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TO: Colorado Water Conservation Board Members

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SUBJECT: **Agenda Item 10, October 21, 2013 Special Board Meeting  
Water Supply Reserve Account Program**

### Staff Recommendation

A summary of staff's recommendation for the WSRA application is provided in the table below. Favorable recommendations may be contingent on providing the CWCB with additional information, clarifications, or modifications in the scope of work. Please refer to the Water Activity Summary Sheets contained within this agenda item to find a summary of staff's review and any conditions associated with each recommendation. Full application materials are available upon request.

Basin	Project Name	Total Request	Recommendation
Metro	Emergency Flood Recovery Assessment, Design and Recovery	\$150,000	To fund up to \$150,000 from the Metro Account.

### Background

For this agenda item the Board is provided with a brief overview of applications to the Water Supply Reserve Account (WSRA). Attachments to this memo include:

- Water Activity Summary Sheets which provide an overview, discussion, issues/additional needs, and staff recommendation regarding funding, partial funding, or not funding the applications; and

Staff's review of the applications involves the following steps:

- 1) Applications are reviewed for completeness based on the information requirements, which are primarily outlined in Part 2 of the Criteria and Guidelines (C&G).
- 2) Applications are reviewed to verify that the water activity meets the **eligibility requirements** in Section 39-29-108 (III) C.R.S. (C&G, Part 2) and the **threshold criteria**, which are based on the requirements of Section 39-29-108 (III) C.R.S., and two sections of the Water for the 21st Century Act (House Bill 1177); Section 37-75-102 and Section 37-75-104(2)(c) (C&G, Part 3). Staff also verifies that the applicant is an **eligible entity** to receive funding (C&G, Part 2).
- 3) Staff then prepares the Water Activity Summary Sheet which documents the outcome of the review process and contains staff's recommendations.



**Water Supply Reserve Account – Grant and Loan Program**  
**Water Activity Summary Sheet**  
**October 21, 2013**  
**Agenda Item 10**

**Applicant:** Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District

**Water Activity Name:** Emergency Flood Recovery Assessment, Design and Recovery

**Water Activity Purpose:** 2013 Flood Recovery

**County:** All w/in South Platte Basin

**River Basin:** South Platte

**Water Source:** South Platte and tributaries

**Amount Requested:** \$150,000 Metro Account

**Matching Funds:** \$150,000 South Platte Basin Account

<b>Staff Recommendation</b>
Staff recommends approval of up to \$150,000 from the Metro Basin Account to help complete the project titled: Emergency Flood Recovery Assessment, Design and Recovery.

**Water Activity Summary:** The purpose of this grant is to perform obligations under the CWCB Emergency Flood Assessment, Design and Recovery Grant to provide a selection of Subgrantees, using a Subgrantee application process, to complete water activities for the repair of damages to water supply infrastructure caused by the 2013 flooding. In reaction to the the damage caused by the 2013 flooding, the Metro Roundtable, on October 9, 2013, approved a \$150,000 grant to be used for flood recovery purposes with Northern Water acting as the Program Sponsor in accordance with CWCB criteria and subject to review by CWCB. It is proposed that the funds made available under the grant are to be used by water users and water providers as “seed money” to perform damage assessments, facilitate loan and additional grant applications which may be required to fund the full cost of needed repairs, master planning, engineering and permitting for projects, as well as to accomplish initial needed repairs and construction that will assist water users and water providers in getting back online temporarily or permanently.

*Threshold and Evaluation Criteria*

The application meets all four Threshold Criteria.

**Discussion:**

No additional discussion is needed.

**Issues/Additional Needs:**

No issues have been identified.

**Staff Recommendation:**

Staff recommends approval of up to \$150,000 from the Metro Account to help complete the project titled:  
Emergency Flood Recovery Assessment, Design and Recovery.

All products, data and information developed as a result of this grant must be provided to the CWCB in hard copy and electronic format as part of the project documentation. This information will in turn be made widely available to Basin Roundtables and the general public and will help promote the development of a common technical platform. In accordance with the revised WSR criteria and Guidelines, staff would like to highlight additional reporting and final deliverable requirements. The specific requirements are provided below.

**Reporting and Final Deliverable:** Northern Water shall submit a progress report to CWCB every 6 months. The progress report shall summarize the projects for which funds were used, and contain by reference each of the final reports required of water users receiving funds. The progress report shall describe the completion or partial completion of the project, identifying the estimated percentage of project completion

Northern Water shall require the Subgrantees to submit a final report summarizing the project and documenting how the project was completed. Northern Water will provide CWCB a copy of that Subgrantee final report which may contain photographs, summaries of meeting, engineering reports/designs, and as-built drawings.

At the conclusion of fund distribution Northern Water will send the last of the 6 month progress reports.

**Engineering:** All engineering work (as defined in the Engineers Practice Act (§12-25-102(10) C.R.S.)) performed under this grant shall be performed by or under the responsible charge of professional engineer licensed by the State of Colorado to practice Engineering.