

January 20, 2015

Craig Godbout, Program Manager
Water Supply Planning Section
Colorado Water Conservation Board
1313 Sherman St., 7th Floor
Denver, CO 80203

Re: Metro Roundtable WSRA Application: *Water Diplomats: University Students and the State Water Plan*:

Dear Mr. Godbout:

The Metro Roundtable (MRT) has determined that support for the Metropolitan State University of Denver proposal to engage multi-disciplinary professionals and students from a range of Colorado institutions of higher education is an important opportunity to address the educational needs of the MRT and the broader community in order to improve public participation and understanding of the Platte River Basin Implementation Plan as well as Colorado's Water Plan

The *Water Diplomats: University Students and the State Water Plan* application, submitted by the One World One Water Center for Urban Water Education and Stewardship, will result in multiple opportunities for presentation and discussion of the range of water-related topics addressed in Colorado's Water Plan in a professional atmosphere resulting in informative reports, presentations to students' peers in an educational setting, and the creation of multiple 'overview' documents to be presented to local community audiences. The Basin Round Table Education Survey, report completed in 2010, concludes that the effectiveness of promoting public participation could be improved. While it should be noted that the Metro Roundtable members showed a preference for electronic communication, for the most part, public presentations are the preferred method for roundtable members and the public to receive information.

With this application, the One World One Water program engages a broad constituency to develop the opportunity for conversations about Colorado's Water Plan. With the collaboration of the Water Center of Colorado Mesa University, statewide issues become part of the discussion to increase understanding of the complex social and environmental issues being addressed by Colorado's Water Plan.

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 \$4,575 of support from the Metro Basin WSRA funds, and support for allocation of \$24,300 from the 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