

Arkansas Basin Roundtable c/o Board of Water Works of Pueblo Attention: Alan Hamel P.O. Box 400 Pueblo CO 81002-0400

February 27, 2007

Mr. Rick Brown Interstate Water Management and Development Section Colorado Water Conservation Board 1580 Logan Street, Suite 600 Denver, Colorado 80203

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

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