

***THE COLORADO BASIN ROUNDTABLE***  
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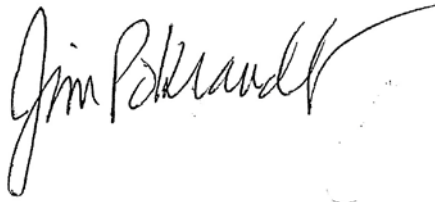
Dear Todd:

The Colorado Basin Roundtable voted at its February 6, 2012, meeting to approve two grant requests and to seek waivers from the 60-day rule so that these requests may come before the Colorado Water Conservation Board at its March meeting. The reason for the waiver requests relate to the need for field work to begin this summer.

Both grants were unanimously approved by the Roundtable. One, from Colorado State University and Denis Reich, concerns deficit irrigation and the study of how these practices affect alfalfa. This information is important in its own right but may do well to inform the search for consumptive water that may supply a future water bank on the West Slope.

The other grant is sought by the Blue River Watershed Group in Summit County to address Swan River restoration related to the cleanup of gold dredging rock piles that are left from the early part of the previous century. We see this as a good, collaborative start to addressing nonconsumptive needs.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Pokrandt", with a stylized flourish extending from the end.

Jim Pokrandt  
Chair, Colorado Basin Roundtable

Attachment: CFWE grant applications