

Metro Roundtable

July 7, 2011

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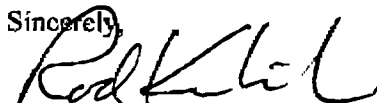
**Re: Water Supply Reserve Account Grant Application for BASIN ROUNDTABLE PROJECT
EVALUATION COMMITTEE: FLAMING GORGE**

Dear Todd:

You will receive under separate cover a WSRA grant application for the Basin Roundtable Project Evaluation Committee: Flaming Gorge. The estimated cost of the Scope of Work is approximately \$190,000. At the July 6, 2011 Metro Roundtable meeting, the roundtable agreed by consensus to support this application with \$30,000 in basin funds, requesting \$150,000 in funds from the Statewide Account. There were no dissenting opinions.

My expectation is that this grant request will be heard at the September, 2011 CWCB meeting. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Rod Kuharich
Chair

c: Eric Hecox
Jennifer Gimbel
Gary Barber, Chair, Metro Roundtable
Jim Yahn, Chair, S. Platte Roundtable



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July 15, 2011

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Dear Todd:

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Respectfully submitted,

Jim Yahn, Chair
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Cc: Gary Barber

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August 19, 2011

Mr. Michael King, Executive Director
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Mr. Eric Hecox, Manager, Office of Interbasin Compact Negotiations
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**FUNDING REQUEST FOR UP TO \$5,000.00 OF RIO GRANDE BASIN W.S.R.A. FUNDS
IN SUPPORT OF THE FLAMING GORGE STUDY**

Gentlemen:

The Rio Grande Inter-Basin Roundtable (R.G.R.T) has determined that the single, most critical water issue confronting the Rio Grande Basin (Basin) is the current unsustainable management of surface and ground water. The R.G.R.T. has made the decision that water activities that address this issue be favorably considered for funding from the Water Supply Reserve Account, SB 2005 -179 (WSRA Funds), providing the proposed water activities meet the SWSI findings for the Basin and the C.W.CB & I.B.C.C. Criteria and Guidelines for funding. .

At the regular R.G.R.T meeting on August 9, 2011, Travis Smith made a presentation on the merits of the R.G.R.T supporting the concept of the so called "Flaming Gorge Study" (Study), and having the opportunity to be included in the future discussions on this and other similar projects. While it is recognized that such a project may not directly affect the Basin the success of this or similar projects may have an impact on the future demand for water resources from the Basin.

The R.G.R.T. Members present voted to request funding of up to five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) of Rio Grande Basin WSRA Funds for support of the Study. There was one abstention by Paul Robertson, the Environment Representative from The Nature Conservancy (TNC), who explained the position of TNC and their opinion that such a study, and others, would be more appropriately handled directly by the CWCB.

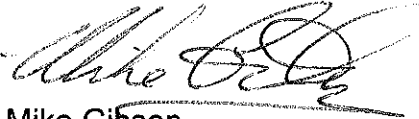
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On behalf of the R.G.R.T. members, we appreciate the C.W.C.B's consideration of this request and urge their support to the fullest extent possible.

If you require additional information, please notify me accordingly.

The R.G.R.T. appreciates the support of the Department of Natural Resources, the C.W.C.B. and the Interbasin Compact Commission in assisting in meeting the needs of all users of Colorado's water and in fostering intrabasin and interbasin communications and discussions. We believe that the above project will assist in this effort.

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Mike Gibson
Chair, Rio Grande Interbasin Roundtable

cc: Travis Smith – Rio Grande Basin C.W.C.B. Representative

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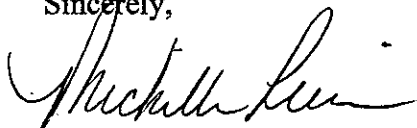
Re: Grant Request from the Water Supply Reserve Account
Pikes Peak Regional Water Authority
Basin Roundtable Exploration Committee – Flaming Gorge

Dear Mr. Doherty:

This letter is presented to advise you that the grant application submitted by the Pikes Peak Regional Water Authority for \$190,000.00 from Basin and Statewide Account funds from the Water Supply Reserve Account for the Basin Roundtable Exploration Committee – Flaming Gorge, was reviewed by the Gunnison Basin Roundtable during our meeting on August 1, 2011.

Please consider this letter as confirmation that the Gunnison Basin Roundtable, by a majority vote of its members, agreed to appoint two representatives to serve on this committee at its next meeting on October 3, 2011 and to authorize the allocation of up to \$5,000 in Gunnison Basin Funds for each representative to pay for travel expenses.

Sincerely,



Michelle Pierce
Chair

Cc: Tom Alvey (e-mail)

THE COLORADO BASIN ROUNDTABLE
C/O P.O. BOX 1120
GLENWOOD SPRINGS, COLORADO
81602

July 28, 2011

Jacob Bornstein
COLORADO WATER CONSERVATION BOARD
1580 Logan Street, Suite 600
Denver, CO 80203

Dear Jacob:

This letter is to signal the Colorado Basin Roundtable's interest in participating in the Flaming Gorge Task Force, should a grant request by the South Platte, Arkansas and Metro Roundtables to create a task force be successful before the Colorado Water Conservation Board.

Our agreement is to send two participants and to allocate \$5,000 each from our own Water Supply Reserve Account Fund to cover travel expenses incurred by participation. As I understand it, this letter is the only vehicle required to approve the funding from our end. Please let me know otherwise.

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Arkansas Basin Roundtable
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Re: Water Supply Reserve Account Grant Application for the Basin Roundtable Project Exploration Committee: Flaming Gorge

Dear Todd:

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Sincerely,

Gary Barber
Chair

c: Executive Committee, Ark Roundtable

SOUTHWEST BASINS ROUNDTABLE

Michael Preston, Chair

c/o Dolores Water Conservancy District

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Cortez, Colorado 81321

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EMAILED: July 29, 2011

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SUBJECT: Basin Roundtable Project Exploration Committee: Flaming Gorge

Dear Mr. Doherty:

The Southwest Basins Roundtable at our July 13 Roundtable meeting appointed Bruce Whitehead and Ann Oliver to the Basin Roundtable Project Exploration Committee. The Roundtable approved up to \$5,000 from Basin funds to support travel expenses for Ann Oliver. Southwestern Water Conservation District agreed to directly fund travel costs for Bruce Whitehead as a matching contribution to project. There was a quorum of Roundtable members present.

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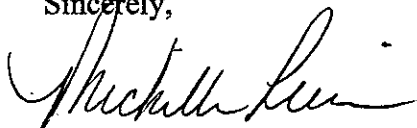
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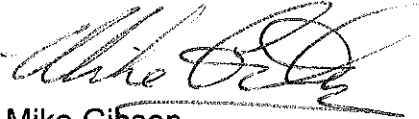
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