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## Colorado Water Conservation Board

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### MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Colorado Water Conservation Board Members

**FROM:** Tom Browning, Deputy Director  
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**SUBJECT:** Agenda Item 16, March 18-19, 2014 Board Meeting  
WSRA Statewide Grant Evaluations

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John W. Hickenlooper  
Governor

Mike King  
DNR Executive Director

James Eklund  
CWCB Director

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### Staff Recommendation

Staff is seeking board input on this agenda item, but formal action is not required.

### Discussion

The latest statewide WSRA applications included a significant amount of total funding requests that far exceed the amount available currently in the account. As such, staff recommends that an appropriate course of action would be to delay all state applications and create supplemental scoring factors consistent with the previously adopted criteria and guidelines (Tiers 1, 2, and 3). The supplemental factors would further assist staff with a comprehensive review of all applications using an objective method.

Potential scoring factors proposed by staff include categories such as ratio of CWCB loan to grant, if any; percentage of matching funds from basin accounts and other sources; opportunities for innovation and knowledge transfer; incorporation of multi-use and multi-basin approaches; and efficient use of existing data. All of the additional factors would assist staff with making meaningful recommendations to the board for prioritization purposes. This is especially crucial when demand for funding exceeds availability and competition for funding is high.

Staff will be prepared to discuss supplemental scoring ideas as part of this agenda item, and will seek board member guidance for scoring purposes on future application reviews.