



# Arkansas Basin Roundtable

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Colorado Water Conservation Board  
Attn: Mr. Craig Godbout  
Program Manager, Water Supply Planning Section  
1580 Logan Street, Suite 200  
Denver CO 80203

August 15, 2014

Re: WSRA Grant Recommendation-Arkansas Roundtable Basin Implementation Plan Phase Two

Dear Mr. Godbout,

At its August 13, 2014 Arkansas Basin Roundtable meeting, the Roundtable supported the \$313,800 WSRA grant request from the Lower Arkansas Water Conservancy District for the Arkansas Roundtable Basin Implementation Plan (BIP) Phase Two. The grant requests \$209,200 from the Basin account and \$104,600 from the Statewide account.

Phase two of the Arkansas Roundtable Basin Implementation Plan will process input received from public meetings hosted by Roundtable members throughout the Basin including representation from agriculture, environment, recreation and municipal/industrial water users as well as input collected on its new website [www.arkansasbasin.com](http://www.arkansasbasin.com) and the state's website. This input has been disaggregated by sub-region. The Arkansas Basin Roundtable desires to further refine the BIP by understanding sub-regional gaps, further investigate the nonconsumptive projects and their interaction with agriculture and municipal/industrial water uses, and use the public input to identify potential Projects, Processes and Methods to address those gaps.

Other components of this effort are 1) to understand and articulate nonconsumptive needs in relation to the constraints and opportunities 2) clarify the interdependence between current agricultural uses of water and the future needs to sustain agriculture throughout the Basin, and 3) build upon the high level of sub-regional involvement to expand Public Information and Education about the value of water to the Arkansas Basin and to the state of Colorado.

If you have any questions regarding the Roundtable support, please don't hesitate to call me.

Warm regards,

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Arkansas Basin Roundtable.



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