

## THE ARKANSAS BASIN ROUNDTABLE

July 31, 2015


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

Dear Mr. Godbout,

The Arkansas Basin Roundtable has reviewed and is in support of the Water Supply Reserve Account Grant Application from the Huerfano County Water Conservancy District. The Roundtable approved the request of \$25,000 from the Arkansas Basin account on June 10, 2015. The Huerfano County Water Conservancy District is also requesting \$195,000 from the Statewide account. This project is important to the basin since it will strive to help ensure that the communities served by the waters of the Arkansas River basin have adequate and reliable water supplies to meet current needs and the needs of the future.

The Cucharas Basin Collaborative Storage Study has two major parts: (1) a storage needs assessment within the basin, and (2) a reconnaissance-level study of potential storage options to meet those needs. The first task will be a storage needs assessment confirming whether each Collaborator's storage needs exceed the yield of its current storage rights and facilities, if so, determining whether a shortfall in storage yield can be offset by conservation measures or if that shortfall requires an increased storage yield from the expansion or repair of existing storage or the development of new facilities. The second task is a reconnaissance-level study to identify feasible options to meet the Collaborators' storage needs. That effort will include completion of a water budget for the Cucharas basin, development of water resources modeling, and a climate change analysis. The resulting recommendations will suggest the manner in which each Collaborator might meet its storage needs through physical solutions and any necessary water right modifications. Each recommendation will address necessary permitting and likely sources of funding.

Sincerely,



James W. Broderick  
Arkansas Basin Roundtable Chair