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SUBJECT: **Agenda Item 12, January 24 - 26, 2011 Board Meeting
Water Supply Reserve Account Grant Applications**

Staff Recommendation

A summary of staff's recommendation for each grant request is provided in the table below. 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.	Arkansas	Trinidad/Purgatoire River Reach 4 Demonstration Project	\$75,000	To fund up to \$75,000 from the Arkansas Basin Account.
b.	Metro	Educating Denver Metro elected officials and decision makers on solutions-oriented water supply planning	\$14,820	To fund up to \$14,820 from the Metro Basin Account.
c.	North Platte	Walden Reservoir Company Structure for Water Control	\$36,000	To fund up to \$36,000 from the North Platte Basin Account.
d.	North Platte	North Platte Basin Education Package	\$14,040	To fund up to \$14,040 from the North Platte Basin Account.
e.	Rio Grande	Conejos North Branch Water Conservation and Management	\$75,000	To fund up to \$75,000 from the Rio Grande Basin Account.
f.	Rio Grande	The McDonald Ditch and Plaza Project – Phase I	\$40,000	To fund up to \$40,000 from the Rio Grande Basin Account.

WSRA Funding Update

The WSRA received the January installment of funds as a "Tier II" severance tax program. This means the WSRA received another 30% of the appropriation for FY 2010/2011 or an additional \$1.8M of the \$6M appropriation. This equates to an additional \$1,314,000 for the Statewide Account and an additional \$54,000 for each Basin Account. The updated WSRA balances are reflected in the table below.

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 verified whether 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 January 2011

Basin	Approved Basin Grants	Total Basin Funds	Basin Account Balance	Approved State Grants	Statewide Account Balance
Arkansas	\$1,076,756	\$1,299,250	\$222,494	\$2,809,620	
Colorado	\$950,171	\$1,299,250	\$349,079	\$2,402,900	
Southwest	\$1,183,946	\$1,299,250	\$115,304	\$3,790,000	
Gunnison	\$938,665	\$1,299,250	\$360,585	\$861,660	
Metro	\$1,041,409	\$1,299,250	\$257,841	\$1,818,125	
North Platte	\$869,715	\$1,299,250	\$429,535	\$311,027	
Rio Grande	\$1,035,450	\$1,299,250	\$263,800	\$2,961,400	
South Platte	\$1,113,857	\$1,299,250	\$185,393	\$2,213,423	
Yampa/White	\$1,073,374	\$1,299,250	\$225,876	\$259,813	
TOTAL	\$9,283,343	\$11,693,250	\$2,409,907	\$17,427,968	\$3,853,782

TOTAL APPROVED GRANTS

\$26,711,311

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 CWCBC Director's Report. The WSRA status report includes the following information:

- Water Supply Reserve Account Balance Summaries;
- List of completed WSRA projects;
- List of WSRA projects in progress; and
- List of WSRA projects in the contracting and procurement process.