

NORTH PLATTE BASIN ROUNDTABLE

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Mr. Todd Doherty
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WSRA Application
1580 Logan Street, Suite 600
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Re: Water Supply Reserve Account Grant Application for Walden Reservoir Company Structure for Water Control – Walden Reservoir Company - WSRA Funds Requested - \$36,000.00 Basin Account Funds

Dear Mr. Doherty:

This letter is to advise you that the grant application for \$36,000.00 from Basin Account funds for the Walden Reservoir Company Structure for Water Control project was reviewed by the North Platte Basin Roundtable (NPBRT) and evaluated utilizing the NPBRT Water Supply Reserve Account Grant Evaluation Criteria. The NPBRT met on the 23rd day of November, 2010, and eight voting members of the NPBRT voted to approve the project and the requested WSRA funding and one voting member, Tom Hackleman, abstained from voting because he is a shareholder in the Walden Reservoir Company. Because there were no dissenting votes, a minority report is not required.

The NPBRT has identified a consumptive need to develop the full allocation of irrigated acres in the North Platte Basin that is allowed by the U.S. Supreme Court Decree and the Three States Agreement on the Platte River. The Walden Reservoir provides irrigation water to several different individuals, ranches and entities that irrigate approximately 5,000 acres of hay and pasture land in Jackson County. In addition to irrigating the highly valuable hayland, the reservoir and irrigation ditches create irrigation induced wetlands and riparian areas that provide habitat for waterfowl/shorebirds. The Walden Reservoir has been identified as a very important area for duck production and waterfowl hunting. The reservoir has also been identified as an important bird area by the National Audubon Society.

The NPBRT has identified twelve nonconsumptive environmental and recreational attributes in the basin. Waterfowl hunting and waterfowl/shorebird habitat and waterfowl viewing have been ranked as having a very high priority and importance by the Roundtable.

This project helps meet both consumptive and non-consumptive needs identified by the NPBRT. Currently the existing check structure is incapable of regulating reservoir water levels, and a new check structure is needed to effectively and efficiently check the water entering into the reservoir and prevent water loss from back flow. This higher degree of control and efficiency will benefit all consumptive and non-consumptive uses of the reservoir water.

Please feel free to call me with any questions that you may have regarding the North Platte Basin Roundtable meeting or our level of support for this project.

Sincerely,



Wm. Kent Crowder, Chair
North Platte Basin Roundtable

cc: Carl Trick II