



Arkansas Basin Roundtable
P.O. Box 1976
Colorado Springs, CO 80901

August 15, 2013

Mr. Chris Sturm

Stream Restoration Coordinator
Watershed and Flood Protection Section
Colorado Water Conservation Board
Department of Natural Resources
1313 Sherman St., Room 721
Denver, Co 80203

Re: Royal Gorge Wildfire Water Quality Impact and Protection Project – Emergency Mitigation, Stabilization and Reclamation

Dear Chris:

Under separate cover you will receive a WSRA grant application for the Royal Gorge Wildfire Water Quality Impact and Protection Project – Emergency Mitigation, Stabilization and Reclamation. At the August 14, 2013, Arkansas Basin Roundtable meeting, the Roundtable agreed by consensus to approve this application for \$24,260 in Basin Funds and \$485,200 in Statewide Funds.

At the meeting, we discussed the importance of putting these mitigation measures in place quickly since the sediment from the burn area is traveling downstream past several municipal potable water intakes and into Pueblo Reservoir. Therefore, the Arkansas Roundtable would very much appreciate this grant request be heard at the September, 2013 CWCB meeting. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Gary Barber
Chair

c: Executive Committee, Ark Roundtable
Mr. Bob Hartzman, Canon City



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August 7, 2013

Arkansas Basin Roundtable
Attention: Gary Barber, Arkansas Basin Roundtable Chairperson
P.O. Box 1976
Colorado Springs, CO 80901

Dear Chairperson Barber,

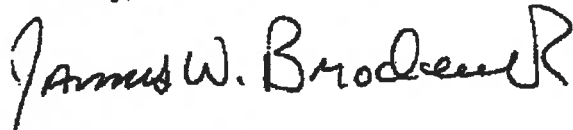
On behalf of the Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District (SECWCD), I am writing to urge you to support the efforts of the City of Cañon City and their Royal Gorge Wildfire Water Quality Impact and Protection Project. On June 11, 2013 and the days that followed the Royal Gorge Fire burned 3,218 acres. There is an urgent need for emergency mitigation, stabilization, and reclamation work to recover and restore the Arkansas River watershed areas. SECWCD is especially concerned about sediment loading occurring in Pueblo Reservoir due to soil stabilization problems caused from erosion of the burn scar. The process of restoring the burned watershed area will provide long term benefits by helping to maintain water quality and reducing sediment loading of the river especially during high intensity summertime thunderstorm events.

Support of this project by the Arkansas Basin Roundtable is greatly needed to assist the City of Cañon City in these endeavors. This project will benefit many water purveyors and their customers, mutual ditch companies and their agricultural users, recreational enthusiasts, and help protect the environment. SECWCD participates in the Voluntary Flow Management Program with the Bureau of Reclamation and Colorado Parks and Wildlife and views this project as a means to ensure good water quality for the rafting and fishing industries in the upper Arkansas River basin. SECWCD also allocates Fryingpan-Arkansas Project (Project) water to many municipalities and agriculture irrigation companies in the basin. SECWCD is concerned with the water quality impacts on Project water storage facilities and related issues that could affect the quality of water delivered to our Project water users.

As Chairperson for the Arkansas River Basin Roundtable, you are more aware than most of how water projects can protect public health, protect the environment, and promote recreational activities that are vital not only to a community's long-term economic growth and stability, but also to others in the State of Colorado who rely upon the Arkansas River.

Please contact me at 719-948-2400 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

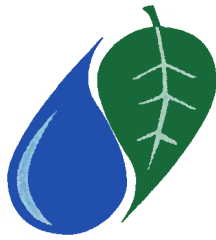
A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James W. Broderick". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "R" at the end.

James W. Broderick

Executive Director

CC:

Bob Hartzman, Water Superintendent



UPPER ARKANSAS
WATER CONSERVANCY
DISTRICT

August 5, 2013

Arkansas Basin Roundtable
Attention: Gary Barber, Arkansas Basin Roundtable Chairperson
P.O. Box 1976
Colorado Springs, CO 80901

Dear Mr. Barber;

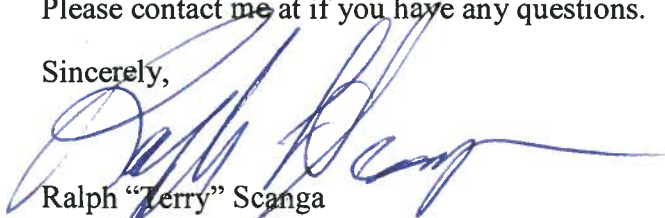
On behalf of the Upper Arkansas Water Conservancy District, I wish to convey the support of the efforts of City of Cañon City and their Royal Gorge Wildfire Water Quality Impact and Protection Project. On June 11, 2013 and the days that followed we saw the Royal Gorge Fire burn 3,218 acres. The mitigation, stabilization and reclamation work to recover and restore the burn areas – vital water shed of the Arkansas River - is of great importance to us. The process of restoring a burned water shed area will have long term water supply benefits, including helping to maintain water quality and reducing sediment loading of the river especially during high intensity summertime thunderstorm events.

Support of this project by the Arkansas Basin Roundtable is greatly needed to assist the City of Cañon City in these endeavors and will benefit the entire Arkansas Basin. The Upper Arkansas Water Conservancy District is concerned with issues that can affect our ability to provide augmentation water and maintain storage space that may be threatened by the sedimentation run-off from the burn area.

As you are aware this proposed watershed protection project will protect public health, the environment, make future fire protection possible, and promote recreational activities that are vital not only to the Arkansas Basin's long-term economic growth and stability, but also to others in the State of Colorado who rely upon the Arkansas River.

Please contact me at if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Ralph "Terry" Scanga
General Manager

CC:

Bob Hartzman, Water Superintendent
City of Cañon City



Board of Water Works of Pueblo, Colorado

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August 8, 2013

Arkansas Basin Roundtable

Attention: Gary Barber, Arkansas Basin Roundtable Chairperson

P.O. Box 1976

Colorado Springs, CO 80901

Dear Chairperson Barber,

On behalf of the Board of Water Works, I am writing to urge you and the Arkansas Basin Roundtable to support the efforts of the City of Cañon City and their Royal Gorge Wildfire Water Quality Impact and Protection Project. On June 11, 2013 and the days that followed, the Royal Gorge Fire burned more than 3,200 acres. The emergency mitigation, stabilization and reclamation work to recover and restore the Arkansas River watershed areas impacted by the fire is very important to the Board of Water Works and its customers. Restoring the burned watershed areas will have long term benefits including helping to maintain water quality and reducing sediment loading of the river especially during high intensity summertime thunderstorm events.

Support of this project by the Arkansas Basin Roundtable is greatly needed to assist the City of Cañon City in these endeavors and will benefit many other water purveyors and their customers, as well as agricultural users and recreational enthusiasts, and will help protect the environment. The Board of Water Works is concerned with issues that can affect our ability to provide an adequate supply of high quality water to the 108,000 people we serve.

As Chairperson for the Arkansas River Basin Roundtable, you are more aware than most of how watershed recovery and remediation projects such as this can protect public health and the environment while promoting recreational activities that are vital not only to a community's long-term economic growth and stability, but also to others in the State of Colorado who rely upon the Arkansas River.

In addition to urging the Arkansas Basin Roundtable to support the grant application of the City of Cañon City we are considering making a direct contribution to their project.

Please contact me at me at 719.584.0233 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Terry R. Book, Executive Director

cc: Bob Hartzman, Water Superintendent, City of Cañon City, 103 Tunnel Drive, Cañon City, CO 81212