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TO: Colorado Water Conservation Board

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SUBJECT: **Agenda Item 27, November 15-16, 2011 Board Meeting-  
WSRA Criteria and Guidelines**

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### Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Board adopt the proposed amendments to the WSRA Criteria and Guidelines.

### Background

On October 24th, the Water Supply Reserve Account Subcommittee (Barbara Biggs, Eric Wilkinson and Travis Smith, Melinda Kassen, Wayne Vanderschuere, Steve Harris and John Porter) met to discuss amendments to the grant program's criteria and guidelines. These proposed amendments were presented to the IBCC at the March 5th meeting. A summary of the proposed amendments is provided below.

- **Development of a WSRA Grant/CWCB Loan Package:** To leverage WSRA grant dollars against CWCB loans, it has been proposed to amend the criteria to provide preference to loan/grant packages over projects seeking only grant funds when applicable. Suggested amendment is: "WSRA grant requests for projects that may qualify for loans through the CWCB loan program will receive preference in the Statewide Evaluation Criteria if the grant request is part of a CWCB loan/WSRA grant package. For these CWCB loan/WSRA grant packages, the applicant must have a CWCB loan/WSRA grant ratio of 1:1 or higher. Preference will be given to those with a higher loan/grant ratio."
- **Revised the Statewide Account match to require at least 5% basin funds:** For requests from the Statewide Fund, the applicants will be required to demonstrate a 20 percent (or greater) match of the total grant request from the other sources, including but not limited to Basin Funds. A minimum match of 5% of the total grant amount should be from the basin funds. Recognizing the limited resources of some entities, in-kind services will be eligible as matching funds. Past expenditures directly related to the project may be considered as matching funds if the expenditures occurred within 9 months of the date the application was submitted to the CWCB.

- **Consideration of Statewide Account funds twice each year: September and March.**
- **Changed the allocation between Basin and Statewide Account:** Recognizing the additional match requirements for the Statewide Account, the subcommittee proposes amending the allocation from 27% to 36% for the Basin Account and 73% to 64% for the Statewide Account.
- **Other minor revisions which are reflected on the redlined version of the criteria and guidelines (attached).**