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TO: Colorado Water Conservation Board Members

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SUBJECT: **Agenda Item 20.d., January 23-24, 2012 Board Meeting**
Water Supply Reserve Account Change of Fiscal Agent –
Blue Mesa Study

John W. Hickenlooper
Governor

Mike King
DNR Executive Director

Jennifer L. Gimbel
CWCB Director

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends granting the requested change of fiscal agent for the Water Supply Reserve Account application of the study to examine the use of excess storage capacity in Blue Mesa Reservoir to avoid or reduce the impact of a Colorado River Compact curtailment in Colorado (i.e. Blue Mesa Study) to include the Upper Gunnison River Water Conservancy District in addition to the Southeastern Colorado Water Conservation District.

Background

The Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District received approval for a WSRA grant for the Blue Mesa Study totaling \$245,000 at the March 2011 CWCB Board Meeting. The grant includes \$24,500 from the Gunnison Basin Account, \$24,500 from the Arkansas Basin Account and \$196,000 from the Statewide Account. Due to Tabor limits, the SECWCD requests that both the SECWCD and the UGWCD are authorized as fiscal agents for this contract.