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AGENDA ITEM # 12: Colorado Water Bank Working Group ATM Grant Application

Background:

Of the approximately \$4,750,000 in ATM Grant appropriations, approximately \$943,000 remains available for qualifying applicants and their respective projects. If approved, the attached ATM Grant application for \$180,000 will result in a reduced balance of approximately \$763,000.

If approved, the “Colorado Water Bank Working Group: Agricultural Field Studies and Estimates of Saved Consumptive Use” project will constitute the 23rd ATM Grant approved by the CWCB. Of the previous 22 projects, 12 are in-progress, and 10 have been completed or closed-out.

Staff’s review of the applications involves the following steps:

- 1) Applications are reviewed for completeness based on the information requirements, which are primarily outlined in the Criteria and Guidelines (C&G).
- 2) Applications are reviewed to verify that the water activity meets the eligibility requirements in the C&G.
- 3) Staff then prepares the Water Activity Summary Sheet which documents the outcome of the review process and contains staff’s recommendations.

Staff concludes this ATM Grant application is complete and the proposed activity meets the eligibility requirements in the C&G. The Water Activity Summary Sheet, ATM Grant Application, and letters of support and commitment are attached.

Staff recommendation:

Staff recommends approval of up to \$180,000 from the Alternative Agricultural Water Transfer Methods Program to help fund the “Colorado Water Bank: Agricultural Field Studies and Estimates of Saved Consumptive Use” project.

