

SOUTHWEST BASINS ROUNDTABLE

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Mr. Todd Doherty

Chief, Intrastate Water Management and Development Section

Colorado Water Conservation Board

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SUBJECT: Lake Durango Water Authority Source Water Infrastructure – Basin Fund

Dear Mr. Doherty:

The Southwest Basins Roundtable is pleased to recommend funding of \$50,000 from the Basin Account for the Lake Durango Water Authority Source Water Infrastructure Project.

The application was considered in detail and approved at the July 13, 2011 meeting of the Southwest Basins Roundtable. There was a quorum of Roundtable members present. The proposed project addresses an immediate supply gap between the current commitment of 1,435 taps and a safe yield adequate to serve 792 taps. Beyond meeting the immediate gap, the project will allow for future growth. The project will utilize water from the recently completed Lake Nighthorse using the recently completed intake structure. Using Lake Durango as a source of supply will also reduce dependence of Lake Durango on their La Plata River water rights which will benefit the La Plata Water Conservancy District and the challenges associated with the compact obligation to New Mexico, which is a matter of State interest.

The Roundtable appreciates the approval by CWCB of \$450,000 from the Statewide Fund for this project coupled with a \$2.5 million loan, and requests approval of \$50,000 from the Basin fund to complete the funding package for this important 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, if you have questions or wish to discuss these applications in more detail.

Sincerely,



Michael Preston

Southwest Basins Roundtable Chair