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SUBJECT: **Agenda Item 17b, November 13-14 2012, Board Meeting**
Finance – Construction Fund Referred Non-Reimbursable Investment
CDSS Operations and Maintenance

Introduction

Colorado's Decision Support Systems (CDSS) are a joint effort of CWCB and DWR, with the purpose of providing data and analytical tools to aid in water resources planning and management in the State. Currently there are DSSs in place for the Colorado River and Rio Grande Basins, and the development of the South Platte DSS is ongoing.

CDSS is an invaluable and successful system of water resources data and analytical tools developed over the last 20 years by CWCB and DWR. With \$20 million invested in the increasingly utilized CDSS, this decision item request is needed to provide the funding necessary for ongoing maintenance of CDSS.

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Board request the General Assembly to authorize \$100,000 from the Construction Fund to be appropriated to the Department of Natural Resources for allocation to the CWCB for CDSS operations and maintenance.

Water Project Construction Program – Project Data
Non-Reimbursable Investment

Applicant: Ray Alvarado for CWCB

Project Name: CDSS Operating & Maintenance

Project Type: O&M

County: Several

Drainage Basin: Statewide

Water Source: Statewide

Total Study Cost: \$150,000

Funding Sources: CWCB Construction Fund

Type of Applicant: Grant

Median Household Income: N/A

CWCB Investment: \$20 million under original CRDSS effort