

THE ARKANSAS BASIN ROUNDTABLE

February 5, 2014

Craig Godbout - WSRA Application
Colorado Water Conservation Board
1313 Sherman St., Room 721
Denver, CO 80203

Dear Mr. Godbout,

The Arkansas Basin Roundtable has reviewed and is in support of the Water Supply Reserve Account Grant Application from the Pikes Peak Regional Water Authority. The water activity and grant application was approved by the Arkansas Basin Roundtable at their January 14, 2015 meeting. At that time, the Roundtable reserved the right to reconsider their approval if not satisfied with a presentation in February 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. The draft report was presented to the Roundtable prior to January's meeting. The Roundtable has conditionally approved the request of \$126,000, in which \$100,000 would come from the Statewide Account and \$26,000 from the Basin Account.

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 and in addition, a critical municipal supply gap in this area could occur as early as 2020.

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 room to add a treatment facility when needed.

Sincerely,



James W. Broderick
Arkansas Basin Roundtable Chair