

## 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 Lower Arkansas Valley Water Conservancy District. The Roundtable approved the request of \$27,880 from the Arkansas Basin account on June 10, 2015. The Lower Arkansas Valley Water Conservancy District is also requesting \$70,000 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 Arkansas Basin Implementation Plan represents a snapshot in time of the Arkansas Basin's needs, as articulated through the energetic efforts of the Arkansas Basin Roundtable. Since projects to meet needs will be completed and new needs will arise, the final section of the Plan describes a cyclical planning process. The process consists of five phases:

1. Quality Input
2. Technical Data to Support Decision Making—The Statewide Water Supply Initiative
3. Collaborative Problem Solving and Defining Alternatives
4. Design, Permitting, and Funding
5. Tracking Progress to Completion and Refreshing the Input

This water activity is focused exclusively on moving projects into an implementation phase. Absent an Implementation Coordinator, the volunteer cadre of Arkansas Basin Roundtable members is unlikely to drive projects forward in a regional or collaborative model. The goal is to move 3-6 subregional projects forward to funding and implementation. The Implementation Plan Coordinator will support the Roundtable and manage projects in steps 3, 4 and 5 of the cyclical process.

Sincerely,



James W. Broderick  
Arkansas Basin Roundtable Chair