

July 24, 2012

Jacob Bornstein
Colorado Water Conservation Board
Water Supply Planning Section, WSRA Application
1580 Logan Street, Suite 200
Denver, CO 80203

Dear Mr. Bornstein:

The Metro Roundtable has determined that conducting the South Platte River Recreation and Habitat Improvement Final Design is an important element in addressing the state's non-consumptive needs. This project will result in final design drawings and specifications for the Grant Frontier/Overland Park Project Recreation and Habitat Improvements. This project will encompass the area of the South Platte River from West Harvard Avenue (the southern border of Grant Frontier Park) downstream to Overland Park. Project elements include removal of non-native and invasive riparian vegetation, establishment of riparian floodplain habitat, installation of structures to improve in-stream fish habitat and macro invertebrate habitat, boat launch ramps and jetties, restoration of native vegetation and river access trails and trailheads to allow users to engage in a variety of recreational activities. Completion of this Final Design is the next logical step in a sequence of events that will lead to the realization of these non-consumptive use benefits.

WSRA funds are necessary for successful completion of the project and further leveraging of committed construction funding.

At the July 11, 2012 Metro Roundtable meeting, a motion was made/seconded and adopted to provide \$175,000 of support from the WSRA Basin funds to support the project. The motion also endorsed The Greenway Foundation's request for Statewide funds in the amount of \$300,000. There was a quorum present at the July meeting and the vote was unanimously in favor of the funding request.

Attached please find the application and supporting materials for this project. If you require additional information, please notify me accordingly.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark R. Koleber".

Mark Koleber
Chair, Metro Roundtable