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SUBJECT: **Agenda Item 20, January 23-24, 2012 Board Meeting**
Water Supply Reserve Account Program

Staff Recommendation

A summary of staff's recommendation for each WSRA application is provided in the table below. WSRA considerations at this meeting include: one new application, one modified application, and two requests for a change of fiscal agent. Favorable recommendations may be contingent on providing the CWCB with additional information, clarifications, or modifications in the scope of work. Please refer to the Water Activity Summary Sheets contained within this agenda item to find a summary of staff's review and any conditions associated with each recommendation.

	Basin	Project Name	Total Request	Recommendation
a.	Colorado	<i>New Application</i> – Colorado Basin Roundtable Education Program	\$29,700	To fund up to \$29,700 from the Colorado basin account.
b.	North Platte	<i>Modified Application</i> – Basin Roundtable Project Exploration Committee: Flaming Gorge	\$1,000	To allow up to \$1,000 from the North Platte basin account to be used for costs associated with this project.
c.	Arkansas	<i>Change in Fiscal Agent</i> – Ag Fallowing Public Policy Working Group	N/A	To allow requested change in fiscal agent
d.	Arkansas & Gunnison	<i>Change in Fiscal Agent</i> – The use of excess storage capacity in Blue Mesa Reservoir to avoid or reduce the impact of a Colorado River Compact curtailment in Colorado (Blue Mesa Study)	N/A	To allow requested change in fiscal agent

Background

For this agenda item the Board is provided with a brief overview of applications to the Water Supply Reserve Account (WSRA). Attachments to this memo include:

- Summary spreadsheet detailing funding requests for the basin and statewide accounts;
- Water Activity Summary Sheets which provide an overview, discussion, issues/additional needs, and staff recommendation regarding funding, partial funding, or not funding the applications; and
- Copies of the full applications, Basin Roundtable approval letters and any supporting documentation provided by the applicants.

Staff's review of the applications involves the following steps:

- 1) Applications are reviewed for completeness based on the information requirements, which are primarily outlined in Part 2 of the Criteria and Guidelines (C&G).
- 2) Applications are reviewed to verify that the water activity meets the **eligibility requirements** in Section 39-29-108 (III) C.R.S. (C&G, Part 2) and the **threshold criteria**, which are based on the requirements of Section 39-29-108 (III) C.R.S., and two sections of the Water for the 21st Century Act (House Bill 1177); Section 37-75-102 and Section 37-75-104(2)(c) (C&G, Part 3). Staff also verify that the applicant was an **eligible entity** to receive funding (C&G, Part 2).
- 3) Staff then prepares the Water Activity Summary Sheet which documents the outcome of the review process and contains staff's recommendations.

Water Supply Reserve Account Balances as of December 2011

Basin	Approved Basin Grants	Total Basin Funds	Basin Account Balance	Approved State Grants	Statewide Account Balance
Arkansas	\$1,237,550	\$1,437,250	\$199,700	\$3,498,692	
Colorado	\$995,656	\$1,437,250	\$441,594	\$2,410,043	
Southwest	\$1,314,946	\$1,437,250	\$122,304	\$4,463,966	
Gunnison	\$1,222,572	\$1,437,250	\$214,678	\$1,001,803	
Metro	\$1,089,929	\$1,437,250	\$347,321	\$1,925,268	
North Platte	\$1,036,483	\$1,437,250	\$400,767	\$311,027	
Rio Grande	\$1,247,365	\$1,437,250	\$189,885	\$3,518,543	
South Platte	\$1,175,857	\$1,437,250	\$261,393	\$2,550,566	
Yampa/White	\$1,181,374	\$1,437,250	\$255,876	\$431,813	
TOTAL	\$10,501,732	\$12,935,250	\$2,433,518	\$20,111,720	\$4,528,030
TOTAL APPROVED GRANTS					\$30,613,452

Note: Only includes grants approved by
CWCB

Water Supply Reserve Account Balance Summary and Project Status Report

To provide the Board updates on the status of specific Water Supply Reserve Account grant applications and projects, staff provides a status report in the CWCB Director's Report. The WSRA status report includes the following information:

- List of completed WSRA projects;
- List of WSRA projects in progress; and
- List of WSRA projects in the contracting and procurement process.