

Water Supply Reserve Account – Grant and Loan Program
Water Activity Summary Sheet
July 15-16, 2015
Agenda Item 18(d)

Applicant & Fiscal Agent: Rio Grande Watershed Conservation and Education Initiative

Water Activity Name: Meeting the Rio Grande Basin Roundtable’s Public Education and Public Outreach Goals

Water Activity Purpose: Education & Outreach

County: All w/in Rio Grande River Basin

Drainage Basin: Rio Grande

Water Source: n/a

Amount Requested/Source of Funds: \$45,300 Rio Grande Basin Account (total grant request)

Matching Funds: Applicant & 3rd party cash and in-kind match: \$110,700 = 71% of total project costs (\$156,000)
(refer to *Funding Summary/Matching Funds* section)

Staff Recommendation:
Staff recommends approval of up to \$45,300 from the Rio Grande Basin Account to help fund the project titled: Meeting the Rio Grande Basin Roundtable’s Public Education and Public Outreach Goals.

Water Activity Summary:

Over the past 8 years the Rio Grande Watershed Conservation and Education Initiative (RGWCEI) has taken the lead in roundtable outreach efforts and in collaboration with the roundtable education subcommittee has established a comprehensive education and outreach program. The Basin Implementation Plan process has established an increased need for, and the importance of, ongoing education and outreach as it pertains to all water concerns. The purpose of this project is to further the involvement and learning for all Colorado’s citizens as we move toward 2050. This request for funding seeks to provide a coordinator to manage three year outreach and education activities within the Rio Grande Basin. The coordinator will design, implement, and administer outreach and education activities and serve as a liaison to the IBCC and PEPO Work Group, and coordinators in the other basins. The project will showcase the collaborative work of the Rio Grande Basin Roundtable education committee and that of water users of all types across the Rio Grande Basin. This initiative will work to recognize the value of Colorado’s water and communicate this value by making it readily identifiable to all community members.

Discussion: The proposed project aligns with the Goals and Measurable Outcomes identified in the Rio Grande Basin Implementation Plan (Goals and Measurable Outcomes: #8; Section 3, page 59). In addition, this project comports with Chapter 7: Outreach and Education within the Rio Grande Basin Implementation Plan and the basin roundtable’s Public Education, Participation, and Outreach (PEPO) Workgroup Education Action Plan – for both short- and long-range education and outreach goals.

Issues/Additional Needs: No issues or additional needs have been identified.

Threshold and Evaluation Criteria: The application meets all four Threshold Criteria.

Tier 1-3 Evaluation Criteria: n/a

Funding Summary/Matching Funds:

	<u>Cash</u>	<u>In-kind</u>	<u>Total</u>
RT Partners	\$7,500	\$52,200	\$59,700
Vignette Partners	\$27,000	\$0	\$27,000
RGWCEI	\$24,000	\$0	\$24,000
Sub-total matching funds	\$58,500	\$52,200	\$110,700
WSRA Rio Grande Basin Account	\$45,300	n/a	\$45,300
Total Project Costs	\$103,800	\$52,200	\$156,000

CWCB Project Manager: Kate McIntire

All products, data and information developed as a result of this grant must be provided to the CWCB in hard copy and electronic format as part of the project documentation. This information will in turn be made widely available to Basin Roundtables and the general public and will help promote the development of a common technical platform. In accordance with the revised WSRA Criteria and Guidelines, staff would like to highlight additional reporting and final deliverable requirements. The specific requirements are provided below.

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 scope 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.

Engineering: All engineering work (as defined in the Engineers Practice Act (§12-25-102(10) C.R.S.)) performed under this grant shall be performed by or under the responsible charge of professional engineer licensed by the State of Colorado to practice Engineering.