



The Nature Conservancy
Colorado River Program
2424 Spruce Street
Boulder, CO 80302

October 10, 2014

Colorado Water Conservation Board
Attn: Craig Godbout
1313 Sherman Ave., Room 718
Denver, CO 80203

Re: Alternative Agricultural Water Transfer Methods Grant Program Application for the Colorado Water Bank

Dear Colorado Water Conservation Board Members:

Please accept this letter of commitment from The Nature Conservancy to contribute \$30,000 in cash and additional in kind contributions to support the above referenced grant application for the next phase of the Colorado Water Bank Feasibility Study. This commitment will be effective upon finalization of the grant agreement.

We believe this application is tremendously important to the sustainability of the Colorado River Basin and look forward to strengthening the partnerships needed to develop and implement the proposed Colorado Water Bank. Please feel free to contact me at thawes@tnc.org or (303) 541-0322 if you have any questions or require additional specification about this commitment.

Sincerely,

Taylor Hawes
Colorado River Program Director

cc: Tim Sullivan, State Director, The Nature Conservancy of Colorado
Dan Birch, Colorado River District
Perry Cabot, Colorado State University



November 7, 2014

Colorado Water Conservation Board
Denver, CO

via email

Re: Compact Water Bank ATM Application

Dear Board Members:

The Colorado River District is in support of the ATM grant application related to the Colorado River Compact Water Bank you will be considering during your November meeting.

The application seeks to continue and broaden research efforts to understand the various issues associated with split season irrigation practices. This research is critically important to our understanding of how a bank could successfully operate.

Sincerely,

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Daniel R. Birch
Deputy General Manager

c: Eric Kuhn, General Manager



1600 West 12th Avenue
Denver, CO 80204-3412

November 4, 2014

Colorado Water Conservation Board
1313 Sherman Street, Room 718
Denver, CO 80203

RE: Water Bank Workgroup
Alternative Agriculture Water Transfer Grant Application

To Whom It May Concern:

The Front Range Water Council supports the recent Agricultural Water Transfer grant application that was submitted on behalf of the Water Bank Workgroup, through the Colorado River Water Conservation District. We encourage the Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB) to approve this grant application.

The Council supports Colorado's efforts to develop a contingency plan that will provide certainty and security to Colorado River water users during critical drought cycles. A temporary reduction in agricultural water use may be one element of a contingency plan. The agricultural field studies that are proposed in this grant application will further our understanding of the amount of water that may be saved through agricultural efficiency improvements, and through partial season irrigation practices. In addition, the proposed field studies will evaluate changes in crop production that may be associated with partial season irrigation. The information developed through the proposed field studies will facilitate efforts to develop a contingency plan and to provide security to Colorado River water users in the future.

The Front Range Water Council, along with the Colorado River Water Conservation District, the Southwestern Colorado Water Conservation District, and the Nature Conservancy, have each committed \$30,000 in matching funds to implement the proposed field studies. We request that the CWCB further support this effort by approving the grant application.

Sincerely,

FRONT RANGE WATER COUNCIL

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James S. Lochhead



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October 27, 2014

Colorado Water Conservation Board
1313 Sherman Street, Room 720
Denver, Colorado 80203

Dear Colorado Water Conservation Board:

Re: Support For Water Bank Work Group ATM Application

The Southwestern Water Conservation District (SWCD) supports the application by the Water Bank Work Group for an ATM grant to further the studies involving the Compact Water Bank.

SWCD will contribute its share of the matching funds described in the grant application. Please contact Steve Harris or Bruce Whitehead if there are any questions.

Sincerely,

Bruce Whitehead
Executive Director