



May 29, 2013

Mr. Sean Cronin, South Platte Basin Roundtable, Chairman
Mr. Alan Hamel, Chairman of the Board
Colorado Water Conservation Board
1313 Sherman St. Rm. 721
Denver, CO 80203

RE: SUPPORT FOR COLORADO WATER TRUST GRANT TO DECONSTRUCT JOSH AMES DIVERSION

Dear Mr. Cronin and Mr. Hamel:

On behalf of Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District, I am writing to support Colorado Water Trust's Water Supply Reserve Account grant request to fund a portion of the removal of the Josh Ames check dam and diversion structure across the Poudre River in Fort Collins. The removal of the Josh Ames Diversion structure is proposed as part of the \$1.4 Million Sterling Project being undertaken by the Colorado Water Trust and the City of Fort Collins' Natural Areas Department to restore one half mile of river and enhance the wetland habitat in the North Shields Ponds Natural Areas. This is part of a larger community effort to enhance the Poudre River through downtown in collaboration with many partners, including Northern Water.

We are in support of the Colorado Water Trust and City of Fort Collins' efforts to work collaboratively with diverse interests to address multiple issues and concerns of water providers throughout the South Platte watershed. This project is consistent with the non-consumptive water supply projects and methods identified by members of the South Platte Basin Roundtable. We believe this Colorado Water Trust project will restore this portion of the Cache La Poudre River in a way that contributes positively to our mutual goals in the South Platte watershed and across the state.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Eric Wilkinson".

Eric Wilkinson
General Manager

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cc: CarolineBradford@wildblue.net