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TO: Colorado Water Conservation Board Members

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SUBJECT: **March 20-21 Board Meeting
Agenda Item 35 - Projects and Methods Implementation**

John W. Hickenlooper
Governor

Mike King
DNR Executive Director

Jennifer L. Gimbel
CWCB Director

Staff Recommendation

This is an informational item and Board action is not required.

Background

In the next several months, the Water Supply Planning section will be initiating an effort to work with the basin roundtables to facilitate the implementation of their consumptive and nonconsumptive projects and methods. This effort is in line with the Board's overall recommendation in the SWSI 2010 update which states:

"The CWCB has updated its analysis of the state's water supply needs. The CWCB, the IBCC, and basin roundtables should now enter an implementation phase to determine and pursue projects and methods to help meet the state's consumptive and nonconsumptive water supply needs. This will be accomplished through the implementation of the following recommendations by the CWCB."

The CWCB staff with support from our contractor, CDM Smith, will include roundtable workshops to help identify preliminary lists of nonconsumptive, consumptive and multi-purpose projects and methods that are likely to candidates for funding through CWCB programs and/or other local, state and federal funding programs. It is recognized that the amount of assistance will vary with each roundtable and many projects are currently moving forward and do not need any additional assistance. This effort will focus on those projects that may need additional analysis or assistance in the scoping phase to be moved closer to funding and/or implementation.