

The Gunnison Basin Roundtable

October 25, 2010

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
Painted Sky Resource Conservation & Development Council, Inc.
Improving Habitat and Safety at the Hartland Diversion Dam – Partial Dam Removal & Stabilization

Dear Mr. Doherty:

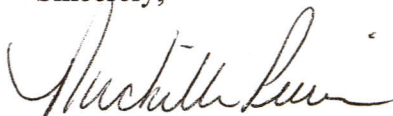
This letter is presented to advise you that the grant application submitted by the Painted Sky Resource Conservation & Development Council, Inc. for \$53,100 from Basin Account funds from the Water Supply Reserve Account for Partial Removal of the Hartland Diversion Dam was reviewed by the Gunnison Basin 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 October 4, 2010.

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 non-consumptive water needs assessment for the Gunnison Basin Roundtable in that it meets an identified non-consumptive needs in terms of improved boater safety on an identified recreational stream and fish passage for endangered fish. The specific language from the non-consumptive needs report is as follows:

Segment 5. Gunnison River - Confluence with North Fork Gunnison River to Hartland Diversion
Boating in this reach is related to both fishing and daily recreational trips. The reoperation of the Aspinall Unit, as previously discussed should benefit both the native and sport fisheries in this reach. However, there may be some adverse impacts to the sport fishery if summer base flows are lowered significantly and/or temperature increases measurably. This segment is listed by the State of Colorado as impaired by selenium and will benefit from implementation of the Selenium Management Program. There is also a plan to replace the Hartland Diversion with a new structure that would improve fish passage that will extend their habitat, make the structure safer to navigate and ensure diversion efficiency and stability.

Sincerely,



Michelle Pierce
Chair

Cc: Tom Alvey (e-mail)