

January 20, 2015

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Colorado Water Conservation Board  
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Re: *Northwest Douglas County Rural Water Project*, WSRA Application

Dear Mr. Godbout:

The Metro Roundtable (MRT) has determined that the *Northwest Douglas County Rural Water Project* is an important component of replacing the use of non-tributary ground water in the South Metropolitan Area of Denver, and in solving the water supply gap identified in SWSI through assistance to rural home and business owners whose properties and property values have been threatened due to widespread ground water pumping.

The *Northwest Douglas County Rural Water Project*, as submitted by the Plum Valley Heights Sub-District of Roxborough Water and Sanitation, will result in construction of a water transmission main, distribution lines and a storage facility to provide a renewable water supply to homes within rural neighborhoods on the western edge of the Denver Basin including the Plum Valley Heights, Chatfield East and Chatfield Acres subdivisions and the Titan Road Industrial Park. Currently, these areas are served by individual private wells. Over the years, these wells have seen declines, or total loss of production, due to widespread pumping of the Denver Basin Aquifers, albeit all in compliance with ground water pumping regulations. Recognizing the impact of loss of water supply, Douglas County, through their Water Alternatives Program, has enlisted the combined effort of the Roxborough Water and Sanitation District and the City of Aurora to provide service and a permanent renewable water supply to the residents. This plan will implement a portion of the system identified in the "Douglas County Rural Water Supply System Feasibility Study" that was completed as a result of a previous WSRA grant.

The cost of participating in this project is approximately \$60,000 per tap equivalent, an enormous burden to homeowners, yet 92% of homeowners in this area voted to tax themselves to complete the project. This WSRA grant, if awarded, would represent approximately 6.7 % of the homeowner cost. This grant, combined with grants from Douglas County, would cover approximately 14% of homeowner costs. The remainder of the funds will be paid by the homeowners through up front capital contributions and through low interest loans.

The Metro Roundtable previously approved \$50,000 of Metro Basin WSRA funds for this project, and at the January 14, 2015 MRT meeting, after a recommendation of approval by the Water Supply Reserve Account Review Committee, a motion was made, seconded and adopted to provide this letter of support from the Metro Basin Roundtable for the applicant's request for \$950,000 from Statewide WSRA funds. There was a quorum present at the January meeting and the vote was unanimous in favor of the funding request.

Sincerely yours,



Mark Koleber  
Chair  
Metro Roundtable