

Town Of La Jara
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Todd Doherty, Program Manger
Colorado Water Conservation Board
1580 Logan Street, Suite 200
Denver, Colorado 80203

May 9, 2013

Dear Mr. Doherty;

The Town of La Jara strongly supports the Conejos Water Conservancy District (CWCD) request for an Alternative Agricultural Water Transfer Method (ATM) grant for a Feasibility Analysis regarding the Trujillo Meadows project. The Trujillo Meadows proposed project was initiated by the CWCD in an effort to explore a cooperative alternative agricultural transfer method by increased storage capacity at Trujillo Meadows Reservoir. This ATM project is designed to increase water availability for agricultural, environmental and municipal water needs. The ATM grant proposed is a valuable, first step to ensuring that the multiple water benefits proposed in the Trujillo Meadows project as well as in meeting the potential augmentation needs of many towns in Conejos county created by well depletions and the creation of sub-district rules in the San Luis Valley.

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enhancement. The Town supports this ATM Grant proposal for these reasons and as a good, first step to further our discussions with the CWCD in developing an alternative transfer method to meet the future municipal augmentation requirements. We urge approval of this grant proposal at your May meeting.

Sincerely;

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Dennis Koenig
Town Manager



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Mr. Todd Doherty
Colorado Water Conservation Board
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May 2, 2013

Dear Mr. Doherty:

Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) understands that the Conejos Water Conservancy District (CWCD) is submitting an application for an Alternative Agricultural Water Transfer Method (ATM) grant to fund a Feasibility Analysis regarding CWCD's proposed Trujillo Meadows project. Upon review of the grant application, CPW agrees that the feasibility analysis is needed to further explore a cooperative ATM. By increasing the storage capacity of the Trujillo Meadows Reservoir, this ATM may have the potential to increase water availability for agricultural, environmental and municipal water needs. CWCD approached CPW regarding their proposed analysis in part because CPW owns and operates Trujillo Meadows Reservoir which is situated on U. S. Forest Service lands.

The Trujillo Meadows Project may be an opportunity for a public-private partnership between CWCD, CPW and the municipal entities associated with this grant proposal. Among other things, the Project will evaluate possible alternatives for meeting the well augmentation needs of the Manassa, Romeo, Sanford, Conejos, Antonito, Ortiz and San Antonio areas.

Providing a means to keep agricultural water on productive agricultural lands could be a positive outcome for wildlife and natural resources, as well as the local economy. CPW supports the CWCD ATM Grant proposal for a Feasibility Analysis as an exploratory step to further our discussions with the CWCD and other potential partners and beneficiaries of the Project.

Sincerely,

Patricia D. Dorsey
Southwest Region Manager

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STATE OF COLORADO

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Rick D. Cables, Director, Colorado Parks and Wildlife
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HOME OF JACK DEMPSEY

Todd Doherty, Program Manger
Colorado Water Conservation Board
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May 3, 2013

Dear Mr. Doherty;

The Town of Manassa strongly supports the Conejos Water Conservancy District (CWCD) request for an Alternative Agricultural Water Transfer Method (ATM) grant for a Feasibility Analysis regarding the Trujillo Meadows project. The Trujillo Meadows proposed project was initiated by the CWCD in an effort to explore a cooperative alternative agricultural transfer method by increased storage capacity at Trujillo Meadows Reservoir. This ATM project is designed to increase water availability for agricultural, environmental and municipal water needs. The ATM grant proposed is a valuable, first step to ensuring that the multiple water benefits proposed in the Trujillo Meadows project as well as in meeting the potential augmentation needs of many towns in Conejos county created by well depletions and the creation of sub-district rules in the San Luis Valley.

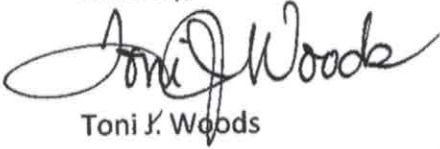
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Sincerely;

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Toni J. Woods". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Toni" and last name "Woods" clearly distinguishable.

Toni J. Woods
Mayor

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May 10, 2013

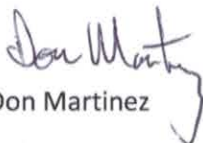
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Sincerely;



Don Martinez

Town Mayor

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Denver, Colorado 80203

May 9, 2013

Dear Mr. Doherty;

The Town of Sanford strongly supports the Conejos Water Conservancy District (CWCD) request for an Alternative Agricultural Water Transfer Method (ATM) grant for a Feasibility Analysis regarding the Trujillo Meadows project. The Trujillo Meadows proposed project was initiated by the CWCD in an effort to explore a cooperative alternative agricultural transfer method by increased storage capacity at Trujillo Meadows Reservoir. This ATM project is designed to increase water availability for agricultural, environmental and municipal water needs. The ATM grant proposed is a valuable, first step to ensuring that the multiple water benefits proposed in the Trujillo Meadows project as well as in meeting the potential augmentation needs of many towns in Conejos county created by well depletions and the creation of sub-district rules in the San Luis Valley.

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Sincerely;


~~Town Manager~~

Mayor Town of Sanford,
Sanford Co. 81151