

# *Sangre de Cristo*



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February 1, 2013

Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB)  
Water Supply Planning Section  
Attn: Mr. Todd Doherty  
1580 Logan Street, Suite 200  
Denver, CO 80203

Subject: Formal Request for Transfer of Grant Responsibility for Purchase Order #OE PDA  
12IBC000006

Reference: 1) Multi-Media Program for Reporting Crops and Turf Water Use Estimates from the  
Colorado Agricultural Meteorological Network (CoAgMet)

Reference: 2) Telephone conversation between Don Pearson and Todd Doherty, January 7, 2013.

Dear Mr. Doherty,

As discussed during our reference telephone conversation, as well as addressed in various emails between our offices in November and December of 2012, the Sangre de Cristo RC&D Council is requesting your assistance in transferring grant management responsibility for this grant and the associated work. In our discussion you requested a formal letter from the Council stating our intent to have this action presented for approval by the CWCB Board of Directors during the scheduled March 2013 meeting. This letter serves as formal notice of our request to have this request presented.

The RC&D Council made the decision in October 2012 to conclude or transfer all outstanding grants and programs as soon as possible because the organization can no longer sustain operations due to the budgetary cut of its paid manager's position. This decision, though difficult to make, requires that we relinquish our fiduciary management responsibilities for the CoAgMet grant, awarded through your office in late 2011.

As Executive Director I am responsible for managing the diligent transfer of any and all active grants, and I have been working closely with our partners on this effort, including Colorado State University (Dr. Perry Cabot) and the Arkansas Groundwater Users Association (AGUA), specifically with Mr. Scott Lorenz. The AGUA Board of Directors has reviewed and approved their organization stepping up to the task of managing this grant through its completion, provided the same terms and conditions in the original contractual agreement remain the same. Dr. Cabot works closely with AGUA and Mr. Lorenz and he approves of the decision and recommendation to use AGUA as the agency for the grant management. The only remaining party to get agreement from is the CWCB, which as you indicated will be presented to them at their March 2013 Board meeting.

Once the CWCB Board approves this action we are prepared to work with you, Dr. Cabot, and AGUA to facilitate the signing of whatever transfer documents the CWCB requires, and the financial transfer of partner funds we are currently holding in our account. To date, no formal invoices have been submitted to the CWCB for work performed, and future invoices would be submitted by AGUA per the contract.

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If you have any questions or need additional documentation prior to the CWCB Board meeting please don't hesitate to contact me by phone or email. I look forward to the smooth transfer of grant management responsibility and thank you for your support with our request. The outstanding working relationship between the RC&D and the CWCB has been a benefit to many communities and individuals in our region of Colorado and it has been a pleasure working with your organization.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the RC&D Council,

Don Pearson  
Executive Director  
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