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TO: Colorado Water Conservation Board Members

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DATE: January 26-27, 2015 Board Meeting

CONSENT AGENDA: 3a - New Prequalified Projects

The Finance Section compiles a list of prequalified projects for the Water Project Loan Program. In order to be included on this list, potential borrowers must submit a Loan Application and two years of financial statements to the CWCB staff. In addition, Borrowers requesting to be placed on the Prequalification Project List must have a defined project, have performed preliminary engineering, and have a reasonable estimate of the project costs.

Projects on this list fit the initial criteria of the Water Project Loan Program; however, the list does not constitute loan approval. In order to receive a loan, borrowers must additionally submit a completed Loan Feasibility Study for review by CWCB staff. Staff will then prepare a recommendation to the Board for approval at a future CWCB meeting. Projects will remain on this list for one year from the date of the application or until Board approval of a loan.

The application received by January 1, 2015 for this Board meeting was:

- a. Lower Arkansas Valley Water Conservancy District - Water Rights Purchase

Please refer to the preliminary Project Data Sheets for additional project information.

Staff Recommendation

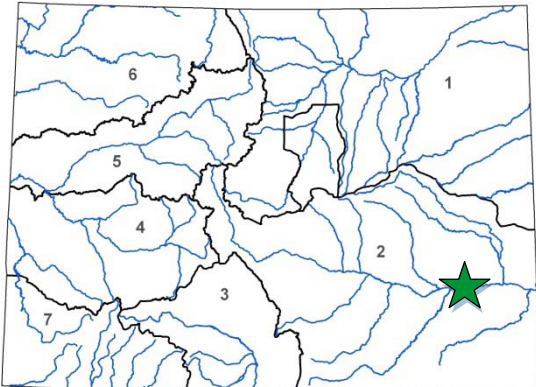
Staff recommends that the Board approve the project, as listed on page 2, to be placed on the Prequalified Project List.

Prequalified Project List

BORROWER	PROJECT NAME	APPLICATION DATE	BASIN	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	PROJECT COST	LOAN AMOUNT
New Applications						
Lower Arkansas Valley Water Conservancy District	Water Rights Purchase	Jan 1, 2015	Arkansas	This project is a 2 phase project to purchase water rights. Phase I funding is anticipated to be a CWCB loan. Phase II funding is anticipated to be a WSRA Grant / CWCB loan.	\$4,100,000	\$2,500,000
Totals					\$4,100,000	\$2,500,000



L O A N D E T A I L S	
Project Cost:	\$4,100,000
CWCB Loan (with Service Fee):	\$2,500,000
Loan Term and Interest Rate:	TBD @ TBD%
Funding Source:	TBD
B O R R O W E R T Y P E	
Agriculture	Municipal Commercial
	TBD
P R O J E C T D E T A I L S	
Project Type:	Water Rights Purchase
Average Annual Delivery:	TBD



L O C A T I O N	
County:	Bent, Crowley, Otero, Prowers, Pueblo
Water Source:	Arkansas River
Drainage Basin:	Arkansas
Division:	2 District: 14,17,67

The Lower Arkansas Valley Water Conservancy District's mission is to acquire, retain and conserve water resources within the Lower Arkansas River; to encourage the use of such water for the socio-economic benefit of the District citizens; and, to participate in water-related projects that will embody thoughtful conservation, responsible growth, and beneficial water usage within the Lower Arkansas Valley. In keeping with its mission, the District plans on purchasing water to be used for augmentation purposes. The purchases will be made in two phases. Phase I will be 282 paired shares of the Colorado Canal and Lake Meredith and 126.6 paired shares of the Colorado Canal and Lake Henry. Phase II will be the purchase of 149.4 paired shares of the Colorado Canal and Lake Henry. The District has purchased Phase I using a temporary bridge loan from a local bank. An initial CWCB loan will be used to pay off the bridge loan. The District hopes to fund Phase II through WSRA grants (\$75,000 statewide funds and \$15,000 Arkansas basin funds) and another CWCB loan. The District expects to apply for the Phase I loan in early 2015.

