

Water Supply Reserve Account – Grant and Loan Program
Water Activity Summary Sheet
September 24, 2013
Agenda Item 18(s)

Applicant: South Metro Water Supply Authority and Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District

Water Activity Name: South Platte and Metro Integrated Basin Implementation Plan - Consumptive

Water Activity Purpose: All inclusive

River Basin: South Platte

Water Source: South Platte River and tributaries

Amount Requested: \$329,000 Statewide, \$41,200 South Platte Basin Account, \$41,200 Metro Account

Matching Funds: none

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends conditional approval of up to \$138,000 from the Statewide Account, \$137,000 from the South Platte Basin Account, and \$137,000 from the Metro Account to help complete the project titled: South Platte and Metro Integrated Basin Implementation Plan – Consumptive. This is conditional upon the South Platte and Metro Roundtables’ approval of an additional \$95,800 from each basin account, per the discussion described below.

Water Activity Summary: WSRA funds will be expended to draft an Integrated South Platte Basin and Metro Implementation Plan that addresses consumptive needs, and conforms to the Basin Implementation Plan Guidance Document, with South Metro Water Supply Authority acting as the applicant and fiscal agent on behalf of the South Platte Basin and Metro Roundtables.

Threshold and Evaluation Criteria

The application meets all four Threshold Criteria.

Discussion:

The South Platte and Metro’s application request includes \$41,200 from the South Platte and \$41,200 from the Metro basin accounts, which is only twenty percent of the total application. These roundtables rightly indicated that the South Platte and Metro have the largest consumptive gap and solving their water supply needs will have a large impact statewide. However, the suggested basin contribution is 33%. This would be \$137,000 from each of the South Platte and Metro basin accounts. The basin accounts for both the South Platte and Metro have sufficient funds. Given the fact that their total request between the consumptive and nonconsumptive basin implementation applications is \$588,000, staff believes that awarding this amount, which is greater than the other basin request, demonstrates significant state support. However, staff does not believe that the contribution from the state account should be greater than 33%, as it is unfair to other roundtables who’s requests have been in line with the guidance document. The conditional recommendation reflects this.

Issues/Additional Needs:

No issues have been identified.

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Roundtables and the general public and will help promote the development of a common technical platform. In accordance with the revised WSRA Criteria and Guidelines, staff would like to highlight additional reporting and final deliverable requirements. The specific requirements are provided below.

Reporting and Final Deliverable: The applicant shall provide the CWCB a progress report every 6 months, beginning from the date of the executed contract. The progress report shall describe the completion or partial completion of the tasks identified in the scope of work including a description of any major issues that have occurred and any corrective action taken to address these issues. At completion of the project, the applicant shall provide the CWCB a final report that summarizes the project and documents how the project was completed. This report may contain photographs, summaries of meetings and engineering reports/designs.

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.