

THE ARKANSAS BASIN ROUNDTABLE

February 5, 2015

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 Lower Arkansas Valley Water Conservancy District (LAVWCD) for Phase II, Repurposing of Water Supply for Multiple Beneficial Use. The Roundtable has approved the request of \$275,000 from the Statewide Account and \$25,000 from the Arkansas Basin account. The LAVWCD is providing a cash match of \$1,194,000. Augmenting applicant dollars and loan funds with WSRA basin and statewide grant funds ensures the timely achievement of this objective, as well as the viability of the project's intended multi-purpose benefit.

The objective of this project is to acquire and repurpose paired shares of Colorado Canal and Lake Henry stock. The purchase of the shares frees them up for a variety of beneficial uses, including recreation and environmental, agricultural, and municipal/industrial uses.

- Water will be stored on Lake Henry, and will benefit the environment and recreational uses such as boating and fishing
- Water will be available to help meet growing augmentation gaps for Rule 10 and Rule 14 Plans
- It will also address the double-counting of municipal return flows, an issue addressed in the draft Arkansas Basin Implementation Plan
- Another use of the water is replacement of return flows for lease/fallowing projects
- After construction of the Arkansas Valley Conduit, the water may be used for municipal/industrial uses in dry years

Sincerely,



James W. Broderick
Arkansas Basin Roundtable Chair