



COLORADO WATER CONSERVATION BOARD



WATER SUPPLY RESERVE ACCOUNT APPLICATION FORM

Today's Date: January 20, 2015

Grand Valley Water Users Association Water Management Plan
Update

Name of Water Activity/Project

Grand Valley Water Users Association

Name of Applicant

Amount from Statewide Account:

Amount from Basin Account(s):

45,000.00

Total WSRA Funds Requested:

45,000.00

Approving Basin Roundtable(s)

(If multiple basins specify amounts in parentheses.)

FEIN:

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Required Exhibits

- A. Statement of Work, Budget, and Schedule
- B. Project Map
- C. As Needed (i.e. letters of support, photos, maps, etc.)

Appendices – Reference Material

- 1. Program Information
- 2. Insurance Requirements
- 3. WSRA Standard Contract Information (Required for Projects Over \$100,000)
- 4. W-9 Form (Required for All Projects Prior to Contracting)

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Instructions

To receive funding from the Water Supply Reserve Account (WSRA), a proposed water activity must be approved by the local Basin Roundtable **AND** the Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCBC). The process for Basin Roundtable consideration and approval is outlined in materials in Appendix 1.

Once approved by the local Basin Roundtable, the applicant should submit this application **with a detailed statement of work including budget and schedule as Exhibit A** to CWCBC staff by the application deadline.

WSRA applications are due with the roundtable letter of support 60 calendar days prior to the bi-monthly Board meeting at which it will be considered. Board meetings are held in January, March, May, July, September, and November. Meeting details, including scheduled dates, agendas, etc. are posted on the CWCBC website at: <http://cwcb.state.co.us> Applications to the WSRA Basin Account are considered at every board meeting, while applications to the WSRA Statewide Account are only considered at the March and September board meetings.

When completing this application, the applicant should refer to the WSRA Criteria and Guidelines available at: <http://cwcb.state.co.us/LoansGrants/water-supply-reserve-account-grants/Documents/WSRACriteriaGuidelines.pdf>. In addition, the applicant should also refer to the [Supplemental Scoring Matrix](#) applied to Evaluation Criteria Tiers 1-3 for Statewide Account requests .

The application, statement of work, budget, and schedule **must be submitted in electronic format** (Microsoft Word or text-enabled PDF are preferred) and can be emailed or mailed on a disk to:

Craig Godbout - WSRA Application
Colorado Water Conservation Board
1313 Sherman St., Room 721
Denver, CO 80203
Craig.godbout@state.co.us

If you have questions or need additional assistance, please contact Craig Godbout at: 303-866-3441 x3210 or craig.godbout@state.co.us.

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Part I. - Description of the Applicant (Project Sponsor or Owner);

1.	Applicant Name(s):	Grand Valley Water Users Association		
	Mailing address:	1147 24 Road Grand Junction, CO 84505-9639		
	FEIN #:	84-0402700		
	Primary Contact:	Mark Harris	Position/Title:	General Manager
	Email:	mharris@gvwua.com		
	Phone Numbers:	Cell: 970-261-1616	Office:	970-242-5065
	Alternate Contact:	Brian Deeter	Position/Title:	Engineer
	Email:	brd@jub.com		
	Phone Numbers:	Cell: 801-726-5819	Office:	801-547-0393

2. Eligible entities for WSRA funds include the following. What type of entity is the Applicant?

- ☐ Public (Government) – municipalities, enterprises, counties, and State of Colorado agencies. Federal agencies are encouraged to work with local entities and the local entity should be the grant recipient. Federal agencies are eligible, but only if they can make a compelling case for why a local partner cannot be the grant recipient.
- ☒ Public (Districts) – authorities, Title 32/special districts, (conservancy, conservation, and irrigation districts), and water activity enterprises.
- ☐ Private Incorporated – mutual ditch companies, homeowners associations, corporations.
- ☐ Private individuals, partnerships, and sole proprietors are eligible for funding from the Basin Accounts but not for funding from the Statewide Account.
- ☐ Non-governmental organizations – broadly defined as any organization that is not part of the government.

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3. Provide a brief description of your organization

The Grand Valley Water Users Association is the managing entity for a portion of the federally owned Grand Valley Project. These Grand Valley Project facilities include the Grand Valley Diversion Dam, also known as the Roller Dam, on the Colorado River in DeBeque Canyon, the 55-mile-long Government Highline Canal, 150 miles of project operated laterals, 100 miles of drainage ditches and a hydroelectric power plant. In recent years, approximately 130 miles of the laterals have been re-constructed into pressure piped laterals.

GVWUA first delivered water in 1917 to Reclamation's Grand Valley Project and since then has furnished a full supply of irrigation water to approximately 24,000 irrigated acres under the Government Highline Canal and 15,000 irrigated acres under the Mesa County, Palisade, and Orchard Mesa Districts and diverts the water for the Grand Valley Power Plant year round.

4. If the Contracting Entity is different then the Applicant (Project Sponsor or Owner) please describe the Contracting Entity here.

N/A

5. Successful applicants will have to execute a contract with the CWCB prior to beginning work on the portion of the project funded by the WSRA grant. In order to expedite the contracting process the CWCB has established a standard contract with provisions the applicant must adhere to. A link to this standard contract is included in Appendix 3. Please review this contract and check the appropriate box.

☒ The Applicant will be able to contract with the CWCB using the Standard Contract

☐ The Applicant has reviewed the standard contract and has some questions/issues/concerns. Please be aware that any deviation from the standard contract could result in a significant delay between grant approval and the funds being available.

6. The Tax Payer Bill of Rights (TABOR) may limit the amount of grant money an entity can receive. Please describe any relevant TABOR issues that may affect the applicant.

N/A

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Part II. - Description of the Water Activity/Project

1. What is the primary purpose of this grant application? (Please check only one)

☐ Nonconsumptive (Environmental or Recreational)

☐ Agricultural

☐ Municipal/Industrial

☐ Needs Assessment

☐ Education

☒ Other Explain:

2. If you feel this project addresses multiple purposes please explain.

This Planning project will address education, broad based needs and benefits assessment, non-consumptive use, including recovery Program issues, environmental concerns, water supply and water rights issues, including significant quantities of Pre-Compact water, Compact compliance and related obligations, commercial agricultural use, as well as, urban, suburban, and municipal/industrial uses and users, including the needs of Mesa County, Palisade, and Orchard Mesa Irrigation Districts through the planning process. GVVUA will take a collaborative approach to the pressing issues facing all of these areas and those with the Colorado River generally

3. Is this project primarily a study or implementation of a water activity/project? (Please check only one)

☒ Study ☐ Implementation

4. To catalog measurable results achieved with WSRA funds can you provide any of the following numbers?

New Storage Created (acre-feet)

New Annual Water Supplies Developed, Consumptive or Nonconsumptive (acre-feet)

Existing Storage Preserved or Enhanced (acre-feet)

Length of Stream Restored or Protected (linear feet)

Length of Pipe/Canal Built or Improved (linear feet)

Efficiency Savings (acre-feet/year OR dollars/year – **circle one**)

Area of Restored or Preserved Habitat (acres)

☒ Other -- Explain:

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4. To help us map WSRA projects please include a map (Exhibit B) and provide the general coordinates below:

Latitude:

Longitude:

See Exhibit B for GVVUA Service Area Map.

5. Please provide an overview/summary of the proposed water activity (no more than one page). Include a description of the overall water activity and specifically what the WSRA funding will be used for. A full **Statement of Work** with a detailed budget and schedule is required as **Exhibit A** of this application.

The Grand Valley Water Users Association (GVWUA) is making application to update their water Management Plan that was developed in 2012. The 2012 plan was a basic plan developed without cost-share or grant funding to fulfill the basic requirements of Section 210(b) of the Reclamation Reform Act. The GVVUA is currently under new management and desires to develop a more comprehensive and detailed Water Management Plan that will be helpful in implementing full scale conservation measures.

Within the 2012 Water Management Plan a number of goals and objectives were developed that GVVUA would like to move forward with. Many of these goals and objective require additional investigation and assessments that were not prepared in the 2012 Water Management Plan. The funding that we are requesting will allow GVVUA to prepare a conditional assessment of the canal segments, identify and document water losses, identify priority projects, conduct a benefits assessment, including those potentially accruing to external interests, ascertain environmental concerns, determine cost associated with the projects and create a strategic funding plan to implement the priority projects. It will also allow the Association to honor commitments made in the Colorado River Cooperative Agreement (CRCA) and incorporate them into Association planning.

Please See Exhibit A for a statement of work, detailed budget and schedule.

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Part III. – Threshold and Evaluation Criteria

1. Describe how the water activity meets these **Threshold Criteria**. (Detailed in Part 3 of the Water Supply Reserve Account Criteria and Guidelines.)

See attached Exhibit C CRBRT WSRA Basin Funds Requested for Threshold Criteria

- a) The water activity is consistent with Section 37-75-102 Colorado Revised Statutes.¹

Yes this activity is consistent with statute.

- b) The water activity underwent an evaluation and approval process and was approved by the Basin Roundtable (BRT) and the application includes a description of the results of the BRT's evaluation and approval of the activity. At a minimum, the description must include the level of agreement reached by the roundtable, including any minority opinion(s) if there was not general agreement for the activity. The description must also include reasons why general agreement was not reached (if it was not), including who opposed the activity and why they opposed it. Note- If this information is included in the letter from the roundtable chair simply reference that letter.

See Exhibit D CBRT Letter of approval.

- c) The water activity meets the provisions of Section 37-75-104(2), Colorado Revised Statutes.² The Basin Roundtable Chairs shall include in their approval letters for particular WSRA grant applications a

¹ 37-75-102. Water rights - protections. (1) It is the policy of the General Assembly that the current system of allocating water within Colorado shall not be superseded, abrogated, or otherwise impaired by this article. Nothing in this article shall be interpreted to repeal or in any manner amend the existing water rights adjudication system. The General Assembly affirms the state constitution's recognition of water rights as a private usufructuary property right, and this article is not intended to restrict the ability of the holder of a water right to use or to dispose of that water right in any manner permitted under Colorado law. (2) The General Assembly affirms the protections for contractual and property rights recognized by the contract and takings protections under the state constitution and related statutes. This article shall not be implemented in any way that would diminish, impair, or cause injury to any property or contractual right created by intergovernmental agreements, contracts, stipulations among parties to water cases, terms and conditions in water decrees, or any other similar document related to the allocation or use of water. This article shall not be construed to supersede, abrogate, or cause injury to vested water rights or decreed conditional water rights. The General Assembly affirms that this article does not impair, limit, or otherwise affect the rights of persons or entities to enter into agreements, contracts, or memoranda of understanding with other persons or entities relating to the appropriation, movement, or use of water under other provisions of law.

² 37-75-104 (2)(c). Using data and information from the Statewide Water Supply Initiative and other appropriate sources and in cooperation with the on-going Statewide Water Supply Initiative, develop a basin-wide consumptive and nonconsumptive water supply needs assessment, conduct an analysis of available unappropriated waters within the basin, and propose projects or methods, both structural and nonstructural, for meeting those needs and utilizing those unappropriated waters where appropriate. Basin Roundtables shall actively seek the input and advice of affected local governments, water providers, and other interested stakeholders and persons in establishing its needs assessment, and shall propose projects or methods for meeting those needs. Recommendations from this assessment shall be forwarded to the Interbasin Compact Committee and other basin roundtables for analysis and consideration after the General Assembly has approved the Interbasin Compact Charter.

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description of how the water activity will assist in meeting the water supply needs identified in the basin roundtable's consumptive and/or non-consumptive needs assessments.

See Exhibit D CBRT Letter of Approval

- d) Matching Requirement: For requests from the **Statewide Fund**, the applicants will be required to demonstrate a **25 percent** (or greater) match of the total grant request from the other sources, including by not limited to Basin Funds. A minimum match of 5% of the total grant amount shall be from Basin funds. A minimum match of 5% of the total grant amount must come from the applicant or 3rd party sources. Sources of matching funds include but are not limited to Basin Funds, in-kind services, funding from other sources, and/or direct cash match. Past expenditures directly related to the project may be considered as matching funds if the expenditures occurred within 9 months of the date the contract or purchase order between the applicant and the State of Colorado is executed. Please describe the source(s) of matching funds. (NOTE: These matching funds should also be reflected in your Detailed Budget in **Exhibit A** of this application)

Of the \$80,000 that is required to complete the project, we have applied for the maximum \$25,000 Reclamation Field Services Grant, have committed \$10,000 in Association cash, and are respectfully requesting the remainder from the Water Supply Reserve Account should the Basin Round Table see fit to approve our request.

Association will be actively involved in this project, as we have been to date. The Association has spent over \$20,000 in initiating and supporting this planned update to the Association Water Management Plan for which are seeking no reimbursement. We anticipate that over the life of this proposed Water Management Plan development the Association will invest at least another 500 hours of staff time and the attendant overhead expense. Very conservatively valued at \$50 an hour, we anticipate spending another \$25,000 of Association reserves. We have committed our time and our funding to this important project.

Funding Plan

ENTITY	AMOUNT CONTRIBUTED
Grand Valley Water Users Association (cash)	\$10,000
Bureau of Reclamation – Water Conservation Field Services Grant Program	\$25,000
Colorado Basin Roundtable Water Reserve Supply Account	\$45,000
Total Cash Cost	\$80,000
Grand Valley Water Users Over and Above In-kind Cost of \$55,000.00 in which no reimbursement is being requested. The in-kind services include staff time researching, mapping, attending meetings, and preparing funding applications in preparations for the planning project and additional time that will be anticipated during the planning process.	\$55,000
Total Cost of the Project with In-kind and Cash	\$135,000

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2. For Applications that include a request for funds from the **Statewide Account**, describe how the water activity/project meets all applicable **Evaluation Criteria**. (Detailed in Part 3 of the Water Supply Reserve Account Criteria and Guidelines and repeated below.) Projects will be assessed on how well they meet the Evaluation Criteria. **Please attach additional pages as necessary.**

Evaluation Criteria – the following criteria will be utilized to further evaluate the merits of the water activity proposed for funding from the Statewide Account. In evaluation of proposed water activities, preference will be given to projects that meet one or more criteria from each of the three “tiers” or categories. Each “tier” is grouped in level of importance. For instance, projects that meet Tier 1 criteria will outweigh projects that only meet Tier 3 criteria. The applicant should also refer to the Supplemental Scoring Matrix applied to Evaluation Criteria Tiers 1-3 for Statewide Account requests. WSRA grant requests for projects that may qualify for loans through the CWCB loan program will receive preference in the Statewide Evaluation Criteria if the grant request is part of a CWCB loan/WSRA grant package. For these CWCB loan/WSRA grant packages, the applicant must have a CWCB loan/WSRA grant ratio of 1:1 or higher. Preference will be given to those with a higher loan/grant ratio.

Tier 1: Promoting Collaboration/Cooperation and Meeting Water Management Goals and Identified Water Needs

- a. The water activity addresses multiple needs or issues, including consumptive and/or non-consumptive needs, or the needs and issues of multiple interests or multiple basins. This can be demonstrated by obtaining letters of support from other basin roundtables (in addition to an approval letter from the sponsoring basin).
- b. The number and types of entities represented in the application and the degree to which the activity will promote cooperation and collaboration among traditional consumptive water interests and/or non-consumptive interests, and if applicable, the degree to which the water activity is effective in addressing intrabasin or interbasin needs or issues.
- c. The water activity helps implement projects and processes identified as helping meet Colorado’s future water needs, and/or addresses the gap areas between available water supply and future need as identified in SWSI or a roundtable’s basin-wide water needs assessment.

Tier 2: Facilitating Water Activity Implementation

- d. Funding from this Account will reduce the uncertainty that the water activity will be implemented. For this criterion the applicant should discuss how receiving funding from the Account will make a significant difference in the implementation of the water activity (i.e., how will receiving funding enable the water activity to move forward or the inability obtaining funding elsewhere).
- e. The amount of matching funds provided by the applicant via direct contributions, demonstrable in-kind contributions, and/or other sources demonstrates a significant & appropriate commitment to the project.

Tier 3: The Water Activity Addresses Other Issues of Statewide Value and Maximizes Benefits

- f. The water activity helps sustain agriculture & open space, or meets environmental or recreational needs.
- g. The water activity assists in the administration of compact-entitled waters or addresses problems related to compact entitled waters and compact compliance and the degree to which the activity promotes maximum utilization of state waters.
- h. The water activity assists in the recovery of threatened and endangered wildlife species or Colorado State species of concern.

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- i. The water activity provides a high level of benefit to Colorado in relationship to the amount of funds requested.
- j. The water activity is complimentary to or assists in the implementation of other CWCB programs.

Continued: Explanation of how the water activity/project meets all applicable **Evaluation Criteria**.

Please attach additional pages as necessary.

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Part IV. – Required Supporting Material

1. **Water Rights, Availability, and Sustainability** – This information is needed to assess the viability of the water project or activity. Please provide a description of the water supply source to be utilized, or the water body to be affected by, the water activity. This should include a description of applicable water rights, and water rights issues, and the name/location of water bodies affected by the water activity.

Water Rights

Water rights, described below from the Colorado River, for the Grand Valley Project are for irrigation, power and domestic use. Irrigation water is tied to specific lands within the project and provides full and supplemental service. The domestic water right is a small water right primarily used for livestock watering purposes during non-irrigation season and has not been utilized for several years.

Cameo Water Rights

<u>Owner</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Adjudication Date</u>	<u>Approp. Date</u>	<u>Use</u>
• GVWUA/ United States	730 c.f.s.	07/22/1912	02/27/1908	Irrigation
• GVWUA/ United States	400/800 c.f.s. ¹	07/25/1941	2/27/1908	Hydro-electric Power
• GVWUA/ United States	220 c.f.s.	07/25/1941	2/27/1908	Domestic & Livestock
• Orchard Mesa Irrigation District	450 c.f.s.	07/22/1912	10/25/1907	Irrigation
• Orchard Mesa Irrigation District	10.2 c.f.s.	07/22/1912	10/01/1900	Irrigation
• Palisade Irrigation District	23.5 c.f.s.	07/25/1941	06/01/1918	Irrigation
• Palisade Irrigation District	80 c.f.s.	07/22/1912	10/01/1889	Irrigation
• Mesa County Irrigation District	40 c.f.s.	07/22/1912	07/06/1903	Irrigation

The source of all of the above described water rights is the Colorado River.

The GVWUA is a Co-Applicant in Case No. 91CW247 (“Check Case”), District Court, Water Division 5. The other co-applicants are the Orchard Mesa Irrigation District and the United States. Details of this “Check Case” are available upon request.

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2. Please provide a brief narrative of any related studies or permitting issues.

This will be an update to the Water Management Plan that was developed in 2012. This update to the Plan will allow GVVUA to help full fill many of the goals and objective s that were proposed. Many of these goals and objective require additional investigation and assessments that were not prepared in the 2012 Water Management Plan.

3. Statement of Work, Detailed Budget, and Project Schedule

The statement of work will form the basis for the contract between the Applicant and the State of Colorado. In short, the Applicant is agreeing to undertake the work for the compensation outlined in the statement of work and budget, and in return, the State of Colorado is receiving the deliverables/products specified. **Please note that costs incurred prior to execution of a contract or purchase order are not subject to reimbursement.** All WSRA funds are disbursed on a reimbursement basis after review invoices and appropriate backup material.

Please provide a detailed statement of work using the template in Exhibit A. Additional sections or modifications may be included as necessary. Please define all acronyms and include page numbers.

REPORTING AND FINAL DELIVERABLE

Reporting: The applicant shall provide the CWCB a progress report every 6 months, beginning from the date of the executed contract. The progress report shall describe the completion or partial completion of the tasks identified in the statement of work including a description of any major issues that have occurred and any corrective action taken to address these issues.

Final Deliverable: At completion of the project, the applicant shall provide the CWCB a final report that summarizes the project and documents how the project was completed. This report may contain photographs, summaries of meetings and engineering reports/designs.

PAYMENT

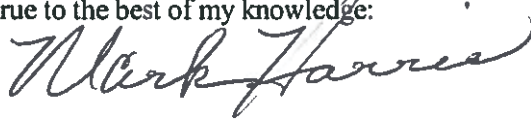
Payment will be made based on actual expenditures and invoicing by the applicant. Invoices from any other entity (i.e. subcontractors) cannot be processed by the State. The request for payment must include a description of the work accomplished by major task, and estimate of the percent completion for individual tasks and the entire water activity in relation to the percentage of budget spent, identification of any major issues and proposed or implemented corrective actions. The last 10 percent of the entire water activity budget will be withheld until final project/water activity documentation is completed. All products, data and information developed as a result of this grant must be provided to the CWCB in hard copy and electronic format as part of the project documentation. This information will in turn be made widely available to Basin Roundtables and the general public and help promote the development of a common technical platform.

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The above statements are true to the best of my knowledge:

Signature of Applicant:



Print Applicant's Name: Mark Harris

Project Title: General Manager

Date: January 22, 2015

Return an electronic version (hardcopy may also be submitted) of this application to:

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