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 Lower Arkansas Valley Water Conservancy District (LAVWCD) enthusiastically supports the Colorado Water Conservation Board's (CWCB) grant application for the study of the flathead chub movement associated with the Clear Springs Ranch diversion structure in Fountain Creek.

Currently, the LAVWCD is a funding partner for the CWCB Fish and Wildlife Resources Grant that is funding a design for fish passage on the Clear Springs Ranch Diversion Dam. This diversion dam was identified as a major impediment for the movement of the plains fish on Fountain Creek by the CODOW, USACE and USGS, all of which have studied the movement of fish on Fountain Creek and the Clear Springs Ranch diversion dam, specifically.

This grant request will fund the study of Flathead Chub movement patters in the area of the Clear Springs Ranch diversion dam. Information learned from the study will be critical to gain a better understanding of the plains fish species migration and how to best design passage over or around existing creek impediments such as the Clear Springs Ranch diversion dam.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Jay Winner

Executive Director