

July 28, 2014

Craig Godbout  
Program Manager, WSRA Program  
Colorado Water Conservation Board  
1313 Sherman St, Room 718  
Denver, Colorado 80203

Dear Craig,

In the last few decades, declining groundwater levels in the Denver Basin aquifers have been documented from Denver to Colorado Springs. This trend is expected to continue, and is further supported in current studies by the United States Geological Survey (USGS) and the Colorado Division of Water Resources (CDWR). Such declines are expected to contribute to the water supply gap for many Front Range communities.

In order to better understand the status of the deep groundwater aquifers in Elbert County, and plan for future needs accordingly, Elbert County Government has submitted WSRA grant applications to fund two initiatives: (1) a Water Supply Master Plan and (2) a Groundwater Monitoring Program. The requested funding allocations for the two initiatives are contained in the WSRA applications.

Upon review and consideration of these two applications by the Metro Roundtable, a motion was made and seconded to approve \$52,000 from the Metro WSRA Basin Account, and to recommend that the CWCB approve an additional \$136,500 from the WSRA Statewide account, for these WSRA applications. A quorum of the Metro Roundtable voted to approve the motion with one vote opposing the motion because they believed the initiatives should be combined with other similar regional efforts to better define the resources and issues in that region.

Please call if you have any questions or comments.

Sincerely,



Mark Koleber, Chair  
Metro Roundtable

August 1, 2014

Craig Godbout  
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Dear Craig,

In order to better understand the status of the nonrenewable groundwater aquifers in Elbert County, and plan for future needs accordingly, Elbert County Government has submitted WSRA grant applications to fund two initiatives: (1) a Water Supply Master Plan and (2) a Groundwater Monitoring Program.

The applicant presented these initiatives to the South Platte Basin Roundtable (BRT) Needs Committee at three meetings over a number of months, revising their applications to follow Needs Committee guidance. The Committee gave the two applications a favorable recommendation at their June 2, 2014 meeting and they were then presented to the full BRT on June 10. Following discussion, and upon the Committee's recommendation, it was moved and seconded to approve the two applications. A quorum of the BRT voted unanimously in favor of the applications based on their consistency with the BRT's goals.

Although the Committee had recommended that the applicant pursue equal shares of funding from all three Front Range BRTs for the two applications, the Arkansas BRT Needs Assessment Committee voted against recommending the applications to the Arkansas BRT. The applicant then revised the applications to exclude Arkansas BRT funding, and presented the revised grant allocation requests to the South Platte BRT on July 14, 2014. Following discussion and recommendation by the South Platte BRT Needs Committee, a motion was made and seconded to approve the revised applications. The BRT then voted unanimously to approve them.

Upon review and consideration of these two applications, the South Platte BRT has allocated \$46,000 from its Basin account to support these initiatives; \$40,000 for the Water Supply Master Plan and \$6,000 for the Groundwater Monitoring Program. We further support the allocation of Statewide funding in the amounts of \$40,000 and \$96,500, respectively; a total of \$136,500 from that account.

Please call if you have any questions or comments.

Sincerely,



Sean T. Cronin  
Chairman, South Platte Basin Roundtable