THE ARKANSAS BASIN ROUNDTABLE

August 31, 2015

Brent Newman - WSRA Application Colorado Water Conservation Board 1313 Sherman St., Room 721 Denver, CO 80203

Dear Mr. Newman,

The Arkansas Basin Roundtable has reviewed and is in support of the Water Supply Reserve Account Grant Application from the Water Infrastructure and Supply Efficiency (WISE) Partnership. The Roundtable approved the request of \$10,000 from the Arkansas Basin account on August 12, 2015.

This project is important to the basin because it provides support to demonstrate cross-basin funding of meeting South Metro needs with in-basin supplies and reuse. There are also a number of shared issues and resources with northern El Paso County. WISE will allow the conjunctive use of Denver Basin Aquifer water with renewable surface water. Ultimately, this will allow South Metro entities to change the way they use the Denver Basin Aquifer going from an unsustainable base supply, to a sustainable and conjunctively used drought supply. Northern El Paso County faces similar issues and will have similar solutions to consider. The WISE partnership represents the future of cooperation between water providers and has lessons applicable across basins, including the Arkansas basin.

Sincerely,

James W. Broderick Arkansas Basin Roundtable Chair

THE COLORADO BASIN ROUNDTABLE C/O P.O. BOX 1120 GLENWOOD SPRINGS, COLORADO 81602

July 28, 2015

Craig Godbout Colorado Water Conservation Board Water Supply Planning Section 1580 Logan Street, Suite 200 Denver CO 80203 (303) 866-3441, ext 3210 (office) (970) 218-9407 (cell) craig.godbout@state.co.us

Dear Craig:

The Colorado Basin Roundtable voted 22-1 at its July 27, 2015, meeting to approve the cross-basin grant request by the South Metro Water Authority for \$10,000 in Colorado Basin Roundtable Basin WSRA funds to assist in realizing the WISE Project work aimed at the South Metro area. The dissenting vote was a concern that the funds should be spent in basin, not to support an out of basin project.

The WISE Project should be encouraged because it increases the re-use of transmountain water and helps solve a part of the South Metro water supply gap. Furthermore, success of the WISE Projects creates a revenue stream (12.5% surcharge on contracts) for that can assist with water supply, watershed and water quality projects that benefit the West Slope.

The CBRT Basin Implementation Plan calls for the state to work hard on using the water resources currently in hand as a precursor to contemplation of another big transmountain diversion. The WISE Project does just this.

Sincerely yours,

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Jim Pokrandt Chair, Colorado Basin Roundtable

The Gunnison Basin Roundtable 501 Palmer Street Delta, CO 81416

June 2, 2015

Mr. Craig Godbout Intrastate Water Management and Development Section COLORADO WATER CONSERVATION BOARD 1580 Logan Street, Suite 600 Denver, CO 80203

Re: Grant Request from the Water Supply Reserve Account South Metro Water Supply Authority WISE Conjunctive Use Infrastructure

Dear Mr. Godbout:

At our meeting on August 3, 2015, the members of the Gunnison Basin Roundtable voted to approve a \$10,000 contribution from our WSRA basin funds account for the South Metro Water Supply Authority's WISE Conjunctive Use Infrastructure Project.

The Gunnison Basin Roundtable is pleased to show our support for this very worthwhile project and to participate in this cross-basin WSRA application.

Thank you for your help and please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely, Uhn

Michelle Pierce Chair

cc: Tom Alvey (e-mail)

June 22, 2015

Craig Godbout - WSRA Application Colorado Water Conservation Board 1313 Sherman St., Room 721 Denver, CO 80203 <u>Craig.godbout@state.co.us</u>

Dear Mr. Godbout:

The Metro Roundtable voted at its June 10, 2015 meeting to approve a grant application from the South Metro WISE Authority to help implement WISE conjunctive use infrastructure. The Roundtable unanimously approved \$40,000 from the Metro WSRA, and endorsed the South Metro WISE Authority's request for \$800,000 from the Statewide WSRA for consideration at CWCB's September 2015 Board Meeting.

The Roundtable underwent an evaluation and approval process, believes the application fully meets the Threshold and Evaluation Criteria for the WSRA Grant Program, and is supportive of the WISE Partnership as one of the Metro Roundtable's IPPs and a water supply project that helps meet the Metro Roundtable's water supply gap. During the evaluation and approval process, there were no dissenting votes or opinions expressed and there was a quorum present.

This letter is intended to fulfill Threshold Criteria B (Part III 1.b. in the WSRA Application). The full WSRA Application will be provided separately by the applicant. Please let me know if you need any additional information.

Sincerely,

Barbra Biggs, Chair Metro Roundtable

NORTH PLATTE BASIN ROUNDTABLE

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May 4, 2015

Craig Godbout - WSRA Application Colorado Water Conservation Board 1313 Sherman St., Room 721 Denver, CO 80203 <u>Craig.godbout@state.co.us</u>

Re: WSRA Grant for WISE Conjunctive Use Infrastructure - \$10,000 North Platte Basin Account

Dear Mr. Godbout:

This letter is to advise you that the North Platte Basin Roundtable (NPBRT) reviewed the grant application for \$10,000 from the North Platte Basin Account for the WISE Conjunctive Use Infrastructure. During the April 28, 2015 meeting the voting members of the NPBRT unanimously approved the requested WSRA funding. A minority report is not required because there were no dissenting votes.

The NPBRT has identified the successful implementation of projects that reduce pressure on agricultural transfers as a very high priority. This project helps with the construction of the infrastructure needed to successfully implement the WISE Partnership. WISE provides a renewable water supply from reusable return flows. Without WISE the South Metro area would likely meet these needs by acquiring agricultural water rights.

Please feel free to call me with any questions that you may have regarding the NPBRT meeting or our level of support for this project.

Sincerely,

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Wm. Kent Crowder, Chair North Platte Basin Roundtable

July 6, 2015

Craig Godbout - WSRA Application Colorado Water Conservation Board 1313 Sherman St., Room 721 Denver, CO 80203 <u>Craig.godbout@state.co.us</u>

Dear Mr. Godbout:

The South Platte Roundtable voted at its June 9, 2015 meeting to approve a grant application from the South Metro WISE Authority to help implement WISE conjunctive use infrastructure. The Roundtable unanimously approved \$15,000 from the South Platte Basin WSRA.

The Roundtable underwent an evaluation and approval process, believes the application fully meets the Threshold and Evaluation Criteria for the WSRA Grant Program, and is supportive of the WISE Partnership as a water supply project that helps meet the M&I water supply gap in the South Platte basin. During the evaluation and approval process, there were no dissenting votes or opinions expressed and there was a quorum present.

This letter is intended to fulfill Threshold Criteria B (Part III 1.b. in the WSRA Application). The full WSRA Application will be provided separately by the applicant. Please let me know if you need any additional information.

Sincerely,

Joe Frank

Joe Frank, Chair South Platte Basin Roundtable