

The Gunnison Basin Roundtable
501 Palmer Street
Delta, CO 81416

November 15, 2013

Mr. Craig Godbout
Intrastate Water Management and Development Section
COLORADO WATER CONSERVATION BOARD
1580 Logan Street, Suite 600
Denver, CO 80203

Re: Revised Grant Request from the Water Supply Reserve Account
Lone Cabin Ditch & Reservoir Company
Lone Cabin Dam Repair and Rehabilitation Project

Dear Mr. Godbout:

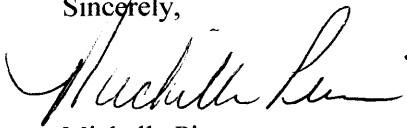
This letter is presented to advise you that the revised grant application submitted by the Lone Cabin Ditch & Reservoir Company for \$121,150 from Basin Account funds and \$46,000 in Statewide Account funds from the Water Supply Reserve Account for the Lone Cabin Dam Repair and Rehabilitation project was reviewed by the Gunnison Basin Roundtable and its Project Screening Committee and was approved by a majority vote of the Gunnison Basin Roundtable during our meeting on November 4, 2013.

The minority report from the one dissenting member is attached.

This water activity meets the provisions of Section 37-75-104(2), Colorado Revised Statutes. The requirements/language from the statute is provided in Part 3 of the Criteria and Guidelines.

This activity furthers basin-wide consumptive needs for the Gunnison Basin by helping to reduce agricultural water shortages, by rehabilitating aging infrastructure and by protecting pre-1922 water rights.

Sincerely,



Michelle Pierce
Chair

cc: Tom Alvey (e-mail)

November 10, 2013

Colorado Water Conservation Board
Denver, CO 80202

RE: Lone Cabin Grant Request.

Dear CWCB:

Our GBRT rules provide that anyone casting a dissenting vote for a grant application must provide a written explanation of that dissent. This particular letter should be more correctly viewed as a concurring opinion on the grant application (I actually support it) and I am using this opportunity to express a concern that has clearly evolved in the state's grant criteria. The concern is shared by several on our Roundtable, I just get to put it in writing.

As an example, at our November meeting, we heard two grant proposals, one from the City of Gunnison/CPW, and the Lone Cabin request. The Gunnison request was largely non-consumptive, while the Lone Cabin request largely involved a consumptive use of water. Based on that difference, one of the things that came out in the meeting was that Lone Cabin was expected/required by state staff to get a loan for a significant portion of their project, yet the Gunnison request was not, even though it has several thousand potential rate payers and the Lone Cabin has relatively very few. This difference seemed to pivot around whether the proposed project is non-consumptive or consumptive. That policy position, if it in fact is the case, seems arbitrary and puts a potential decided advantage in the pursuit of grant funds to the NGO sector.

I have discussed this at length with John McClow, our CWCB Gunnison Director and he is aware of this policy concern.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide this input.

Very truly yours,

Ken Spann