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June 24, 2015

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RE: Notice to Proceed - WSRA Grant – CTGG1 2015-3443 Arkansas Basin Watershed  
Collaborative Project in the Arkansas River Basin

Dear Jay,

This letter is to inform you that the contract to assist in the above WSRA grant project was approved on June 22, 2015. The original documentation will be mailed for your records.

With the executed contract, you are now able to proceed with the project and invoice the State of Colorado for costs incurred through July 1, 2017 according to the schedule in Exhibit A.

Please provide the project name, contract number, and basin when corresponding with or invoicing the State of Colorado for your project. Upon receipt of your invoice(s), the State of Colorado will provide payment no later than 30 days after review and signed approval by the project manager. I wish you much success in your project.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the project, please contact me. You can contact Dori Vigil at 303-866-3441 ext. 3250 for invoicing and payment disbursement questions.

Sincerely,

//s//

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Attachments



**STATE OF COLORADO**  
**Colorado Water Conservation Board**  
**Grant Agreement**  
**with**  
**Lower Arkansas Valley Water Conservancy District**  
**Contract Number CTGG1 2015-3443**

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## **1. PARTIES**

This Grant Agreement (hereinafter called “Grant”) is entered into by and between Lower Arkansas Valley Water Conservancy District (hereinafter called “Grantee”), and the STATE OF COLORADO acting by and through the Department of Natural Resources, Colorado Water Conservation Board (hereinafter called the “State or CWCB”).

## **2. EFFECTIVE DATE AND NOTICE OF NONLIABILITY.**

This Grant shall not be effective or enforceable until it is approved and signed by the Colorado State Controller or designee (hereinafter called the “Effective Date”). The State shall not be liable to pay or reimburse Grantee for any performance hereunder, including, but not limited to costs or expenses incurred, or be bound by any provision hereof prior to the Effective Date.

## **3. RECITALS**

### **A. Authority, Appropriation, And Approval**

Authority for the agency entering into this Contract arises from Colorado Revised Statutes (CRS) 39-29-109(2)(c), 37-75-104(2)(c) and 37-75-102 et al., and Senate Bill 06-179 adopted by the 2006 General Assembly, and a sufficient unencumbered balance thereof remains available for payment. Required approvals, clearance and coordination have been accomplished from and with appropriate agencies.

## **B. Consideration**

The Parties acknowledge that the mutual promises and covenants contained herein and other good and valuable consideration are sufficient and adequate to support this Grant.

## **C. Purpose**

The Water Supply Reserve Account provides money for grants and loans to complete water activities, which are broadly defined and include water supply and environmental projects and/or studies. This Grant project is intended to stand up a collaborative organization (the Arkansas River Watershed Collaborative, or ARWC) as a subcommittee to the Arkansas River Basin Roundtable in order to begin addressing watershed health issues across the basin in a strategic and tactical fashion in the Arkansas River Basin.

## **D. References**

All references in this Grant to sections (whether spelled out or using the § symbol), subsections, exhibits or other attachments, are references to sections, subsections, exhibits or other attachments contained herein or incorporated as a part hereof, unless otherwise noted.

# **4. DEFINITIONS**

The following terms as used herein shall be construed and interpreted as follows:

## **A. Budget**

“Budget” means the budget for the Work described in **Exhibit A**.

## **B. Evaluation**

“Evaluation” means the process of examining Grantee’s Work and rating it based on criteria established in §6 and **Exhibit A**.

## **C. Exhibits and other Attachments**

The following are attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein: **Exhibit A and B**.

## **D. Goods**

“Goods” means tangible material acquired, produced, or delivered by Grantee either separately or in conjunction with the Services Grantee renders hereunder.

## **E. Grant**

“Grant” means this Grant, its terms and conditions, attached exhibits, documents incorporated by reference under the terms of this Grant, and any future modifying agreements, exhibits, attachments or references incorporated herein pursuant to Colorado State law, Fiscal Rules, and State Controller Policies.

## **F. Grant Funds**

“Grant Funds” means available funds payable by the State to Grantee pursuant to this Grant.

## **G. Party or Parties**

“Party” means the State or Grantee and “Parties” means both the State and Grantee.

## **H. Program**

“Program” means the Water Supply Reserve Account grant program that provides the funding for this Grant.

## **I. Review**

“Review” means examining Grantee’s Work to ensure that it is adequate, accurate, correct and in accordance with the criteria established in §6 and **Exhibit A and B**.

## **J. Services**

“Services” means the required services to be performed by Grantee pursuant to this Grant.

## **K. Sub-grantee**

“Sub-grantee” means third-parties, if any, engaged by Grantee to aid in performance of its obligations.

## **L. Work**

“Work” means the tasks and activities Grantee is required to perform to fulfill its obligations under this Grant and **Exhibit A and B**, including the performance of the Services and delivery of the Goods.

## **M. Work Product**

“Work Product” means the tangible or intangible results of Grantee’s Work, including, but not limited to, software, research, reports, studies, data, photographs, negatives or other finished or unfinished documents, drawings, models, surveys, maps, materials, or work product of any type, including drafts.

## **5. TERM and EARLY TERMINATION.**

### **A. Initial Term-Work Commencement**

The Parties respective performances under this Grant shall commence on the later of either the Effective Date or June 18, 2015. This Grant shall terminate on July 1, 2017 unless sooner terminated or further extended as specified elsewhere herein.

### **B. Two Month Extension**

The State, at its sole discretion upon written notice to Grantee as provided in **§16**, may unilaterally extend the term of this Grant for a period not to exceed two months if the Parties are negotiating a replacement Grant at or near the end of any initial term or any extension thereof. The provisions of this Grant in effect when such notice is given, including, but not limited to prices, rates, and delivery requirements, shall remain in effect during the two month extension. The two-month extension shall immediately terminate when and if a replacement Grant is approved and signed by the Colorado State Controller.

## **6. STATEMENT OF WORK**

### **A. Completion**

Grantee shall complete the Work and its other obligations as described herein and in **Exhibit A** on or before July 1, 2017. The State shall not be liable to compensate Grantee for any Work performed prior to the Effective Date or after the termination of this Grant.

### **B. Goods and Services**

Grantee shall procure Goods and Services necessary to complete the Work. Such procurement shall be accomplished using the Grant Funds and shall not increase the maximum amount payable hereunder by the State.

### **C. Employees**

All persons employed by Grantee or Sub-grantees shall be considered Grantee’s or Sub-grantees’ employee(s) for all purposes hereunder and shall not be employees of the State for any purpose as a result of this Grant.

## **7. PAYMENTS TO GRANTEE**

The State shall, in accordance with the provisions of this **§7**, pay Grantee in the following amounts and using the methods set forth below:

### **A. Maximum Amount**

The maximum amount payable under this Grant to Grantee by the State is \$265,000, as determined by the State from available funds. Grantee agrees to provide any additional funds required for the successful completion of the Work. Payments to Grantee are limited to the unpaid obligated balance of the Grant as set forth in **Exhibit A**. The maximum amount payable by the State to Grantee during each State fiscal year of this Grant shall be:

<b>\$265,000 in FY2015</b>
<b>\$265,000 in FY2016, minus any funds expended in FY2015</b>
<b>\$265,000 in FY2017, minus any funds expended in FY2015 and FY2016</b>
<b>\$265,000 in FY2018, minus any funds expended in FY2015, FY2016 and FY 2017</b>

#### **i. Advance, Interim and Final Payments**

Any payment allowed under this Grant or in **Exhibit A** shall comply with State Fiscal Rules and be made in accordance with the provisions of this Grant or such Exhibit. Grantee shall initiate any payment requests by submitting invoices to the State in the form and manner set forth and approved by the State.

## **ii. Interest**

The State shall fully pay each invoice within 45 days of receipt thereof if the amount invoiced represents performance by Grantee previously accepted by the State. Uncontested amounts not paid by the State within 45 days may, if Grantee so requests, bear interest on the unpaid balance beginning on the 46th day at a rate not to exceed one percent per month until paid in full; provided, however, that interest shall not accrue on unpaid amounts that are subject to a good faith dispute. Grantee shall invoice the State separately for accrued interest on delinquent amounts. The billing shall reference the delinquent payment, the number of day's interest to be paid and the interest rate.

## **iii. Available Funds-Contingency-Termination**

The State is prohibited by law from making fiscal commitments beyond the term of the State's current fiscal year. Therefore, Grantee's compensation is contingent upon the continuing availability of State appropriations as provided in the Colorado Special Provisions, set forth below. If federal funds are used with this Grant in whole or in part, the State's performance hereunder is contingent upon the continuing availability of such funds. Payments pursuant to this Grant shall be made only from available funds encumbered for this Grant and the State's liability for such payments shall be limited to the amount remaining of such encumbered funds. If State or federal funds are not appropriated, or otherwise become unavailable to fund this Grant, the State may immediately terminate this Grant in whole or in part without further liability in accordance with the provisions herein.

## **iv. Erroneous Payments**

At the State's sole discretion, payments made to Grantee in error for any reason, including, but not limited to overpayments or improper payments, and unexpended or excess funds received by Grantee, may be recovered from Grantee by deduction from subsequent payments under this Grant or other Grants, grants or agreements between the State and Grantee or by other appropriate methods and collected as a debt due to the State. Such funds shall not be paid to any party other than the State.

## **B. Use of Funds**

Grant Funds shall be used only for eligible costs identified herein and/or in the Budget. The State's total consideration shall not exceed the maximum amount shown herein.

# **8. REPORTING - NOTIFICATION**

Reports, Evaluations, and Reviews required under this §8 shall be in accordance with the procedures of and in such form as prescribed by the State and in accordance with §19, if applicable.

## **A. Performance, Progress, Personnel, and Funds**

State shall submit a report to the Grantee upon expiration or sooner termination of this Grant, containing an Evaluation and Review of Grantee's performance and the final status of Grantee's obligations hereunder. In addition, Grantee shall comply with all reporting requirements, if any, set forth in **Exhibit A and B**.

## **B. Litigation Reporting**

Within 10 days after being served with any pleading in a legal action filed with a court or administrative agency, related to this Grant or which may affect Grantee's ability to perform its obligations hereunder, Grantee shall notify the State of such action and deliver copies of such pleadings to the State's principal representative as identified herein. If the State's principal representative is not then serving, such notice and copies shall be delivered to the Executive Director of Colorado Department of Natural Resources.

## **C. Performance Outside the State of Colorado and/or the United States**

*[Not applicable if Grant Funds include any federal funds]* Following the Effective Date, Grantee shall provide written notice to the State, in accordance with §16 (**Notices and Representatives**), within 20 days of the earlier to occur of Grantee's decision to perform, or its execution of an agreement with a Subgrantee to perform, Services outside the State of Colorado and/or the United States. Such notice shall specify the type of Services to be performed outside the State of Colorado and/or the United States and the reason why it is necessary or advantageous to perform such Services at such location or locations. All notices received by the State pursuant to this §8.C shall be posted on the Colorado Department of Personnel & Administration's website. Knowing failure by Grantee to provide notice to the State under this §8.C shall constitute a material breach of this Grant.

## **D. Noncompliance**

Grantee's failure to provide reports and notify the State in a timely manner in accordance with this §8 may result in the delay of payment of funds and/or termination as provided under this Grant.

#### **E. Subgrants**

Copies of any and all subgrants entered into by Grantee to perform its obligations hereunder shall be submitted to the State or its principal representative upon request by the State. Any and all subgrants entered into by Grantee related to its performance hereunder shall comply with all applicable federal and state laws and shall provide that such subgrants be governed by the laws of the State of Colorado.

### **9. GRANTEE RECORDS**

Grantee shall make, keep, maintain and allow inspection and monitoring of the following records:

#### **A. Maintenance**

Grantee shall make, keep, maintain, and allow inspection and monitoring by the State of a complete file of all records, documents, communications, notes and other written materials, electronic media files, and communications, pertaining in any manner to the Work or the delivery of Services (including, but not limited to the operation of programs) or Goods hereunder. Grantee shall maintain such records (the Record Retention Period) until the last to occur of the following: **(i)** a period of three years after the date this Grant is completed or terminated, or **(ii)** final payment is made hereunder, whichever is later, or **(iii)** for such further period as may be necessary to resolve any pending matters, or **(iv)** if an audit is occurring, or Grantee has received notice that an audit is pending, then until such audit has been completed and its findings have been resolved (the "Record Retention Period").

#### **B. Inspection**

Grantee shall permit the State, the federal government and any other duly authorized agent of a governmental agency to audit, inspect, examine, excerpt, copy and/or transcribe Grantee's records related to this Grant during the Record Retention Period for a period of three years following termination of this Grant or final payment hereunder, whichever is later, to assure compliance with the terms hereof or to evaluate Grantee's performance hereunder. The State reserves the right to inspect the Work at all reasonable times and places during the term of this Grant, including any extension. If the Work fails to conform to the requirements of this Grant, the State may require Grantee promptly to bring the Work into conformity with Grant requirements, at Grantee's sole expense. If the Work cannot be brought into conformance by re-performance or other corrective measures, the State may require Grantee to take necessary action to ensure that future performance conforms to Grant requirements and exercise the remedies available under this Grant, at law or inequity in lieu of or in conjunction with such corrective measures.

#### **C. Monitoring**

Grantee shall permit the State, the federal government, and other governmental agencies having jurisdiction, in their sole discretion, to monitor all activities conducted by Grantee pursuant to the terms of this Grant using any reasonable procedure, including, but not limited to: internal evaluation procedures, examination of program data, special analyses, on-site checking, formal audit examinations, or any other procedures. All monitoring controlled by the State shall be performed in a manner that shall not unduly interfere with Grantee's performance hereunder.

#### **D. Final Audit Report**

If an audit is performed on Grantee's records for any fiscal year covering a portion of the term of this Grant, Grantee shall submit a copy of the final audit report to the State or its principal representative at the address specified herein.

### **10. CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION-STATE RECORDS**

Grantee shall comply with the provisions on this §10 if it becomes privy to confidential information in connection with its performance hereunder. Confidential information, includes, but is not necessarily limited to, state records, personnel records, and information concerning individuals. The State shall notify the Grantee in writing and notate any State records and information that are classified by the State as being "Confidential" and given to the Grantee in connection with its performance hereunder. The provisions of this Section 10 shall only apply to such notated records and information.

#### **A. Confidentiality**



Grantee shall keep all State records and information confidential at all times and to comply with all laws and regulations concerning confidentiality of information. Any request or demand by a third party for State records and information in the possession of Grantee shall be immediately forwarded to the State's principal representative.

**B. Notification**

Grantee shall notify its agent, employees, Sub-grantees, and assigns who may come into contact with State records and confidential information that each is subject to the confidentiality requirements set forth herein, and shall provide each with a written explanation of such requirements before they are permitted to access such records and information.

**C. Use, Security, and Retention**

Confidential information of any kind shall not be distributed or sold to any third party or used by Grantee or its agents in any way, except as authorized by this Grant or approved in writing by the State. Grantee shall provide and maintain a secure environment that ensures confidentiality of all State records and other confidential information wherever located. Confidential information shall not be retained in any files or otherwise by Grantee or its agents, except as permitted in this Grant or approved in writing by the State.

**D. Disclosure-Liability**

Disclosure of State records or other confidential information by Grantee for any reason may be cause for legal action by third parties against Grantee, the State or their respective agents. Grantee shall indemnify, save, and hold harmless the State, its employees and agents, against any and all claims, damages, liability and court awards including costs, expenses, and attorney fees and related costs, incurred as a result of any act or omission by Grantee, or its employees, agents, Sub-grantees, or assignees pursuant to this §10.

**11. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

Grantee shall not engage in any business or personal activities or practices or maintain any relationships which conflict in any way with the full performance of Grantee's obligations hereunder. Grantee acknowledges that with respect to this Grant, even the appearance of a conflict of interest is harmful to the State's interests. Absent the State's prior written approval, Grantee shall refrain from any practices, activities or relationships that reasonably appear to be in conflict with the full performance of Grantee's obligations to the State hereunder. If a conflict or appearance exists, or if Grantee is uncertain whether a conflict or the appearance of a conflict of interest exists, Grantee shall submit to the State a disclosure statement setting forth the relevant details for the State's consideration. Failure to promptly submit a disclosure statement or to follow the State's direction in regard to the apparent conflict constitutes a breach of this Grant.

**12. REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES**

Grantee makes the following specific representations and warranties, each of which was relied on by the State in entering into this Grant.

**A. Standard and Manner of Performance**

Grantee shall perform its obligations hereunder in accordance with the highest standards of care, skill and diligence in the industry, trades or profession and in the sequence and manner set forth in this Grant.

**B. Legal Authority – Grantee and Grantees Signatory**

Grantee warrants that it possesses the legal authority to enter into this Grant and that it has taken all actions required by its procedures, by-laws, and/or applicable laws to exercise that authority, and to lawfully authorize its undersigned signatory to execute this Grant, or any part thereof, and to bind Grantee to its terms. If requested by the State, Grantee shall provide the State with proof of Grantee's authority to enter into this Grant within 15 days of receiving such request.

**C. Licenses, Permits, Etc.**

Grantee represents and warrants that as of the Effective Date it has, and that at all times during the term hereof it shall have, at its sole expense, all licenses, certifications, approvals, insurance, permits, and other authorization required by law to perform its obligations hereunder. Grantee warrants that it shall maintain all necessary licenses, certifications, approvals, insurance, permits, and other authorizations required to properly perform this Grant, without reimbursement by the State or other adjustment in Grant Funds. Additionally, all employees and agents of Grantee performing Services under this Grant shall hold all required licenses or certifications, if any, to perform their responsibilities. Grantee, if a foreign corporation

or other foreign entity transacting business in the State of Colorado, further warrants that it currently has obtained and shall maintain any applicable certificate of authority to transact business in the State of Colorado and has designated a registered agent in Colorado to accept service of process. Any revocation, withdrawal or non-renewal of licenses, certifications, approvals, insurance, permits or any such similar requirements necessary for Grantee to properly perform the terms of this Grant shall be deemed to be a material breach by Grantee and constitute grounds for termination of this Grant.

### **13. INSURANCE**

Grantee and its Sub-grantees shall obtain and maintain insurance as specified in this section at all times during the term of this Grant: All policies evidencing the insurance coverage required hereunder shall be issued by insurance companies satisfactory to Grantee and the State.

#### **A. Grantee**

##### **i. Public Entities**

If Grantee is a "public entity" within the meaning of the Colorado Governmental Immunity Act, CRS §24-10-101, et seq., as amended (the "GIA"), then Grantee shall maintain at all times during the term of this Grant such liability insurance, by commercial policy or self-insurance, as is necessary to meet its liabilities under the GIA. Grantee shall show proof of such insurance satisfactory to the State, if requested by the State. Grantee shall require each Grant with Sub-grantees that are public entities, providing Goods or Services hereunder, to include the insurance requirements necessary to meet Sub-grantee's liabilities under the GIA.

##### **ii. Non-Public Entities**

If Grantee is not a "public entity" within the meaning of the GIA, Grantee shall obtain and maintain during the term of this Grant insurance coverage and policies meeting the same requirements set forth in §13(B) with respect to sub-Grantees that are not "public entities".

#### **B. Sub-Grantees**

Grantee shall require each Grant with Sub-grantees, other than those that are public entities, providing Goods or Services in connection with this Grant, to include insurance requirements substantially similar to the following:

##### **i. Worker's Compensation**

Worker's Compensation Insurance as required by State statute, and Employer's Liability Insurance covering all of Grantee and Sub-grantee employees acting within the course and scope of their employment.

##### **ii. General Liability**

Commercial General Liability Insurance written on ISO occurrence form CG 00 01 10/93 or equivalent, covering premises operations, fire damage, independent contractors, products and completed operations, blanket Grantual liability, personal injury, and advertising liability with minimum limits as follows: **(a)** \$1,000,000 each occurrence; **(b)** \$1,000,000 general aggregate; **(c)** \$1,000,000 products and completed operations aggregate; and **(d)** \$50,000 any one fire. If any aggregate limit is reduced below \$1,000,000 because of claims made or paid, Sub-grantee shall immediately obtain additional insurance to restore the full aggregate limit and furnish to Grantee a certificate or other document satisfactory to Grantee showing compliance with this provision.

##### **iii. Automobile Liability**

Automobile Liability Insurance covering any auto (including owned, hired and non-owned autos) with a minimum limit of \$1,000,000 each accident combined single limit.

##### **iv. Additional Insured**

Grantee and the State shall be named as additional insured on the Commercial General Liability and Automobile Liability Insurance policies (leases and construction Grants require additional insured coverage for completed operations on endorsements CG 2010 11/85, CG 2037, or equivalent).

##### **v. Primacy of Coverage**

Coverage required of Grantee and Sub-grantees shall be primary over any insurance or self-insurance program carried by Grantee or the State.

##### **vi. Cancellation**



The above insurance policies shall include provisions preventing cancellation or non-renewal without at least 45 days prior notice to the Grantee and Grantee shall forward such notice to the State in accordance with §16 (Notices and Representatives) within seven days of Grantee's receipt of such notice.

**vii. Subrogation Waiver**

All insurance policies in any way related to this Grant and secured and maintained by Grantee or its Sub-grantees as required herein shall include clauses stating that each carrier shall waive all rights of recovery, under subrogation or otherwise, against Grantee or the State, its agencies, institutions, organizations, officers, agents, employees, and volunteers.

**C. Certificates**

Grantee and all Sub-grantees shall provide certificates showing insurance coverage required hereunder to the State within seven business days of the Effective Date of this Grant. No later than 15 days prior to the expiration date of any such coverage, Grantee and each Sub-grantee shall deliver to the State or Grantee certificates of insurance evidencing renewals thereof. In addition, upon request by the State at any other time during the term of this Grant or any sub-grant, Grantee and each Sub-grantee shall, within 10 days of such request, supply to the State evidence satisfactory to the State of compliance with the provisions of this §13.

**14. BREACH**

**A. Defined**

In addition to any breaches specified in other sections of this Grant, the failure of either Party to perform any of its material obligations hereunder in whole or in part or in a timely or satisfactory manner, constitutes a breach. The institution of proceedings under any bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization or similar law, by or against Grantee, or the appointment of a receiver or similar officer for Grantee or any of its property, which is not vacated or fully stayed within 20 days after the institution or occurrence thereof, shall also constitute a breach.

**B. Notice and Cure Period**

In the event of a breach, notice of such shall be given in writing by the aggrieved Party to the other Party in the manner provided in §16. If such breach is not cured within 30 days of receipt of written notice, or if a cure cannot be completed within 30 days, or if cure of the breach has not begun within 30 days and pursued with due diligence, the State may exercise any of the remedies set forth in §15. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, the State, in its sole discretion, need not provide advance notice or a cure period and may immediately terminate this Grant in whole or in part if reasonably necessary to preserve public safety or to prevent immediate public crisis.

**15. REMEDIES**

If Grantee is in breach under any provision of this Grant, the State shall have all of the remedies listed in this §15 in addition to all other remedies set forth in other sections of this Grant following the notice and cure period set forth in §14(B). The State may exercise any or all of the remedies available to it, in its sole discretion, concurrently or consecutively.

**A. Termination for Cause and/or Breach**

If Grantee fails to perform any of its obligations hereunder with such diligence as is required to ensure its completion in accordance with the provisions of this Grant and in a timely manner, the State may notify Grantee of such non-performance in accordance with the provisions herein. If Grantee thereafter fails to promptly cure such non-performance within the cure period, the State, at its option, may terminate this entire Grant or such part of this Grant as to which there has been delay or a failure to properly perform. Exercise by the State of this right shall not be deemed a breach of its obligations hereunder. Grantee shall continue performance of this Grant to the extent not terminated, if any.

**i. Obligations and Rights**

To the extent specified in any termination notice, Grantee shall not incur further obligations or render further performance hereunder past the effective date of such notice, and shall terminate outstanding orders and sub-Grants with third parties. However, Grantee shall complete and deliver to the State all Work, Services and Goods not cancelled by the termination notice and may incur obligations as are

necessary to do so within this Grant's terms. At the sole discretion of the State, Grantee shall assign to the State all of Grantee's right, title, and interest under such terminated orders or sub-Grants. Upon termination, Grantee shall take timely, reasonable and necessary action to protect and preserve property in the possession of Grantee in which the State has an interest. All materials owned by the State in the possession of Grantee shall be immediately returned to the State. All Work Product, at the option of the State, shall be delivered by Grantee to the State and shall become the State's property.

**ii. Payments**

The State shall reimburse Grantee only for accepted performance up to the date of termination. If, after termination by the State, it is determined that Grantee was not in breach or that Grantee's action or inaction was excusable, such termination shall be treated as a termination in the public interest and the rights and obligations of the Parties shall be the same as if this Grant had been terminated in the public interest, as described herein.

**iii. Damages and Withholding**

Notwithstanding any other remedial action by the State, Grantee also shall remain liable to the State for any damages sustained by the State by virtue of any breach under this Grant by Grantee and the State may withhold any payment to Grantee for the purpose of mitigating the State's damages, until such time as the exact amount of damages due to the State from Grantee is determined. The State may withhold any amount that may be due to Grantee as the State deems necessary to protect the State, including loss as a result of outstanding liens or claims of former lien holders, or to reimburse the State for the excess costs incurred in procuring similar goods or services. Grantee shall be liable for excess costs incurred by the State in procuring from third parties replacement Work, Services or substitute Goods as cover.

**B. Early Termination in the Public Interest**

The State is entering into this Grant for the purpose of carrying out the public policy of the State of Colorado, as determined by its Governor, General Assembly, and/or Courts. If this Grant ceases to further the public policy of the State, the State, in its sole discretion, may terminate this Grant in whole or in part. Exercise by the State of this right shall not constitute a breach of the State's obligations hereunder. This subsection shall not apply to a termination of this Grant by the State for cause or breach by Grantee, which shall be governed by §15(A) or as otherwise specifically provided for herein.

**i. Method and Content**

The State shall notify Grantee of such termination in accordance with §16. The notice shall specify the effective date of the termination and whether it affects all or a portion of this Grant.

**ii. Obligations and Rights**

Upon receipt of a termination notice, Grantee shall be subject to and comply with the same obligations and rights set forth in §15(A)(i).

**iii. Payments**

If this Grant is terminated by the State pursuant to this §15(B), Grantee shall be paid an amount which bears the same ratio to the total reimbursement under this Grant as the Services satisfactorily performed bear to the total Services covered by this Grant, less payments previously made. Additionally, if this Grant is less than 60% completed, the State may reimburse Grantee for a portion of actual out-of-pocket expenses (not otherwise reimbursed under this Grant) incurred by Grantee which are directly attributable to the uncompleted portion of Grantee's obligations hereunder; provided that the sum of any and all reimbursement shall not exceed the maximum amount payable to Grantee hereunder.

**C. Remedies Not Involving Termination**

The State, its sole discretion, may exercise one or more of the following remedies in addition to other remedies available to it:

**i. Suspend Performance**

Suspend Grantee's performance with respect to all or any portion of this Grant pending necessary corrective action as specified by the State without entitling Grantee to an adjustment in price/cost or performance schedule. Grantee shall promptly cease performance and incurring costs in accordance

with the State's directive and the State shall not be liable for costs incurred by Grantee after the suspension of performance under this provision.

**ii. Withhold Payment**

Withhold payment to Grantee until corrections in Grantee's performance are satisfactorily made and completed.

**iii. Deny Payment**

Deny payment for those obligations not performed, that due to Grantee's actions or inactions, cannot be performed or, if performed, would be of no value to the State; provided, that any denial of payment shall be reasonably related to the value to the State of the obligations not performed.

**iv. Removal**

Demand removal of any of Grantee's employees, agents, or Sub-grantees whom the State deems incompetent, careless, insubordinate, unsuitable, or otherwise unacceptable, or whose continued relation to this Grant is deemed to be contrary to the public interest or not in the State's best interest.

**v. Intellectual Property**

If Grantee infringes on a patent, copyright, trademark, trade secret or other intellectual property right while performing its obligations under this Grant, Grantee shall, at the State's option (a) obtain for the State or Grantee the right to use such products and services; (b) replace any Goods, Services, or other product involved with non-infringing products or modify them so that they become non-infringing; or, (c) if neither of the foregoing alternatives are reasonably available, remove any infringing Goods, Services, or products and refund the price paid therefore to the State.

**16. NOTICES and REPRESENTATIVES**

Each individual identified below is the principal representative of the designating Party. All notices required to be given hereunder shall be hand delivered with receipt required or sent by certified or registered mail to such Party's principal representative at the address set forth below. In addition to, but not in lieu of a hard-copy notice, notice also may be sent by e-mail to the e-mail addresses, if any, set forth below. Either Party may from time to time designate by written notice substitute addresses or persons to whom such notices shall be sent. Unless otherwise provided herein, all notices shall be effective upon receipt.

**A. State:**

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**17. RIGHTS IN DATA, DOCUMENTS, AND COMPUTER SOFTWARE**

Any software, research, reports, studies, data, photographs, negatives or other documents, drawings, models, materials, or Work Product of any type, including drafts, prepared by Grantee in the performance of its obligations under this Grant shall be the nonexclusive property of the State and, all Work Product shall be delivered to the State by Grantee upon completion or termination hereof. The State's nonexclusive rights in such Work Product shall include, but not be limited to, the right to copy, publish, display, transfer, and prepare derivative works.

**18. GOVERNMENTAL IMMUNITY**

Notwithstanding any other provision to the contrary, nothing herein shall constitute a waiver, express or implied, of any of the immunities, rights, benefits, protection, or other provisions of the Colorado Governmental

Immunity Act, CRS §24-10-101, et seq., as amended. Liability for claims for injuries to persons or property arising from the negligence of the State of Colorado, its departments, institutions, agencies, boards, officials, and employees is controlled and limited by the provisions of the Governmental Immunity Act and the risk management statutes, CRS §24-30-1501, et seq., as amended.

## **19. STATEWIDE GRANT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM**

If the maximum amount payable to Grantee under this Grant is \$100,000 or greater, either on the Effective Date or at anytime thereafter, this **§19** applies.

Grantee agrees to be governed, and to abide, by the provisions of CRS §24-102-205, §24-102-206, §24-103-601, §24-103.5-101 and §24-105-102 concerning the monitoring of vendor performance on state Grants and inclusion of Grant performance information in a statewide Grant management system.

Grantee's performance shall be subject to Evaluation and Review in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Grant, State law, including CRS §24-103.5-101, and State Fiscal Rules, Policies and Guidance. Evaluation and Review of Grantee's performance shall be part of the normal Grant administration process and Grantee's performance will be systematically recorded in the statewide Grant Management System. Areas of Evaluation and Review shall include, but shall not be limited to quality, cost and timeliness. Collection of information relevant to the performance of Grantee's obligations under this Grant shall be determined by the specific requirements of such obligations and shall include factors tailored to match the requirements of Grantee's obligations. Such performance information shall be entered into the statewide Grant Management System at intervals established herein and a final Evaluation, Review and Rating shall be rendered within 30 days of the end of the Grant term. Grantee shall be notified following each performance Evaluation and Review, and shall address or correct any identified problem in a timely manner and maintain work progress.

Should the final performance Evaluation and Review determine that Grantee demonstrated a gross failure to meet the performance measures established hereunder, the Executive Director of the Colorado Department of Personnel and Administration (Executive Director), upon request by the CWCB, and showing of good cause, may debar Grantee and prohibit Grantee from bidding on future Grants. Grantee may contest the final Evaluation, Review and Rating by: **(a)** filing rebuttal statements, which may result in either removal or correction of the evaluation (CRS §24-105-102(6)), or **(b)** under CRS §24-105-102(6), exercising the debarment protest and appeal rights provided in CRS §§24-109-106, 107, 201 or 202, which may result in the reversal of the debarment and reinstatement of Grantee, by the Executive Director, upon showing of good cause.

## **20. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

### **A. Assignment and SubGrants**

Unless otherwise specified in Exhibit A, Statement of Work, Grantee's rights and obligations hereunder are personal and may not be transferred, assigned or subGranted without the prior, written consent of the State. Any attempt at assignment, transfer, subGranting without such consent shall be void. All assignments, subGrants, or Sub-grantees approved by Grantee or the State are subject to all of the provisions hereof. Grantee shall be solely responsible for all aspects of subGranting arrangements and performance.

### **B. Binding Effect**

Except as otherwise provided in **§20(A)**, all provisions herein contained, including the benefits and burdens, shall extend to and be binding upon the Parties' respective heirs, legal representatives, successors, and assigns.

### **C. Captions**

The captions and headings in this Grant are for convenience of reference only, and shall not be used to interpret, define, or limit its provisions.

### **D. Counterparts**

This Grant may be executed in multiple identical original counterparts, all of which shall constitute one agreement.

### **E. Entire Understanding**

This Grant represents the complete integration of all understandings between the Parties and all prior representations and understandings, oral or written, are merged herein. Prior or contemporaneous additions, deletions, or other changes hereto shall not have any force or affect whatsoever, unless embodied herein.

## **F. Indemnification-General**

Grantee shall indemnify, save, and hold harmless the State, its employees and agents, against any and all claims, damages, liability and court awards including costs, expenses, and attorney fees and related costs, incurred as a result of any act or omission by Grantee, or its employees, agents, Sub-grantees, or assignees pursuant to the terms of this Grant; however, the provisions hereof shall not be construed or interpreted as a waiver, express or implied, of any of the immunities, rights, benefits, protection, or other provisions, of the Colorado Governmental Immunity Act, CRS §24-10-101 et seq., or the Federal Tort Claims Act, 28 U.S.C. 2671 et seq., as applicable, as now or hereafter amended.

## **G. Jurisdiction and Venue**

All suits, actions, or proceedings related to this Grant shall be held in the State of Colorado and exclusive venue shall be in the City and County of Denver.

## **H. Modification**

### **i. By the Parties**

Except as specifically provided in this Grant, modifications of this Grant shall not be effective unless agreed to in writing by both parties in an amendment to this Grant, properly executed and approved in accordance with applicable Colorado State law, State Fiscal Rules, and Office of the State Controller Policies, including, but not limited to, the policy entitled MODIFICATIONS OF GRANTS - TOOLS AND FORMS.

### **ii. By Operation of Law**

This Grant is subject to such modifications as may be required by changes in Federal or Colorado State law, or their implementing regulations. Any such required modification automatically shall be incorporated into and be part of this Grant on the effective date of such change, as if fully set forth herein.

## **I. Order of Precedence**

The provisions of this Grant shall govern the relationship of the State and Grantee. In the event of conflicts or inconsistencies between this Grant and its exhibits and attachments including, but not limited to, those provided by Grantee, such conflicts or inconsistencies shall be resolved by reference to the documents in the following order of priority:

- i.** Colorado Special Provisions,
- ii.** The provisions of the main body of this Grant,
- iii.** Exhibit A and B.

## **J. Severability**

Provided this Grant can be executed and performance of the obligations of the Parties accomplished within its intent, the provisions hereof are severable and any provision that is declared invalid or becomes inoperable for any reason shall not affect the validity of any other provision hereof.

## **K. Survival of Certain Grant Terms**

Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, provisions of this Grant requiring continued performance, compliance, or effect after termination hereof, shall survive such termination and shall be enforceable by the State if Grantee fails to perform or comply as required.

## **L. Taxes**

The State is exempt from all federal excise taxes under IRC Chapter 32 (No. 84-730123K) and from all State and local government sales and use taxes under CRS §§39-26-101 and 201 et seq. Such exemptions apply when materials are purchased or services rendered to benefit the State; provided however, that certain political subdivisions (e.g., City of Denver) may require payment of sales or use taxes even though the product or service is provided to the State. Grantee shall be solely liable for paying such taxes as the State is prohibited from paying for or reimbursing Grantee for them.

## **M. Third Party Beneficiaries**

Enforcement of this Grant and all rights and obligations hereunder are reserved solely to the Parties, and not to any third party. Any services or benefits which third parties receive as a result of this Grant are incidental to the Grant, and do not create any rights for such third parties.

## **N. Waiver**



Waiver of any breach of a term, provision, or requirement of this Grant, or any right or remedy hereunder, whether explicitly or by lack of enforcement, shall not be construed or deemed as a waiver of any subsequent breach of such term, provision or requirement, or of any other term, provision, or requirement.

**O. CORA Disclosure**

To the extent not prohibited by federal law, this Grant and the performance measures and standards under CRS §24-103.5-101, if any, are subject to public release through the Colorado Open Records Act, CRS §24-72-101, et seq.

**21. COLORADO SPECIAL PROVISIONS**

The Special Provisions apply to all Grants except where noted in italics.

**A. 1. CONTROLLER'S APPROVAL. CRS §24-30-202 (1).**

This Grant shall not be deemed valid until it has been approved by the Colorado State Controller or designee.

**B. 2. FUND AVAILABILITY. CRS §24-30-202(5.5).**

Financial obligations of the State payable after the current fiscal year are contingent upon funds for that purpose being appropriated, budgeted, and otherwise made available.

**C. 3. GOVERNMENTAL IMMUNITY.**

No term or condition of this Grant shall be construed or interpreted as a waiver, express or implied, of any of the immunities, rights, benefits, protections, or other provisions, of the Colorado Governmental Immunity Act, CRS §24-10-101 et seq., or the Federal Tort Claims Act, 28 U.S.C. §§1346(b) and 2671 et seq., as applicable now or hereafter amended.

**D. 4. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR**

Grantee shall perform its duties hereunder as an independent contractor and not as an employee. Neither Grantee nor any agent or employee of Grantee shall be deemed to be an agent or employee of the State. Grantee and its employees and agents are not entitled to unemployment insurance or workers compensation benefits through the State and the State shall not pay for or otherwise provide such coverage for Grantee or any of its agents or employees. Unemployment insurance benefits shall be available to Grantee and its employees and agents only if such coverage is made available by Grantee or a third party. Grantee shall pay when due all applicable employment taxes and income taxes and local head taxes incurred pursuant to this Grant. Grantee shall not have authorization, express or implied, to bind the State to any Grant, liability or understanding, except as expressly set forth herein. Grantee shall (a) provide and keep in force workers' compensation and unemployment compensation insurance in the amounts required by law, (b) provide proof thereof when requested by the State, and (c) be solely responsible for its acts and those of its employees and agents.

**E. 5. COMPLIANCE WITH LAW.**

Grantee shall strictly comply with all applicable federal and State laws, rules, and regulations in effect or hereafter established, including, without limitation, laws applicable to discrimination and unfair employment practices.

**F. 6. CHOICE OF LAW.**

Colorado law, and rules and regulations issued pursuant thereto, shall be applied in the interpretation, execution, and enforcement of this grant. Any provision included or incorporated herein by reference which conflicts with said laws, rules, and regulations shall be null and void. Any provision incorporated herein by reference which purports to negate this or any other Special Provision in whole or in part shall not be valid or enforceable or available in any action at law, whether by way of complaint, defense, or otherwise. Any provision rendered null and void by the operation of this provision shall not invalidate the remainder of this Grant, to the extent capable of execution.

**G. 7. BINDING ARBITRATION PROHIBITED.**

The State of Colorado does not agree to binding arbitration by any extra-judicial body or person. Any provision to the contrary in this contract or incorporated herein by reference shall be null and void.

**H. 8. SOFTWARE PIRACY PROHIBITION. Governor's Executive Order D 002 00.**

State or other public funds payable under this Grant shall not be used for the acquisition, operation, or maintenance of computer software in violation of federal copyright laws or applicable licensing



restrictions. Grantee hereby certifies and warrants that, during the term of this Grant and any extensions, Grantee has and shall maintain in place appropriate systems and controls to prevent such improper use of public funds. If the State determines that Grantee is in violation of this provision, the State may exercise any remedy available at law or in equity or under this Grant, including, without limitation, immediate termination of this Grant and any remedy consistent with federal copyright laws or applicable licensing restrictions.

**I. 9. EMPLOYEE FINANCIAL INTEREST. CRS §§24-18-201 and 24-50-507.**

The signatories aver that to their knowledge, no employee of the State has any personal or beneficial interest whatsoever in the service or property described in this Grant. Grantee has no interest and shall not acquire any interest, direct or indirect, that would conflict in any manner or degree with the performance of Grantee's services and Grantee shall not employ any person having such known interests.

**J. 10. VENDOR OFFSET. CRS §§24-30-202 (1) and 24-30-202.4.**

[*Not Applicable to intergovernmental agreements*] Subject to CRS §24-30-202.4 (3.5), the State Controller may withhold payment under the State's vendor offset intercept system for debts owed to State agencies for: (a) unpaid child support debts or child support arrearages; (b) unpaid balances of tax, accrued interest, or other charges specified in CRS §39-21-101, et seq.; (c) unpaid loans due to the Student Loan Division of the Department of Higher Education; (d) amounts required to be paid to the Unemployment Compensation Fund; and (e) other unpaid debts owing to the State as a result of final agency determination or judicial action.

**K. 11. PUBLIC GRANTS FOR SERVICES. CRS §8-17.5-101.**

[Not Applicable to Agreements relating to the offer, issuance, or sale of securities, investment advisory services or fund management services, sponsored projects, intergovernmental Agreements, or information technology services or products and services] Grantee certifies, warrants, and agrees that it does not knowingly employ or Grant with an illegal alien who shall perform work under this Grant and shall confirm the employment eligibility of all employees who are newly hired for employment in the United States to perform work under this Grant, through participation in the E-Verify Program or the State program established pursuant to CRS §8-17.5-102(5)(c), Grantee shall not knowingly employ or Grant with an illegal alien to perform work under this Grant or enter into a Grant with a Sub-grantee that fails to certify to Grantee that the Sub-grantee shall not knowingly employ or Grant with an illegal alien to perform work under this Grant. Grantee (a) shall not use E-Verify Program or State program procedures to undertake pre-employment screening of job applicants while this Grant is being performed, (b) shall notify the Sub-grantee and the Granting State agency within three days if Grantee has actual knowledge that a Sub-grantee is employing or Granting with an illegal alien for work under this Grant, (c) shall terminate the subGrant if a Sub-grantee does not stop employing or Granting with the illegal alien within three days of receiving the notice, and (d) shall comply with reasonable requests made in the course of an investigation, undertaken pursuant to CRS §8-17.5-102(5), by the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment. If Grantee participates in the State program, Grantee shall deliver to the Granting State agency, Institution of Higher Education or political subdivision, a written, notarized affirmation, affirming that Grantee has examined the legal work status of such employee, and shall comply with all of the other requirements of the State program. If Grantee fails to comply with any requirement of this provision or CRS §8-17.5-101 et seq., the Granting State agency, institution of higher education or political subdivision may terminate this Grant for breach and, if so terminated, Grantee shall be liable for damages.

**L. 12. PUBLIC GRANTS WITH NATURAL PERSONS. CRS §24-76.5-101.**

Grantee, if a natural person eighteen (18) years of age or older, hereby swears and affirms under penalty of perjury that he or she (a) is a citizen or otherwise lawfully present in the United States pursuant to federal law, (b) shall comply with the provisions of CRS §24-76.5-101 et seq., and (c) has produced one form of identification required by CRS §24-76.5-103 prior to the effective date of this Grant.

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**22. SIGNATURE PAGE**Grant Routing Number CTG61 2015-3443CMS# 81007**THE PARTIES HERETO HAVE EXECUTED THIS GRANT**

\* Persons signing for Grantee hereby swear and affirm that they are authorized to act on Grantee's behalf and acknowledge that the State is relying on their representations to that effect.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>GRANTEE</b></p> <p><b>Lower Arkansas Valley Water Conservancy District</b></p> <p>By: Jay Winner Title: General Manager</p> <p>_____ *Signature</p> <p>Date: <u>6-9-15</u></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>STATE OF COLORADO</b></p> <p><b>John W. Hickenlooper GOVERNOR</b></p> <p>Department of Natural Resources Mike King, Executive Director</p> <p>_____ <i>Rebecca Mitchell</i></p> <p>By: Rebecca Mitchell, Section Chief, Water Supply Planning Section, CWCB</p> <p>Signatory avers to the State Controller or delegate that Grantee has not begun performance or that a Statutory Violation waiver has been requested under Fiscal Rules</p> <p>Date: <u>6-12-15</u></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">2nd Grantee Signature if Needed</p> <p>By: Title:</p> <p>_____ *Signature</p> <p>Date: _____</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>LEGAL REVIEW</b></p> <p>John W. Suthers, Attorney General</p> <p>By: <u>NA</u> Signature - Assistant Attorney General</p> <p>Date: _____</p>

**ALL GRANTS REQUIRE APPROVAL BY THE STATE CONTROLLER**

CRS §24-30-202 requires the State Controller to approve all State Grants. This Grant is not valid until signed and dated below by the State Controller or delegate. Grantee is not authorized to begin performance until such time. If Grantee begins performing prior thereto, the State of Colorado is not obligated to pay Grantee for such performance or for any goods and/or services provided hereunder.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>STATE CONTROLLER</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Robert Jaros, CPA, MBA, JD</b></p> <p>By: <u><i>Susan Borup</i></u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Name and Title: Susan Borup, DNR Controller</p> <p>Date: <u>6/22/15</u></p>
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## **Exhibit A Scope of Work**

**GRANTEE and FISCAL AGENT (if different): Lower Arkansas Valley Water Conservancy District**

**PRIMARY CONTACT: Jay Winner**

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**PHONE: (719) 469-8935**

**PROJECT NAME: Arkansas River Watershed Collaborative**

<b>GRANT AMOUNT:</b>	<b>Amount from Statewide Account:</b>	\$ 240 , 000
	<b>Amount from Basin Account(s):</b>	\$ 25 , 000
	<b>Total WSRA Funds Requested:</b>	\$ 265 , 000

### **INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND**

Provide a brief description of the project. (Please limit to half a page)

This project is intended to stand up a collaborative organization (the Arkansas River Watershed Collaborative, or ARWC) as a subcommittee to the Arkansas River Basin Roundtable in order to begin addressing watershed health issues across the basin in a strategic and tactical fashion. Collaborative conservation has been shown to be an effective approach for addressing complex, cross-jurisdictional issues, such as improving forest health to reduce wildfire impacts on water supplies, or improving hydrologic function to address both consumptive and recreational/environmental uses of water. By working together, stakeholders can prioritize effective strategies and projects, leverage resources, and provide critical information to other decision-makers through mechanisms like decision support systems.

The ARWC will also strive to create new and support existing sub-basin watershed organizations, such as the Purgatoire Watershed Partnership and the Headwaters of the Arkansas watershed group, to increase on-the-ground endeavors and facilitate communication between a wide array of stakeholders within the Basin. The ARWC will provide a strategic framework and public engagement to further watershed-health outcomes as described in the Arkansas Basin Implementation Plan.

Finally, to demonstrate that this is more than a planning exercise, the ARWC will engage in several collaboratively driven on-the-ground ambassador level projects in the Arkansas Basin in 2015 and 2016.

## **OBJECTIVES**

List the objectives of the project. Please include objectives for all aspects of the project whether funded by the CWCB or not

The following is a summary of objectives for the term of the grant.

1. Develop the subcommittee (ARWC) of the Arkansas Basin Roundtable that functions as a collaborative organization focused on basin-wide watershed health. (0-3 months)
2. Engage a wide variety of stakeholders in the development of a strategic Watershed Health Implementation Plan as outlined in the Basin Implementation Plan. (3-12 months)
3. Create a structure to support the development of sub-basin collaborative organizations by way of technical, financial and/or capacity-building resources to address local watershed health issues and risks. (3-6 months).
4. Develop or engage one or more sub-basin organizations that will participate in the Arkansas River Watershed Collaborative as a member of the leadership team or Board. (End of year one)
5. Engage in public outreach about the basin and watershed issues, including a student-oriented component with schools in the Purgatoire Watershed. (0 months – Year 1)
6. Initiate work on the following on-the-ground projects by the end of 2016:
  - A.) Purgatoire Watershed Invasive Species Removal and Rangeland Management Improvements.
  - B.) Tennessee Creek Fuels Reduction Project: Turquoise Lake
  - C.) Hurefano County Pre-fire Planning for Post-fire Response
7. Work with partners to plan and prepare implementable projects for 2016 and beyond.

## **TASKS**

Provide a detailed description of each task using the following format. Detailed descriptions are only required for CWCB funded tasks. Other tasks should be identified but do not require details beyond a brief description.

### **TASK 1 – [Collaborative Development]**

Organize and coordinate the development of a collaborative watershed health subcommittee through the Arkansas Basin Roundtable and the development of new or support for existing watershed groups.

#### Method/Procedure

1. Coordinate up to 12 facilitated ARWC and stakeholder meetings around the Basin;
2. Research and organize stakeholder needs for determining a collaborative structure and governance;
3. Establish appropriate subcommittee membership charter, governance, and commitments;
4. Create common vision, mission and basin level goals;
5. Work with sub-basin organizations, including but not limited to Headwaters of the

Arkansas Watershed Group, Fountain Creek Watershed District, Greenway Fund, Purgatoire Watershed Partnership and Purgatoire Watershed Group, to identify common interests and needs;

6. Formalize partnerships that benefit sub-basin interests;
7. Develop ARWC coordinator selection criteria and statement of work, and
8. Select coordinator through subcommittee consensus.

#### Deliverables

Structure of governance, vision, mission, overarching goals and funding mechanism for the Arkansas River Watershed Collaborative (ARWC).

Selection of a coordinator to facilitate the formation of the collaborative, development of a strategic plan and identify projects beyond year one.

Formalization of one new coalition or formal partnership with an existing sub-basin collaborative organization to participate in the development of basin wide governance, vision, mission, and overarching goals based on sub-basin interest and support.

## **TASK 2 – [Data Review, Mapping, Sharing]**

#### Description of Task

Review environmental, water supply, agriculture and recreation data (including data compiled during the BIP planning process for Watershed Health) from a variety of sources. Develop a process to include currently identified water supply priorities into relative emergency decision support systems, such as the Wildfire Decision Support System (WFDSS), Community Wildfire Protection Plans, etc. Identify knowledge gaps to address in the strategic plan.

#### Method/Procedure

1. Reach out to significant stakeholders who will have data via email and phone. Provide them with a current summary of accessible data and request new or project-level data needed for project planning and overall understanding of watershed health;
2. Synthesize and review data to identify data gaps;
3. Prepare maps for the strategic planning process;
4. Edit data as stakeholders provide information based on local knowledge;
5. Coordinate with federal and local agencies to determine a process for including water supply infrastructure and priority resources into emergency decision support systems such as WFDSS;
6. Identify data gaps in water supply and provider information, and
7. Identify at least one small water provider in the basin in need of having critical and/or at risk infrastructure located with GPS, complete a GPS survey, and incorporate GIS data into decision support systems.

#### Deliverables

- Executive summary of data for strategic plan with identified data gaps and needs.
- GIS based maps for strategic plan and other needs
- Process for including critical water supply infrastructure into WFDSS and current data incorporated prior to the 2015 fire season.

- GPS and add data for at least one small public water provider's critical infrastructure to emergency decision support systems starting August 2015. (For example, the City of Victor, CO created a source water protection plan in 2014. The City identified the need to provide GIS data to local and federal agencies for consideration during emergency response planning, fire suppression and mitigation projects. Victor and/or another similarly situated small public water providers will be assisted in surveying infrastructure with GPS units, establishing procedures for sharing GIS data and developing relationships with the agencies responsible for wildfire suppression. Newly generated data will be added to emergency decision support systems as update cycles allow starting in August 2015.)

### **TASK 3 – [Strategic Plan]**

#### Description of Task

Develop a basin-wide strategic watershed plan including projects, programs, and processes to be completed through 2020.

#### Method/Procedure

1. Coordinate up to 24 meetings with stakeholders to develop a basin-wide Strategic Watershed Health Plan;
2. Identify shared values using the Arkansas Basin Implementation Plan and other resource plans including but not limited to the Bureau of Land Management Resource Management Plan, National Forest Service Land Management Plan, Source Water Protection Plans, Colorado Parks and Wildlife Plans and Community Wildfire Protection Plans;
3. Identify tasks to achieve measurable objectives, and
4. Identify and prioritize projects to mitigate watershed health risks.

#### Deliverables

- A basin-wide watershed health strategic plan aligned with vision, mission and overarching goals of the collaborative(s) with specific, measurable and time sensitive objectives for years 1 through 5.
- Prioritization criteria and strategic tasks to complete projects through 2020.

### **TASK 4 – [Public Outreach and Education]**

#### Description of Task

Create and implement an outreach plan for raising awareness of the Arkansas River Watershed Collaborative and other collaborative group(s) among elected officials, entities, citizens, and businesses in and around the basin and establish watershed education programs for youth.

#### **Public Outreach**

##### Method/Procedure

1. Develop a website for ARWC that will contain interactive maps, event calendar and project information. The website will have a system to compile an in-depth traffic analysis to



- generate visitor details and website performance;
- 2. Produce an E-newsletter, brochures, press releases, and other written communications;
- 3. Conduct outreach through participation in 5 community events such as festivals and chamber of commerce events, and

#### Deliverables

- Interactive website traffic analysis tool showing an increase each month in website and E-newsletter performance.
- Link with Arkansas Basin Roundtable and Arkansas Basin Water Forum website to coordinate public outreach.
- Communication and display material for community events.
- Attendance at 5 community events throughout the Arkansas River basin.

### **Education**

#### Method/Procedure

1. Work with partners to develop a basin-specific standards-based environmental education program, under the theme *Our Water, Our Watershed*, for area schools that addresses issues such as water quality, water conservation, forest health, invasive species, etc.
2. Develop curriculum specific to the Purgatoire Watershed.
3. Create teacher partnerships in the Purgatoire Watershed in order to assist teachers with implementing creative and engaging watershed-related activities.
4. Implement curriculum in coordination with the Trinidad Water Festival, in the classroom, as field trips, and through after school and summer outdoor education programs.

#### Deliverables

- Watershed-related lesson plans and classroom instruction.
- Outdoor environmental education programs.
- Field trips to water infrastructure sites, such as the Trinidad Wastewater Treatment Plant.
- Reach a minimum participation level of 200 students in 2015.

### **TASK 5 – [Watershed Health Projects]**

#### Description of Task

Initiate the implementation of “on-the-ground” projects that benefits watershed health, water supply and water quality, and identify a prioritized project list for years 2016 through 2020, with strategies to implement one or more additional projects per year.

#### Method/Procedure

1. Year one project selection was based on the following criteria.
  - a. Shovel ready – including work plan and lead organizer
  - b. Interjurisdictional public/private land interest
  - c. Federal, Local, NGO and private partnership
  - d. Addressing a watershed threat to the biological, hydrological and built environment dependent upon a water supply.
  - e. Link to water quality and quantity

- f. Project can be completed or expanded with matching funds
  - g. Opportunity to build volunteer capacity
- 2. Coordinate resources, such as funding and/or volunteers;
- 3. Initiate/implement three projects in 2015 and complete in 2016.
  - a. Tennessee Creek Forest Health & Fuel Mitigation
  - b. Cucharas Pre-fire Planning for Post-fire Recovery
  - c. Purgatoire Watershed Invasive Species Removal and Habitat Restoration
- 4. Begin design and project planning for 2016 and beyond projects, with the following projects *on our radar*:
  - a. Cucharas Watershed Protection Projects
  - b. Continue Tennessee Creek Forest Health & Fuel Mitigation
  - c. Continue Purgatoire Watershed Invasive Species Removal and Habitat Restoration
  - d. Diversion redevelopment and channel stabilization including but not limited to Mt. Shavano, Blue Heron and Oil Creek Ditch.
  - e. Mine reclamation in the Headwaters of the Arkansas
  - f. East Peak Fire Rehab
  - g. South Ark Habitat Restoration
  - h. Other projects as identified through the strategic planning process

#### Deliverables

**Tennessee Creek Project:** This project area incorporates approximately 7000 acres located around Turquoise Reservoir near Leadville. In order to lessen the effects of wildfire on National Forest lands and private property due to hazardous fuel loading, the project aims to create forest conditions that are more resistant to, as well as resilient following, insects, disease and fire. Additionally, treatments should reduce the risk of wildfire that would negatively affect source water watersheds and water system infrastructure for the cities of Aurora, Pueblo, Colorado Springs and local municipalities. Methods include mechanically treating 250 to 300 acres per year of timber to create a diversified age class of trees as well as openings in the forest between 1 and 40 acres. The treatment methods will also reduce litter, duff and slash in order to reduce surface fuels and promote lodgepole pine and aspen regeneration.

#### 2015 Project Objectives

- a. Fuels reduction on 179 acres on federal lands
- b. Expand project acres to include 50 acres of private property in 2015/2016.

Treatment Cost = \$1500/acre

Grant = \$60,000; Match = \$283,000

#### Committed Project Partners

Bureau of Reclamation  
 USDA Forest Service  
 Colorado Springs Utilities  
 Pueblo Board of Water Works  
 Aurora Water

#### Private Property Interest (opportunity for 700 additional acres over project term)

Sugar Loafn' Campground  
 Turquoise Lake Estates

Mountain Pines Ranch  
Grand West Estates

**Cucharas River Watershed: Watershed Protection Projects:** This is an ongoing collaborative effort of local water users, as well as Federal and state land management agencies, which completed a prefire watershed assessment led by Brad Piehl of JW Associates Inc. The \$100K assessment was funded by CWCB (45%) and eight local governments to determine the threat to water facilities from fire and flood and how to protect the facilities of three municipal water providers and over 30 irrigators. Assessment documentation appears at [www.jw-associates.org/cucharas.html](http://www.jw-associates.org/cucharas.html) and includes the “Cucharas River Watershed Identification of Watershed Protection Projects V2.” A total of 49 projects were identified within the basin’s zones of concern: 14 Vegetation Management Areas, 6 Road Stream Crossings, and 29 Sediment Control Structures (to be constructed immediately after a fire event and before subsequent flooding).

2015 Project Objectives

For the 29 sediment control structures, conduct field assessments, make necessary modifications, conduct preliminary engineering designs (including estimates of sediment volumes, basin size, basic design elements, *etc.*) and coordinate with appropriate permitting agencies. [This is the same process now pursued by the CB-T Headwaters Partnership]

Cost per structure = c. \$3,450

Grant = \$90,000, Match \$10,000

Committed Project Partners:

Huerfano County

Huerfano County Water Conservancy District

Cuchara Sanitation & Water District

City of Walsenburg

Town of La Veta

U.S. Forest Service

U.S. Natural Resources Conservation Service

Colorado State Forest Service

Division of Water Resources – Water Division 2 District 16

Private water users

**Purgatoire Watershed Invasive Species Removal and Habitat Restoration:** The purpose of this project is to rehabilitate poor riparian and water quality conditions in the Purgatoire Watershed, which will further the mission of the Tackling Tamarisk on the Purgatoire program: to *improve riparian lands and associated landscapes of the Purgatoire Watershed through the removal and control of the invasive plants tamarisk and Russian-olive*. Two projects areas have been selected for mitigation in 2015: Minnie Canyon, south of La Junta in the Comanche National Grasslands, and Boulevard Addition Nature Park in Trinidad.

Minnie Canyon

Project Objectives

- a. Due to water quality and aquatic habitat issues, conduct ecological restoration and

habitat improvements on 20 acres of private and public land by removing invasive tamarisk species.

- b. Reduce sediment and improve water quality by preventing livestock grazing and unmanaged overland OHV travel by fencing 3.5/miles of riparian resource areas and removing an existing water impoundment.

Invasive Removal Cost = \$600/acre

Fencing Cost = \$7,000 per mile

Grant =\$20,000; Match = \$20,000

**Project Partners**

Purgatoire Watershed Group  
Purgatoire Watershed Partnership  
The Nature Conservancy  
Comanche National Grasslands  
Tamarisk Coalition  
Private ranchers

**Boulevard Addition Nature Park**

**Project Objectives**

- a. Mechanically and manually remove at least 10 acres of Russian-olive species along the river corridor and throughout the park in order to improve water quantity and habitat.
- b. Chemically treat Russian-olive tree and shrub stumps, as well as foliar regrowth, to prevent further infestations.
- c. Re-vegetate removal areas with native species of grasses and forbs (flowers), to provide improved wildlife habitat and recreational access and opportunities.

Russian-olive removal and re-vegetation = \$1500/acre.

Grant =\$10,000; Match = \$5,000

**Project Partners:**

City of Trinidad  
Purgatoire Watershed Partnership  
Spanish Peaks-Purgatoire River Conservation District  
Colorado State Forest Service

**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.

**Budget & Timeline Table**

Task	Description	Target Start Date	Target Completion Date	CWCB Funds	Other Funding Cash*	Other Funding In-Kind*	Total
1	Collaborative Development	Upon Contract	9 months	\$15,960.00		\$28,000.00	\$43,960.00
2	Strategic Watershed Health Plan	Upon Contract	18 months	\$25,000.00		\$11,000.00	\$36,000.00
3	Data	Upon Contract	18 Months	\$17,320.00		\$40,000.00	\$57,320.00
4	Outreach & Education	Upon Contract	24 months	\$11,160.00		\$5,000.00	\$16,160.00
5	Demo Projects	Upon Contract	24 months	\$195,560.00	\$328,000.00	\$144,000.00	\$667,560.00
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7							
	<b>TOTALS</b>			<b>\$265,000.00</b>	<b>\$328,000.00</b>	<b>\$228,000.00</b>	<b>\$821,000.00</b>

This table is a guide. Variations may be submitted. For example, if a task includes purchase of materials, a column that identifies cost per unit should be included.

\*Please include new columns for different sources of cash and/or in-kind funding sources. Identify the funding source.

**Exhibit B**  
**Lower Arkansas Valley Water Conservancy District**  
**Water Supply Reserve Account Grant**  
**Performance Monitoring Provisions**

**Statutory Requirements**

For each personal services contract with a value over \$100,000, the individual selected by the state agency or institution of higher education (IHE), pursuant to CRS§ 24-103.5-101(3), shall monitor the contractor's work under the contract and shall certify as to whether the contractor is complying with the terms of the contract pursuant to CRS§ 24-103.5-101(5).

- (a) Performance measures and standards developed specifically for the contract by the governmental body administering the contract. The performance measures and standards shall be negotiated by the governmental body and the vendor prior to execution of the contract and shall be incorporated into the contract. The measures and standards shall be used by the governmental body to evaluate the performance of the governmental body and the vendor under the contract.
- (b) An accountability section that requires the vendor to report regularly on achievement of the performance measures and standards specified in the contract and that allows the governmental body to withhold payment until successful completion of all or part of the contract and the achievement of established performance standards. The accountability section shall include a requirement that payment by the governmental body to the vendor shall be made without delay upon successful completion of all or any part of the contract in accordance with the payment schedule specified in the contract or as otherwise agreed upon by the parties.
- (c) Monitoring requirements that specify how the governmental body and the vendor will evaluate each others' performance, including progress reports, site visits, inspections, and reviews of performance data. The governmental body shall use one or more monitoring processes to ensure that the results, objectives, and obligations of the contract are met.
- (d) Methods and mechanisms to resolve any situation in which the governmental body's monitoring assessment determines noncompliance, including termination of the contract.

**Performance Monitoring Standards**

Performance monitoring for this contract shall include the following:

- (a) Performance measures and standards: Grantee shall maintain receipts for all projects expenses and documentation of the minimum in-kind contributions per the budget in Exhibit A Tasks 1-7. Per WSRA Criteria and Guidelines, retainage of 10% of the grant funds shall be withheld until receipt of the final report and all other deliverables  
General Reporting: The applicant shall provide the CWCB a progress report every 6 months, beginning from the date of the executed contract until the construction begins. The progress report shall describe the completion or partial completion of the statement of work leading up to the advertisement for bid and 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 the project. This report may contain photographs, summaries of meetings and reports/studies. Grantee shall maintain receipts for all project expenses and documentation of the minimum in-kind contributions per the budget in Exhibit A. Per WSRA Criteria and Guidelines, 10% retainage of the grant funds shall be withheld until receipt of the final report and all other deliverables.
- (b) Accountability: Per WSRA Criteria and Guidelines full documentation of project progress must be submitted with each invoice for reimbursement. Grantee must certify that all grant conditions have been complied with on each invoice. In addition, per WSRA Criteria and Guidelines progress reports must be submitted at least once every 6 months. A final project report must be submitted and approved before final project payment and release of retainage.



(c) Monitoring Requirements: Grantee is responsible for ongoing monitoring of project progress per Exhibit A and Paragraphs 9 & 19 of the contract. Progress shall be detailed in the required invoice documentation and progress reports as detailed above. Additional inspections or field consultations will be arranged as may be necessary.

(d) Noncompliance Resolution: Per paragraphs 9, 14, 15, and 19 of the contract: payment will be withheld until grantee is current on all grant conditions. Flagrant disregard for grant conditions will result in a stop work order and cancellation of the purchase order.