

**THE COLORADO BASIN ROUNDTABLE**  
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January 11, 2007

Mr. Rick Brown  
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Dear Rick:

At the December 18, 2006 Colorado Basin Roundtable (CBRT) meeting, the membership voted to pursue several projects, and are requesting that funding be allocated from the various funding sources available to support these projects. By previous letter, we have requested task order authorization for consultant work pursuant to HB 2006-1400, and are now requesting authorization and consideration for distribution of funds pursuant to SB 2005-179, either Basin funds or Statewide funds.

At the December 18<sup>th</sup> meeting, funding requests were considered for the following projects:

PROJECT AND AMOUNT REQUESTED	SOURCE
TOWN OF PALISADE-WHITewater PARK - \$100,000	BASIN
GRAND COUNTY/VAIL DITCH \$1,500,000	STATEWIDE
BULL CREEK RESERVOIRS \$150,000	BASIN
EAGLE PARK RESERVOIR \$250,000	STATEWIDE
ROARING FORK WATERSHED ASSESSMENT \$40,000	BASIN
GRAND COUNTY STREAMFLOW MANAGEMENT PLAN \$30,000	BASIN
RECOVERY PROGRAM 10,825 STUDY \$200,000	STATEWIDE
ENERGY DEVELOPMENT WATER NEEDS ASSESSMENT \$300,000	STATEWIDE

Project proponents were provided time to make presentations, along with questions from the Roundtable Members. Twenty-seven voting members of the Roundtable were present for this meeting, and after discussion, pre-printed ballots were distributed to all voting members. Members were instructed that even if a project had requested to be funded by Basin funds, they could vote for both or just for State wide funds, if they felt that the project should be funded, but did not want to support funding from the Basin funds.

After the ballots were filled out, they were collected by Rod Sharp, the CSU Extension Liaison, and were counted and transcribed to poster sheet. The By-Laws of the Colorado Basin Roundtable require a two-thirds majority vote of those present for any action, and thus 18 votes were required to support funding any proposal. With the exception of the Eagle Park Reservoir Enlargement Project, only the projects which were not recommended by the Roundtable for further consideration actually received any recorded "NO" votes. The Eagle Park Project received one "NO" vote, with 2 other ballots in which no vote was cast. In all other cases, individuals chose to not cast a vote in a particular category for a particular project, rather than casting a "NO" vote. All ballots were retained in the records of the Roundtable.

As a result of the discussion, review and balloting, the Colorado Basin Roundtable wishes to recommend the following projects for funding, to be considered at the March meeting of the Colorado Water Conservation Board.

#### **SB 179 BASIN FUNDS**

Roaring Fork Watershed Assessment  
Grand County Streamflow Management Plan

#### **SB 179 STATEWIDE FUNDS**

Acquisition of Vail Ditch by Grand County Interests  
Enlargement of Eagle Park Reservoir  
Energy Development Water Needs Assessment  
Upper Colorado Endangered Fish Recovery Program – Alternatives Analysis

The project recommended for Statewide funds were so recommended because they attempted to address multi-Basin issues and/or had multi-basin Roundtable support.

- a) The Acquisition of Vail Ditch is supported by Denver Water, and is an effort by Grand County entities to provide local solutions to water shortages due to transbasin diversions.
- b) The Enlargement of Eagle Park Reservoir is a continuation of the actions initiated in the Eagle River MOU, an agreement among various Eagle River Basin entities and the Homestake Partners.
- c) The Energy Development Water Needs Assessment is a joint project of the Colorado Basin and the Yampa-White Basin Roundtables in identifying and responding to the coming demands of major energy development in Garfield, Mesa, Rio Blanco and Moffat Counties.
- d) The Upper Colorado Endangered Fish Recovery Program – Alternative Analysis is a project currently supported by the Colorado Basin, South Platte Basin and Metro Basin Roundtables, with support from the

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Arkansas Basin Roundtable, and is intended to identify a permanent supply of 10,825 Acre Feet of annual yield to assist with the recovery of the Endangered Colorado River fishes, an obligation of all of the water users from the Upper Colorado Basin.

By this letter, I am forwarding the ballot tabulation from the December meeting, as well as the applications and supporting materials for these projects, with the exception of the Energy Needs Assessment Study, which is being submitted by the Yampa-White Basin Roundtable.

We have also established a "Project Consideration Procedures Committee" to develop timelines and written procedures for Project Review and Balloting. While the process functioned well for this first effort, there were areas which will be improved upon for the June submittal.

The Colorado Basin Roundtable appreciates the support of the Department of Natural Resources, the Colorado Water Conservation Board and the Interbasin Compact Committee in furthering the development of Colorado's water and in fostering interbasin communications and discussions. We believe that these projects will assist in this effort.

Sincerely yours,



David H. Merritt, P.E.  
Chair, Colorado Basin Roundtable

Attachments:  
Ballot Tally  
Vail Ditch Project Grant Application  
10,825 Study Application  
Roaring Fork Watershed Assessment Application  
Grand County Stream Management Application  
Eagle Park Reservoir Enlargement Application

cc: Mr. Eric Hecox (*via e-mail*)



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February 27, 2007

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Subject: Water Supply Reserve Supply Account Grant Application  
for the Upper Colorado River Endangered Fish Recovery Program –  
Alternatives Analysis

Dear Rick:

On behalf of the officers of the Arkansas Basin Roundtable we want to go on record in support of the Upper Colorado River Conservation District's application for funding for an alternatives analysis of the Upper Colorado River Endangered Fish Recovery Program. This project is intended to be a joint effort of the Colorado, South Platte, Metropolitan Area, and Arkansas Basin Roundtables, in that the water users in each of these roundtables have responsibility for insuring the continued compliance with the Programmatic Biological Opinion for the Colorado River Endangered Fish. We feel this is a great opportunity for four of the nine roundtables to work together in support of a very important and beneficial multi-basin project. I am writing this letter on behalf of the officers, in that our support for this project was to be a consideration by our full roundtable at our February meeting. Unfortunately, the meeting had to be canceled due to weather. This issue will be included and considered at the March 14, 2007 Roundtable meeting.

In the interim, we, the officers (Jonathon Fox, Vice-Chair; Jay Winner, Vice-Chair, and Gary Barber, Recorder) want to make you and the Colorado Conservation Board aware of our support and endorsement prior to your upcoming March 13 meeting.

Sincerely,

Alan C. Hamel, Chair  
Arkansas Basin Roundtable

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c: ABRT officers