

***THE COLORADO BASIN ROUNDTABLE***  
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Dear Craig:

The Colorado Basin Roundtable voted unanimously at its March 23, 2015, meeting to approve the Basalt Water Conservancy District grant request for \$25,000 in Water Supply Reserve Account funds to continue the Missouri Heights Groundwater Monitoring Program Phase IIA.

The funding is to be leveraged by \$31,521 from the BWCD. As we all recall, the Roundtable funded Phase II that lasted from 2008-13. This phase confirmed that imports from Cattle Creek play a vital role in maintaining aquifer levels and that development in this area was not drawing down the water table. As was learned, irrigation diversions and precipitation are the two big variables.

Phase IIA will continue to monitor the six wells from Phase II plus an additional well(s) to provide a better understanding of the influences of development on the Missouri Heights aquifer by verifying the trends and conclusions established in Phase II. Phase IIA will also seek to estimate the amount of recharge the Missouri Heights aquifer receives.

This effort relates to two themes in our Basin Implementation Plan, the sustaining of ag and the issue of safe drinking water. More importantly, it addresses the need to better understand how development and ag trends affect groundwater.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Pokrandt", with a stylized flourish extending from the end.

Jim Pokrandt  
Chair, Colorado Basin Roundtable