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## Colorado Water Conservation Board

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TO: Colorado Water Conservation Board Members

FROM: Taryn Finnessey  
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DATE: November 8, 2013

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item 28e, November 19-20, 2013 Board Meeting**  
**Finance – Construction Fund Non-Reimbursable Investment - Referred**  
**Implementation of Drought Mitigation Strategies**

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### Introduction

Staff is requesting from the CWCB Non-Reimbursable Investment Program an appropriation of \$100,000 for the Implementation of Drought Mitigation Strategies project. Drought is a common and natural occurrence in Colorado, affecting some portion of the state every 9 out of 10 years and nearly every sector of the economy. The newly revised 2013 Colorado Drought Response and Mitigation Plan provides a number of recommended actions that will help to better prepare the state as a whole for drought events that can bring serious and costly impacts. The plan as developed through an extensive statewide stakeholder process. Increased preparedness will help to lessen impacts and can ultimately help to save the state funds when responding to an event. Investment in drought preparedness is a proactive way to safeguard Colorado communities from the devastation that this natural disaster can bring.

### Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Board approve this request for the General Assembly to authorize this project and appropriate \$100,000 from the Construction Fund to be appropriated to the Department of Natural Resources for allocation to CWCB for the Implementation of Drought Mitigation Strategies.

**CWCB Water Project Non-Reimbursable Investment Program  
Project Data Sheet**

**Sponsor:** Colorado Water Conservation Board

**Location:** Statewide

**Project Name:** Implementation of Drought Mitigation Studies

**Project Type:** Drought Preparedness

**Drainage Basin:** All Colorado River Basins

**Water Source:** Various

**Total Project Cost:** \$100,000

**Funding Source:** Construction Fund

**CWCB NRI:** \$100,000

**Type of Grantee:** State Agency – Impacted Water Users

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