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SUBJECT: **Consent Agenda Item 2a, January 24-26, 2011 Board Meeting**
Finance Section – Grant De-Authorization
South Platte Lower River Group, Inc – Pilot Demonstration Project

Recommendation

Staff recommends the Board approve the de-authorization of the CWCB Construction Fund grant to the South Platte Lower River Group, Inc. (SPLRG), for the Pilot Demonstration Project approved by the CWCB in January of 2001.

Background

The CWCB approved a \$150,000 Construction Fund grant in January of 2001 for the Pilot Demonstration Project. The project was to develop additional lower South Platte River groundwater recharge projects with a variety of local partners including private individual landowners, ditch companies and irrigation districts.

SPLRG requested several time extensions but has been unable to execute a contract with the state. Since the grant approval, similar recharge projects in the basin have successfully demonstrated public/private partnerships. A letter notifying SPLRG of the pending de-authorization was sent on March 13, 2010.

Pursuant to section 37-60-121 (1) (b), Colorado Revised Statutes, the board has the authority to deauthorize grants if the project has been completed or is no longer feasible. Legislative approval is not required.