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Dear Craig:

The Colorado Basin Roundtable voted at its July 29, 2013, meeting to approve three grant requests for Waters Supply Reserve Account (WSRA) funds and forward them to the CWCB staff and board for consideration.

Missouri Heights – Mountain Meadow Irrigation Company

This project was approved for a Basin Account grant of \$50,000. Total cost of the project is \$550,000. The CWCB has also issued a \$454,000 loan. The work is to line a porous outlet ditch from Spring Park Reservoir. It addresses priorities to support a viable agricultural segment and to create water efficiency. It was approved 23-0.

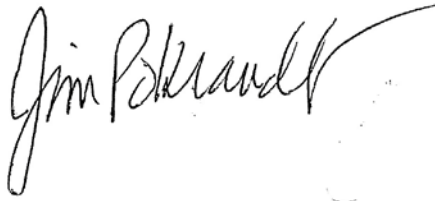
Grand County Water and Sanitation District

This project was approved for a draft of \$41,640 on the Basin Account and \$664,960 on the Statewide Account. The work will enlarge and line Reservoir No. 2, creating 30 acre feet of new storage and preserving 20 acre feet of lost storage through seepage. In itself, this addresses municipal efficiency and new water supply. From a statewide perspective, the new water helps Grand County Water and San benefit from the Colorado River Cooperative Agreement with Denver Water. Denver will provide Grand County new water supply, but the district must be able to replace that water when Denver is in a substitution year. The vote was 21-2. The dissent was based on the belief that this water development was too expensive on an acre-foot basis. Another “yes” vote qualified it with the wish that the match was higher and the WSRA funding lower.

Upper Colorado River Irrigation and Restoration Assessment Phase 1 – Kremmling Area Ranchers

This project was approved for \$50,000 from the Basin Account. It seeks to study a reach of the Colorado River in Grand County where transmountain diversions have impacted irrigation. Changed river flows – and measures to deal with them – have caused channel headcutting, bank erosion and channel aggradation. Irrigation pumps installed as mitigation for the Colorado-Big Thompson Project have performance issues with the changing elevations and movement of the river. The study seeks to recommend projects to improve irrigation while benefitting recreation, fisheries and riparian habitat. The ranchers who make up this application recently finalized a finalized settlement with Northern Water to address long-term issues with irrigation pumping. This study seeks to propose solutions for irrigation pumping that will not lead to short-term gain but long-term, continued degradation. The vote was 23-0.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Jim Pokrandt". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending from the end of the name.

Jim Pokrandt
Chair, Colorado Basin Roundtable

Attachment: CFWE grant applications, supporting CBRT Grants Committee Analyses