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### MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Colorado Water Conservation Board Members

**FROM:** Tom Browning, P.E.  
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**DATE:** January 15, 2014

**SUBJECT:** Agenda Item 28, January 27-28, 2014 Board Meeting  
HB 13-1248 Fowler Pilot Project Update

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John W. Hickenlooper  
Governor

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DNR Executive Director

James Eklund  
CWCB Director

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### Staff Recommendation

This is an informational item only and does not require board action.

### Discussion

Through HB13-1248, the CWCB developed Criteria and Guidelines for Fallowing-Leasing Pilot Projects (Criteria) in cooperation with the State Engineer's Office (SEO). The Criteria document was approved by the Board during its November 2013 meeting.

The first proposal/application (Application) under the recently adopted Criteria was submitted to CWCB in December 2013. The Lower Arkansas Valley Water Conservancy District and the Lower Arkansas Valley Super Ditch Company (Applicants) are the pilot project proponents. The proposed project would use water available from certain shares in the High Line Canal Company for temporary municipal use by the Town of Fowler, which is located along the Arkansas River in northwestern Otero County.

All of the submitted materials for this application are posted to the CWCB's website for public review, including additional courtesy information that was submitted on January 15<sup>th</sup>. Staff will provide the Board with an overview of the Application, status update, and discussion of next steps.

Application materials can be viewed on the CWCB's website at this location:

<http://cwcb.state.co.us/water-management/water-projects-programs/Pages/Fallowing-LeasingPilotProjects.aspx>