

Water Supply Reserve Account – Grant and Loan Program
Water Activity Summary Sheet
January 27-28, 2014
Agenda Item 31(a)

Applicant: Pikes Peak Regional Water Authority

Water Activity Name: Arkansas Basin Implementation Plan – Section 4.2: Watershed Health

Water Activity Purpose: All inclusive

River Basin: Arkansas

Water Source: Arkansas River and tributaries

Amount Requested: \$19,975 Arkansas Basin Account

Matching Funds: n/a

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| Staff Recommendation: |
| Staff recommends approval of up to \$19,975 from the Arkansas Basin Account to help complete the project titled: Arkansas Basin Implementation Plan – Section 4.2: Watershed Health |

Water Activity Summary: WSRA funds will be expended to draft Section 4.2: Watershed Health of the Arkansas Basin Implementation Plan that conforms to the Basin Implementation Plan Guidance Document. This section will be drafted by WestWater Research, while Pikes Peak Regional Water Authority will act as the applicant and fiscal agent.

Threshold and Evaluation Criteria:

The application meets all four Threshold Criteria.

Discussion:

Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District has been contracted for \$205,691 from the Statewide Account to draft the Arkansas River Basin Study (March 2013 CWCB approval). Pikes Peak Regional Water Authority has been contracted for a total of \$127,455 (\$32,709 Statewide Account, and \$94,746 Arkansas Basin Account) to draft additional components of the Arkansas Basin Implementation Plan (November 2013 CWCB approval). Therefore, to date, a total of \$238,400 from the Statewide Account, and \$94,746 from the Arkansas Basin Account have been contracted with the two above mentioned entities to draft components of the Arkansas Basin Implementation Plan. If this request of \$19,975 is approved, the total from the Arkansas Basin Account dedicated to the Arkansas Basin Implementation Plan will increase to \$114,721. If the following associated request of \$10,000 for Section 4.3 – Conservation, of the Arkansas Basin Implementation Plan (Agenda Item 31(b)) is approved, the total from the Arkansas Basin Account dedicated to the Arkansas Basin Implementation Plan will increase to \$124,721.

Issues/Additional Needs:

No additional issues or needs were identified.

Staff Recommendation:

Staff recommends approval of up to \$19,975 from the Arkansas Basin Account for project titled: Arkansas Basin Implementation Plan – Section 4.2: Watershed Health.

All products, data and information developed as a result of this grant must be provided to the CWCB in hard copy and electronic format as part of the project documentation. This information will in turn be made widely available to Basin 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.