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July 18, 2012 Via Electronic Mail: ben.wade@state.co.us

Ben Wade Colorado Water Conservation Board Office of Water Conservation and Drought Planning 1313 Sherman Street, Room 721 Denver, CO 80203

Re: 50% Progress Report: Tri-County Water, Water Conservation Implementation Plan Water Audit

Dear Ben,

This is a report to update the Office of Water Conservation and Drought Planning on the progress of the water audits funded under an implementation grant.

Since TCW did not receive final grant approval until the middle of June, the timeline for the water audits was pushed back two months. Due to scheduling conflicts, the water audits were not started until the second week of July and the meter inspections were scheduled for the last two weeks of July. It is anticipated that the Brendel Group will provide data to TCW by the first of August and the meter inspection data will be available by the first of August as well. The water savings information for Nationwide Communities is in progress and will be distributed in the first of the month billing in the mobile home park.

Once the scheduling for the water audits was firmed up, the audits went fairly quickly. We are hopeful that we can provide water savings information for both the Ridgway State Park and the Delta Correctional Center. The Del-Mesa Farms have a very high water consumption due to the poultry water requirements so we won't know if there is a potential for water savings until the Brendel Group completes the water audit reports. The TCW personnel and I agreed that we learned a lot, enjoyed the water audit process, and found Becky Fedak from the Brendel Group very competent. It is anticipated that the preliminary report will be presented to the CWCB by the second week of August.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Very Truly Yours,

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