

SOUTHWEST BASINS ROUNDTABLE

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

SUBJECT: Groundhog Reservoir Bathymetric Survey

Dear Mr. Doherty:

The Southwest Basins Roundtable is pleased to recommend funding of \$35,000 from the Basin account for the Montezuma Valley Irrigation Company (MVIC) Groundhog Reservoir Bathymetric Survey.

The application was considered in detail and approved at the January 12, 2011 meeting of the Southwest Basins Roundtable. There was a quorum of Roundtable members present. Groundhog Reservoir is listed as an IPP in the SWSI II Report. Groundhog is a high altitude reservoir which provides water for a combination of irrigation, M&I, and augmentation/exchange decrees and contracts. There is no known capacity study since the reservoir was rebuilt and enlarged in 1938. The Bathymetric Survey is part of a larger project which will also improve measurement of Reservoir elevation and releases.

By improving the efficiency in the administration and use of Groundhog Reservoir, this project will contribute to the meeting future M&I needs without diminishing water supplies available for irrigation, meeting a fundamental strategy and goal of the Southwest Basins Roundtable.

The completed Grant Application will be forwarded directly to you by the applicant. Please contact the applicants directly or me at 970-565-7562, mpreston@frontier.net, if you have questions or wish to discuss these applications in more detail.

Sincerely,



Michael Preston

Southwest Basins Roundtable Chair