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TO: Colorado Water Conservation Board Members

FROM: Thuy Patton, Floodplain Mapping Coordinator
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DATE: November 8, 2013

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item 27b, November 19-20, 2013 Board Meeting
Finance – Construction Fund Non-Reimbursable Investment – En-Bloc
Colorado Floodplain Map Modernization Program**

Introduction

Staff is requesting from the CWCB Non-Reimbursable Investment Program an appropriation of up to \$500,000 for the continuation of the Weather Modification Program. In early 2003, Congress approved a substantial funding package to provide updated floodplain mapping nationwide. Similar funding levels have been allocated by Congress in subsequent years. The General Assembly authorized a non-reimbursable investment of \$500,000 in the 2003 Projects Bill with annual funding amounts in all subsequent bills.

CWCB has received over \$11 million in federal grant dollars for floodplain mapping activities since 2003 as part of the Floodplain Map Modernization Program initiated by FEMA. The FEMA funds are being matched by CWCB and local cost-share dollars to implement the map update work that includes engineering and GIS to create new digital countywide maps. Since 2003, funding has provided the required non-federal matching dollars. The State funds are further leveraged by local cost share dollars and in-kind services from many communities thus far. This funding request will provide matching dollars and related study funds in order to take advantage of the federal grant funds from FEMA for modernized floodplain maps in Colorado.

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Board approve this request for the General Assembly to authorize this project and appropriate up to \$500,000 from the Construction Fund to the Department of Natural Resources for allocation to CWCB in order to restore the unencumbered balance to \$500,000 in the Colorado Floodplain Map Modernization Program for technical activities related to this work.

CWCB Water Project Non-Reimbursable Investment Program Project Data Sheet

Sponsor: Colorado Water Conservation Board

Location: Statewide

Project Name: Colorado Floodplain Map Modernization Program

Project Type: Matching Funds for Federal Grants

Drainage Basin: All Colorado River Basins

Water Source: Various

Total Project Cost: \$1,900,000

Funding Source: Construction Fund

CWCB NRI: \$500,000 (up to)

Type of Grantee: Counties & Watersheds

Colorado has received approximately \$11.0 million in federal grant dollars for floodplain mapping activities as part of the Floodplain Map Modernization Program (Program) initiated by FEMA in 2003. The FEMA funds are being matched by CWCB and local cost-share dollars to implement the map update work to create new digital floodplain maps. The initial Program funds authorized in the 2003 and all subsequent Projects Bills have provided the required non-federal matching dollars (80/20 cost share program). The State funds are further leveraged by local cost share dollars and in-kind services from many communities thus far. The total funding amounts have been instrumental in keeping Colorado as a lead state within FEMA Region 8 and will continue to benefit Colorado communities in the future. It is expected that significant FEMA funding will continue as long as the Program exists. Program deliverables will become part of the Flood DSS system to increase data capture and enhance Colorado's decision support tools.

The Program will eventually impact the entire state, and the objective is to develop updated watershed-based countywide floodplain maps using current base map information within a digital environment. The use of GIS technology will be employed for all new countywide studies for ease of distribution, updating and viewing. The table below summarizes funding provided by the CWCB and FEMA/Local governments for CWCB managed projects (in progress or completed).

<u>COUNTY/WATERSHED</u>	<u>CWCB Funds</u>	<u>FEMA/Local Funds</u>	<u>COUNTY/WATERSHED</u>	<u>CWCB Funds</u>	<u>FEMA/Local Funds</u>
Archuleta	\$71,000	\$228,760	Mesa	\$33,960	\$435,780
Boulder	\$17,807	\$524,709	Montrose	\$60,376	\$241,503
Clear Creek	\$2,950	\$158,605	Montezuma	\$53,000	\$452,735
Chaffee	\$44,000	\$399,290	Morgan	\$25,000	\$270,700
Delta	\$21,630	\$277,763	Park	\$18,800	\$165,200
El Paso	\$75,635	\$1,472,030	Pitkin	\$20,772	\$466,388
Elbert	\$141,548	\$301,982	Prowers	\$76,605	\$691,024
Fremont	\$23,294	\$146,240	Pueblo	\$71,768	\$1,115,902
Garfield	\$29,912	\$325,000	Rio Grande	\$58,300	\$152,810
Gunnison	\$79,250	\$272,422	Summit	\$21,098	\$189,876
La Plata	\$74,200	\$391,910	Teller	\$23,100	\$207,900
Logan	\$30,550	\$271,050	Weld	\$112,419	\$658,530
St. Vrain Wtsd	\$88,580	\$354,320	Purgatoire	\$140,137	\$347,963
Clear Creek Wtsd	\$114,060	\$456,240	Cache La Poudre Wtsd	\$718,834	\$150,000