

SOUTHWEST BASINS ROUNDTABLE

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Mr. Greg Johnson

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1580 Logan Street, Suite 600

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SUBJECT: Animas River Diversion Headgate Monitoring Study - \$14,500 from Basin Account

Dear Mr. Johnson:

The Southwest Basin Roundtable is pleased to recommend funding of \$14,500 from the Southwest Basin Account for the Animas River Diversion Headgate Monitoring Study. The application was considered in detail and approved at the January 9, 2013 meeting of the Southwest Basin Roundtable. There was a quorum of Roundtable members present.

This study complements both consumptive and non-consumptive IPPs related to the Animas River. The permanent control points will be established in the riparian habitat in a ½ mile section of the Animas River that includes points of diversion for 98% of beneficial use of Animas water from Baker's Bridge to Durango. The control points will be used to compare head-cutting resulting from past gravel mining to data collected in 1981 and monitor change going forward. Should structural corrections be required to maintain the capability for continued diversions, the survey will provide information needed to design corrections.

The completed Grant Application will be forwarded directly to you by the applicant. Please contact the applicant directly or me at 970-565-7562, mpreston@frontier.net, if you have questions or wish to discuss this application in more detail.

Sincerely,



Michael Preston

Southwest Basin Roundtable Chair