

January 11, 2007

Mr. Rick Brown Interstate Water Management Development Section Colorado Water Conservation Board 1580 Logan Street, Suite 1600 Denver, Colorado 80203

Subjects: Water Supply Reserve Account 2007 Grant Application for the Upper Black

Squirrel Creek Basin - Aquifer Recharge and Storage Evaluation

Dear Rick:

Enclosed is a grant application from the El Paso County Water Authority for their Upper Black Squirrel Creek Basin – Aquifer Recharge and Storage Evaluation Project for \$70,000. At the Arkansas Basin Roundtable's (ABRT) meeting yesterday, this grant application was approved with consensus for the Statewide Competing Fund. The ABRT Needs Assessment Committee approved this on a 10-0 vote at their December 8, 2006, meeting to move this to the full Roundtable for their consideration yesterday. This application has received a thorough review and full discussion by our Roundtable at a regularly scheduled and noticed meeting, with a quorum present.

In closing, if I can be of any assistance to you and your staff or the Water Conservation Board in their evaluation, please do not hesitate to contact me at: 719.584.0221 or ahamel@pueblowater.org.

Sincerely,

Alan C. Hamel, Chair

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