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SUBJECT: **Agenda Item 5, September 13-14, 2011 Board Meeting
Water Supply Reserve Account Applications**

Staff Recommendation

A summary of the staff recommendation for each WSRA application 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.	Gunnison	Painted Sky Development and Resource Council - Hartland Dam Improvements	\$53,100	To fund up to \$53,100 from the Gunnison Basin Account.
b.	North Platte	Jackson County Water Conservancy District - Structures for Water Control: Headgates and Diversion	\$128,828	To fund up to \$128,828 from the North Platte Basin Account.
c.	Southwest	Lake Durango Water Authority - Source Water Infrastructure Project	\$50,000	To fund up to \$50,000 from the Southwest Basin Account.
d.	Yampa/White	The Friends of the Yampa - Yampa River Structures Project	\$50,000	To fund up to \$50,000 from the Yampa/White Basin Account.
e.	Metro and South Platte	The Greenway Foundation - South Platte River Recreation and Habitat Improvement Preliminary Design	\$250,000	To fund up to \$25,000 from the Metro Basin Account, \$25,000 from the South Platte Basin Account, and \$200,000 from the Statewide Account.
f.	Rio Grande	The Colorado Rio Grande Restoration Foundation and McDonald Ditch Company - Plaza Project Phase 2 - McDonald Ditch	\$295,000	To fund up to \$20,000 from the Rio Grande Basin Account and \$275,000 from the Statewide Account.

g.	Rio Grande	Conejos Water Conservancy District - Platoro Reservoir Crest of Dam Repair	\$150,000	To fund up to \$15,000 from the Rio Grande Basin Account and \$135,000 from the Statewide Account.
h.	Rio Grande	Sanchez Ditch & Reservoir Company - Sanchez Reservoir Rehabilitation - Phase I Assessment & Upgrade	\$95,000	To fund up to \$10,000 from the Rio Grande Basin Account and \$85,000 from the Statewide Account.
i.	South Platte	Ducks Unlimited, Inc. - South Platte River Phreatophyte Control Pilot	\$65,000	To fund up to \$35,000 from the South Platte Basin Account and \$30,000 from the Statewide Account.
j.	Gunnison	Colorado State University Extension - Agricultural Weather Data Delivery Improvements to Uncompahgre Valley Irrigators	\$112,347	To fund up to \$77,000 from the Gunnison Basin Account and \$35,000 from the Statewide Account.
k.	Arkansas, Colorado, Gunnison, Metro, Rio Grande, South Platte, Southwest	Pikes Peak Regional Water Authority - Basin Roundtable Project Exploration Committee: Flaming Gorge	\$250,000	To fund up to \$250,000: \$150,000 from the Statewide Account, \$30,000 from the Metro Account, \$20,000 from the Arkansas Account, \$20,000 from the South Platte Account, \$10,000 from the Gunnison Account, \$10,000 from the Colorado Account, \$5,000 from the Rio Grande Account, and \$5,000 from the Southwest Account

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 verifies 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 August 2011

Basin	Approved Basin Grants	Total Basin Funds	Basin Account Balance	Approved State Grants	Statewide Account Balance
Arkansas	\$1,232,250	\$1,437,250	\$205,000	\$3,491,549	
Colorado	\$993,656	\$1,437,250	\$443,594	\$2,402,900	
Southwest	\$1,263,946	\$1,437,250	\$173,304	\$4,456,823	
Gunnison	\$1,070,632	\$1,437,250	\$366,618	\$959,660	
Metro	\$1,056,229	\$1,437,250	\$381,021	\$1,818,125	
North Platte	\$919,755	\$1,437,250	\$517,495	\$311,027	
Rio Grande	\$1,187,450	\$1,437,250	\$249,800	\$3,016,400	
South Platte	\$1,113,857	\$1,437,250	\$323,393	\$2,413,423	
Yampa/White	\$1,131,374	\$1,437,250	\$305,876	\$431,813	
TOTAL	\$9,969,149	\$12,935,250	\$2,966,101	\$19,301,720	\$5,338,030
TOTAL APPROVED GRANTS					\$29,270,869

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.