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## **Lower South Platte Water Cooperative Organizational Analysis**

### **Progress Report**

#### **Task 1 – Organizational Structure**

- Legal activities:
  - Reviewed legal memo from Super Ditch about alternatives for organizational structure.
  - Arranged and attended a meeting with the Rocky Mountain Farmers Union to research the formation and operation of cooperatives.
  - Began work on a list of factors for Grant Review Committee to use in evaluating organizational alternatives.
- Engineering activities:
  - Participated in the meeting with the Rocky Mountain Farmers Union.
  - Developed and uploaded materials to a project collaboration website.

**The total invoiced amount to date for Task 1 is \$8,077.24 and the total fee for Task 1 is \$41,612.**

#### **Task 2 – Water Law and Water Rights**

Work on this task will begin later.

**The total invoiced amount to date for Task 2 is \$0.00 and the total fee for Task 2 is \$44,220**

### **Task 3 – Operational Planning**

- Engineering activities:
  - Participated in kickoff meetings. One of the kickoff meetings was held in Fort Morgan and included water users and other stakeholders interested in the cooperative. The other kickoff meeting was an internal Brown and Caldwell meeting to organize tasks and staffing.
  - Began reviewing and obtaining documents describing organizations similar to the Lower South Platte Co-op (i.e. Super Ditch).
  - Began updating estimates of excess recharge credits in Districts 1 and 64. Downloaded water accounting data for 2009 and 2010. Began inputting/linking accounting data into an analysis spreadsheet.

**The total invoiced amount to date for Task 3 is \$2,173.50 and the total fee for Task 3 is \$150,475**

### **Task 4 – Water Cooperative Development**

Work on this task will begin later.

**The total invoiced amount to date for Task 4 is \$0.00 and the total fee for Task 3 is \$69,670**