however, little is really known about these fish. Two critical issues, when designing a successful fish passage, are when and how far they migrate up and down the creek. This study will measure those parameters to provide the basis for design to overcome a significant impediment, the Clear Springs Ranch diversion dam.

The US Geological Survey and the Colorado Division of Wildlife have agreed to work together to obtain marking and monitoring data for the flathead chub in the area of the diversion structure. This data is critical for developing fish passage designs for plains fish species, the first of its kind in the state of Colorado. The conclusions reached by this study will inform future fish passage designs for these important warm water species.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Gerald Barber,
Executive Director
The Fountain Creek Watershed Greenway and Flood Control District