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**TO:** Colorado Water Conservation Board Members

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**DATE:** May 20-21, 2015 Board Meeting

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Item 4 - New Prequalification Projects

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The Finance Section compiles a list of prequalified projects for the Water Project Loan Program. In order to be included on this list, potential borrowers must submit a Loan Application and two years of financial statements to the CWCB staff. In addition, Borrowers requesting to be placed on the Prequalification Project List must have a defined project, have performed preliminary engineering, and have a reasonable estimate of the project costs.

Projects on this list fit the initial criteria of the Water Project Loan Program; however, the list does not constitute loan approval. In order to receive a loan, borrowers must additionally submit a completed Loan Feasibility Study for review by CWCB staff. Staff will then prepare a recommendation to the Board for approval at a future CWCB meeting. Projects will remain on this list for one year from the date of the application or until Board approval of a loan.

The application received by May 1, 2015 for this Board meeting were:

- a. Orchard Ranch Ditch Company - Ditch Piping Project

Please refer to the preliminary Project Data Sheets for additional project information.

**Staff Recommendation**

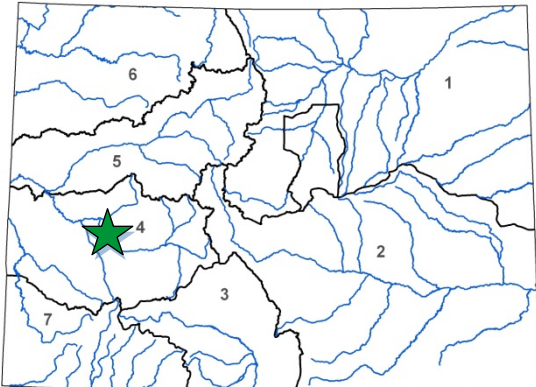
Staff recommends that the Board approve the project, as listed on page 2, to be placed on the Prequalified Project List.



BORROWER	PROJECT NAME	APPLICATION DATE	BASIN	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	PROJECT COST	LOAN AMOUNT
<b>New Applications</b>						
Orchard Ranch Ditch Company	Ditch Piping Project	May 1, 2015	Gunnison	The project is a salinity control project that includes piping 1.6 miles of canal. The company hopes to fund \$1M of the project through Bureau of Reclamation Salinity Control Program funds.	\$1,300,000	\$250,000
				New Applications Subtotal	\$1,300,000	\$250,000



L O A N   D E T A I L S	
Project Cost:	\$1,300,000
CWCB Loan:	\$250,000
Loan Term and Interest Rate:	TBD @ TBD%
Funding Source:	TBD
B O R R O W E R   T Y P E	
Agriculture	Municipal
TBD	TBD
Commercial	TBD
P R O J E C T   D E T A I L S	
Project Type:	Ditch piping
Average Annual Diversion:	3,000 AF



L O C A T I O N	
County:	Delta
Water Source:	Surface Creek
Drainage Basin:	Gunnison River
Division:	4
District:	40

The Orchard Ranch Ditch is located on the south side of Grand Mesa about 10 miles north of Delta Colorado. The ditch has decrees for 22.17 cfs from Surface Creek, a tributary of the Gunnison River. The ditch also carries water that comes from privately owned reservoirs on Grand Mesa. The 120 year old ditch is an earthen canal about 1.6 miles long. This project will pipe the entire ditch, and it will install a new diversion and trash screening structure at the head of the ditch. The project will serve about 400 acres of farmland and 3 subdivisions. The Company expects to get the majority of the funds to do this project from the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation salinity control program.

