

SOUTHWEST BASINS ROUNDTABLE

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Mr. Todd Doherty
Chief, Intrastate Water Management and Development Section
Colorado Water Conservation Board
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SUBJECT: Recommendation in support of \$775,000 to complete the request for \$1,000,000 from the Statewide account for a Canal Seepage Reduction Program applied for by the Florida Canal, Florida Canal Enlargement, Florida Co-operative Ditch and Florida Farmers Ditch Companies as recommended by the Southwest Basins Roundtable on January 14, 2009

Dear Mr. Doherty:

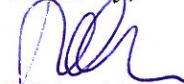
We are pleased that funding is being considered in the amount of \$775,000 to bring the total to the Basin recommended amount of \$1,000,000 for the Canal Seepage Reduction Program applied for by the Florida Canal, Florida Canal Enlargement, Florida Cooperative Ditch and Florida Farmers Ditch Companies.

The total of \$1,000,000 was recommended for funding by the Roundtable on January 14, 2009. Completing this funding will make possible canal lining work that brings to fruition the feasibility work that was completed with \$100,000 in Basin Funds and Phase 1 of State funding to determine specific areas and costs for addressing leakage.

This project is identified as an IPP to meet the consumptive needs in our basin. Specifically, this project meets one of the Roundtable's top priorities in making water available to support expanding demand for M&I water without diminishing water supplies available for agriculture.

The application materials to complete this project, as recommended by the Roundtable, will be forwarded directly to you by the applicants. Please contact the applicants directly or me at 970-565-7562, mpreston@frontier.net, if you have questions or wish to discuss this application in more detail.

Sincerely,



Michael Preston
Southwest Basins Roundtable Chair