

**Water Supply Reserve Account – Grant and Loan Program
Water Activity Summary Sheet
Request for Change of Fiscal Agent
September 15-17, 2015
Agenda Item 19**

Current Applicant & Fiscal Agent:	Trout Unlimited
Proposed Fiscal Agent:	Dolores River Angler's
Water Activity Purpose:	Nonconsumptive Study
County:	Dolores & Montezuma
Drainage Basin:	Southwest
Water Source:	Dolores River
Total Amount Requested:	\$15,000
Source of Funds:	Southwest Basin Account
Matching Funds:	Applicant Match (\$34,900) = 70% of total project costs (\$49,900)

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends approval of change of fiscal agent from Trout Unlimited to Dolores River Anglers.
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Water Activity Summary: Trout Unlimited, both national staff and the local Dolores CO chapter the Dolores River Anglers, has undertaken a multi-year project to develop a comprehensive, scientific, “hands on” decision tool that links systematic analysis of local watersheds/streams to relevant Best Management Practices (“BMPs”) within the context of long term changes to climate and hydrology. The structured process and guidelines lead to the development of a stream specific “Coldwater-fisheries Adaptive Management Plan (CAMP). This project takes the best available fisheries and climate science and creates a step by step process to analyze rivers, streams, and stream reaches to determine what factors, if any, are limiting trout populations and then determine what cost effective solutions are available to mitigate for those factors, both currently and as temperatures and flow regimes change into the future.

CWCB Project Manager: Craig Godbout



Aug 7th, 2015

To:

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RE:

WSRA Grant – POGG1 2015-287 Upper Dolores CAMP (Coldwater-Fisheries Adaptive Management Plan) in the Southwest River Basin

Dear Craig, CWCB board members, and whom it may concern,

This spring I successfully sought a CWCB grant for the Upper Dolores CAMP (Coldwater-Fisheries Adaptive Management Plan) in the Southwest River Basin for the amount of \$15,000.00 as an employee of Trout Unlimited (TU). I have since left TU but remain on the board of the local TU chapter, the Dolores River Anglers (DRA). DRA has been instrumental in the CAMP project and on behalf of myself and TU, we would like to transfer fiscal responsibility of the project and of the aforementioned CWCB grant to the DRA chapter of TU. DRA has administered several grants, has a solid fundraising track record, an active board, and is fully prepared to take the project over. I will remain involved, and Duncan Rose, the president of DRA, will ramp up his already significant involvement as well.

Sincerely,

Matthew Clark

To whom it may concern,

Speaking on behalf of the Dolores River Angler's Chapter of Trout Unlimited, please be advised that the Chapter would be pleased to accept full grant administration responsibility for the Dolores River Coldwater Adaptive Management Plan awarded by CWCB to national Trout Unlimited. We, as a chapter, are deeply invested in the project. Members of our chapter not only initiated the concepts underlying the grant, but the chapter has invested many hours of hand-on support for this project to date; we anticipate many more hours of support as the project progresses.

Our Board has unanimously endorsed this project as one of our top long-term strategic projects. We appreciate your consideration.

Regards,

Duncan Rose
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