SOUTHWEST BASINS ROUNDTABLE Michael Preston, Chair c/o Dolores Water Conservancy District P.O. Box 1150 Cortez, Colorado 81321 970-565-7562

EMAILED: October 16, 2012

Mr. Greg Johnson Program Manager, Water Supply Management Section Colorado Water Conservation Board 1580 Logan Street, Suite 600 Denver, Colorado 80203

SUBJECT: Animas Airpark Water Distribution System - \$20,000 from Basin Account

## Dear Mr. Johnson:

The Southwest Basin Roundtable is pleased to recommend funding of \$20,000 from the Southwest Basin Account for the Animas Airpark Water Distribution System. The application was considered in detail and approved at the October 10, 2012 meeting of the Southwest Basin Roundtable. There was a quorum of Roundtable members present.

Funding to help design the Animas Airpark distribution system is consistent with a primary strategy of the Southwest Basin Roundtable to fill the M&I gap by connecting available water supplies to areas of need. With the land available for industrial development at capacity, the Animas Airpark will better support existing industries and create opportunities for additional economic development within the Airpark. The project also promotes cooperation between La Plata County where the park is located and the City of Durango, who will be providing the water. This arrangement is likely to set the stage for similar cooperation in the future to accommodate expanded commercial and industrial development as the greater Durango area continues to grow.

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

Sincerely,

Michael Preston

Southwest Basin Roundtable Chair