The Gunnison Basin Roundtable

March 9, 2011

Mr. Todd Doherty Intrastate Water Management and Development Section COLORADO WATER CONSERVATION BOARD 1580 Logan Street, Suite 600 Denver, CO 80203

Re:

Grant Request from the Water Supply Reserve Account Gunnison Gorge Anglers/Trout Unlimited

Relief Ditch Diversion Dam

Dear Mr. Doherty:

This letter is presented to advise you that the grant application submitted by the Gunnison Gorge Anglers/Trout Unlimited for \$20,650 from Basin Account funds from the Water Supply Reserve Account for the Relief Ditch Diversion Dam was reviewed by the Gunnison Basin Roundtable and its Project Screening Committee, recommended for approval by that committee, and approved by a unanimous vote of the Gunnison Basin Roundtable during our meeting on March 7, 2011.

This water activity meets the provisions of Section 37-75-104(2), Colorado Revised Statutes. The requirements/language from the statute is provided in Part 3 of the Criteria and Guidelines.

This activity furthers the basin-wide consumptive and non-consumptive water needs assessment for the Gunnison Basin Roundtable in it will develop a permanent, sustainable diversion structure that will provide the full decreed amount of water to the Relief Ditch while removing the need to use heavy equipment in the stream channel. This will be more efficient and cost effective for the irrigators and will retard stream bank erosion while allowing for re-vegetation of the riparian area. It will further allow safe boater passage and easier fish migration which will increase the recreational use of the area.

Sincerely,

Michelle Pierce

Chair

Cc: Tom Alvey (e-mail)