

**SOUTHWEST BASINS ROUNDTABLE**

**Michael Preston, Chair**  
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EMAILED: December 17, 2010

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

SUBJECT: Town of Rico Alluvium Pipeline Water Supply Project

Dear Mr. Doherty:

The Southwest Basins Roundtable is pleased to recommend funding of \$20,000 from the Basin account and \$68,000 from the Statewide Account for the Town of Rico Water Supply Project.

The application was considered in detail and approved at the November 10, 2010 meeting of the Southwest Basins Roundtable. There was a quorum of Roundtable members present. The \$88,000 in WSRA funding will support the drilling of a new well and the necessary water quality testing as part of a \$1.5-1.7 million project that also includes a 2 mile pipeline and treatment facility. The project is listed as an IPP in the SWSI II Report. This project is the result of a long term effort to provide a clean, treatable and fiscally viable water supply to the Town of Rico. Funding is being solicited from a variety of sources including increased water rates and tap fees adopted by the Town in 2008 and 2009.

The applicant and the Basin Roundtable ask that the request from the Basin Account and the Statewide Account be considered as a package at the March CWCB Board meeting since funding from both accounts is integral to the viability of the project.

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](mailto:mpreston@frontier.net), if you have questions or wish to discuss these applications in more detail.

Sincerely,



Michael Preston  
Southwest Basins Roundtable Chair