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Colorado Water Conservation Board
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Dear Craig,

In the last few decades, declining groundwater levels in the Denver Basin aquifers have been documented from Denver to Colorado Springs. This trend is expected to continue, and is further supported in current studies by the United States Geological Survey (USGS) and the Colorado Division of Water Resources (CDWR). Such declines are expected to contribute to the water supply gap for many Front Range communities.

In order to better understand the status of the deep groundwater aquifers in Elbert County, and plan for future needs accordingly, Elbert County Government has submitted WSRA grant applications to fund two initiatives: (1) a Water Supply Master Plan and (2) a Groundwater Monitoring Program. The requested funding allocations for the two initiatives are contained in the WSRA applications.

Upon review and consideration of these two applications by the Metro Roundtable, a motion was made and seconded to approve \$52,000 from the Metro WSRA Basin Account, and to recommend that the CWCB approve an additional \$136,500 from the WSRA Statewide account, for these WSRA applications. A quorum of the Metro Roundtable voted to approve the motion with one vote opposing the motion because they believed the initiatives should be combined with other similar regional efforts to better define the resources and issues in that region.

Please call if you have any questions or comments.

Sincerely,



Mark Koleber, Chair
Metro Roundtable