

THE ARKANSAS BASIN ROUNDTABLE

February 19, 2015

Craig Godbout – WSRA Application
Colorado Water Conservation Board
1313 Sherman Street, Room 721
Denver, CO 80203

Agenda Item

Dear Mr. Godbout,

At our January Arkansas Basin Roundtable meeting we reviewed and supported the Water Supply Reserve Account Grant Application from the Pikes Peak Regional Water Authority. At that time, the Roundtable reserved the right to reconsider their approval if not satisfied with a presentation at our February meeting of the findings of the Regional Infrastructure Study that preceded this project and resulted in the recommendation to proceed with the project described in this application.

At our February Arkansas Basin Roundtable meeting the presentation of the Regional Infrastructure Study was supported by the Roundtable, with the exception of one member, who was asked to submit a letter stating his concerns. This letter will be sent under separate cover and accompany this packet.

This project is important to the Arkansas basin because water providers in growing communities from central to northern El Paso County are heavily dependent on nonrenewable Denver basin groundwater to meet their water demands. This region represents the largest M & I gap in the Arkansas basin.

The Roundtable has approved the request of \$126,000, in which \$100,000 would come from the Statewide Account and \$26,000 from the Basin Account. The proposed Regional Water Supply Infrastructure Project: Preliminary Engineering of Area 3 Facilities analysis will support both near-term needs of project participants, as well as the long-term integration of the entire system. When this project is complete, preferred locations will be selected for storage and for the conveyance system. Preliminary design and engineering will be completed, which will include opportunity to add a treatment facility when needed.

Sincerely,



James W. Broderick

Arkansas Basin Roundtable Chair