

NORTH PLATTE BASIN ROUNDTABLE

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Mr. Craig Godbout, Program Manager
Colorado Water Conservation Board
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WSRA Application
1313 Sherman Street, Suite 718
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Re: Water Supply Reserve Account Grant Application for MacFarlane Dam Rehabilitation – Ducks, Unlimited, Inc. in partnership with Evans Land Company, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, and the Bureau of Land Management - \$500,000 from Bain Account WSRA Funds and \$100,000 from Statewide Account WSRA Funds

Dear Mr. Godbout:

This letter is to advise you that the WSRA grant application submitted by Ducks, Unlimited, Inc. in partnership with Evans Land Company, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, and the Bureau of Land Management for MacFarlane Dam Rehabilitation requesting \$500,000 from Bain Account WSRA Funds and \$100,000 from Statewide Account WSRA Funds was reviewed by the North Platte Basin Roundtable and was approved by a unanimous vote of the ten (10) voting members present at the North Platte Basin Roundtable meeting held on the 28th day of July, 2015. Because there were no dissenting votes, a minority report is not required.

Funding this dam rehabilitation project will ensure the continued use of MacFarlane Reservoir in the North Platte Basin. Water from this reservoir is used to irrigate private and federal lands used for cattle production, hay production, big game wintering range, waterbird habitat and grouse habitat. The project addresses both consumptive and nonconsumptive use, and the repair of the dam and maintenance of its storage capacity is a high-priority project for the North Platte Basin. Several goals set forth in the North Platte Basin Implementation Plan are addressed by the project. The preserved storage helps to maintain and maximize the consumptive use of water in the basin while helping to maintain important existing infrastructure. In addition, the multiple purpose uses of the reservoir help to directly maintain healthy wetlands while showcasing the beneficial relationship between agricultural and environmental and recreational water use.

It is also clearly stated in the application that Statewide Account funds will be reserved to contingent project expenses and will, therefore, be the last funds expended on the project and the first funds left unspent should project costs be less than budgeted.

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

Sincerely,



Wm. Kent Crowder, Chair
North Platte Basin Roundtable

cc: Matt Reddy, Ducks Unlimited, Inc.
Blaine Evans, Evans Land Company