

July 13, 2011

Todd Doherty
Colorado Water Conservation Board
Water Supply Planning Section, WSRA Application
1580 Logan Street, Suite 200
Denver, CO 80203

Dear Mr. Doherty:

Todd

The Metro Basin Roundtable (BRT) has determined that conducting the South Platte River Recreation and Habitat Improvement Preliminary Design is an important element in addressing the Metro BRT's basin non-consumptive needs. The preceding studies conducted by The Greenway Foundation identified areas with the most potential to enhance and increase greenways, public fish areas, flatwater and whitewater boating, waterfowl hunting, native riparian vegetation, and the abundance of aquatic life habitat. Based on the findings in the River North Greenway Master Plan (RINO), River South Greenway Master Plan (RISO) and the South Platte River Vision Implementation Plan (RVIP), improvements are greatly needed in this reach to increase the quality and abundance of existing habitat; in addition, there is limited access to the South Platte River through Denver and these stakeholder and community-developed improvements will provide much needed recreation access to the South Platte River through this densely populated portion of the State. The requested amount to be considered by the Metro Basin Roundtable is \$25,000.

At the July 6, 2011, Metro BRT meeting, the membership unanimously voted to recommend funding for the South Platte River Recreation and Habitat Improvement Preliminary Design in the amount of \$25,000; the Metro Basin Roundtable supports The Greenway Foundation's request for Statewide funds in the amount of \$200,000. There was a quorum present at the July meeting and the vote was unanimous in favor of the funding request.

Attached please find the application and supporting materials for this project. If you require additional information, please notify me accordingly.

Sincerely yours,

Rod Kuharich

Rod Kuharich
Chair, Metro Basin Roundtable