

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. The Roundtable has approved the request of \$240,000 from the Statewide Account and \$25,000 from the Arkansas Basin account. The formation of the Arkansas River Watershed Collaborative is vital to restoring and supporting the health and sustainability of the various watersheds within our basin.

Regional solutions, such as the proposed collaboration, is needed to deal with the ramifications of major fires and floods, as well as the unknown risks that threaten Colorado's water supply and quality, such as population growth and climate change. A regional and collaborative approach is critical for addressing these complex, cross-jurisdictional issues. This collaborative effort will assist in coordinating efforts, sharing financial and technical resources, and maximizing projects and programs within the basin.

Sincerely,



James W. Broderick
Arkansas Basin Roundtable Chair