

January 7, 2015

Craig Godbout  
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Colorado Water Conservation Board  
1313 Sherman St, Room 718  
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Dear Craig,

On August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2014, members of the Needs subcommittee met to review and discuss a potential project application from the Division of Water Resources to purchase and install data loggers on several diversions throughout water districts 1, 2, and 3. The DWR project will purchase 35 Sutron Stage Discharge Recorders (SDR's) and telemetry for 47 diversions and return flow augmentation structures. It is anticipated that further state sponsored installation of SDR's will improve efficiency in water management, potentially leading to improved availability in water resources. The data loggers also provide increased efficiency over recording charts. We have funded this effort through previous Water Supply Reserve Account grants and continue to believe that transitioning from charts to SDR's and radio telemetry is one of the most effective programs for increasing efficiency at this time.

The Needs Committee feels that a full transition to SDR's is required throughout the South Platte. They strongly stated that the state needs to develop a transition plan, whether it be a legislative requirement for parties to transition and/or a partially state subsidized transition. Revising their applications to follow Needs Committee guidance to combine two proposed applications, one to the SPBRT, one to the Metro RT and also include a request from the Statewide account for 1/3 of the total request from each account. The Committee gave the application a favorable recommendation at their September 25th, 2014 meeting and they were then presented to the full BRT on October 15th. Following discussion, and upon the Committee's recommendation, it was moved and seconded to approve the application. A quorum of the BRT voted unanimously in favor of the application based on consistency with the BRT's goals.

Upon review and consideration of this application, the South Platte BRT has allocated \$103,216 from its Basin account to support this application. The Metro RT was able to approve \$50,000 of the requested \$103,216. We further support the allocation of Statewide funding for \$156,432.

Please call if you have any questions or comments.

Sincerely,



Sean T. Cronin  
Chairman, South Platte Basin Roundtable