

**SOUTHWEST BASINS ROUNDTABLE**

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July 15, 2014

Mr. Craig Godbout  
Water Supply Management Section  
Colorado Water Conservation Board  
1580 Logan Street, Suite 600  
Denver, Colorado 80203

SUBJECT: Thompson-Epperson Ditch Stabilization Project - \$30,000 from Basin Account

Dear Mr. Godbout:

The Southwest Basin Roundtable is pleased to recommend funding of \$30,000 from the Southwest Basin Account for the Thompson-Epperson Ditch Stabilization Project. The application was considered in detail and approved at the July 9, 2014 meeting of the Southwest Basin Roundtable. There was a quorum of Roundtable members present.

The proposal is consistent with the Basin Roundtable strategy of improving the efficiency and stability of aging irrigation canals. A failure of this ditch has already resulted in an emergency repair and the proposed project proactively avoids future failures on similar reaches. The applicant ditch company is doubling its assessments in order to provide \$30,000, which is a third of the total project cost.

The completed Grant Application will be forwarded directly to you by the applicant. Please contact the applicant directly or me at 970-565-7562, [mpreston@frontier.net](mailto:mpreston@frontier.net), if you have questions or wish to discuss this application in more detail.

Sincerely,



Michael Preston  
Southwest Basin Roundtable Chair