



SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

To: Southwest Basin Roundtable

Attn: Craig Godbout – WSRA Application
Colorado Water Conservation Board
1313 Sherman St., Room 721
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The Southern Ute Indian Tribe (SUIT) strongly supports the La Plata West Water Authority's (LPWWA) application for funding for the increase of the diameter size of the 125 Pipeline section of the LPWWA Raw Water Conveyance System from 8 inches to 16 inches. The increase of the pipeline diameter will increase capacity significantly providing enough space to carry domestic water to the west side for LPWWA and possibly both SUIT and Ute Mountain Ute Tribe and may improve the future flexibility of the Conveyance System.

SUIT also strongly supports LPWWA's application for operating funds. LPWWA has worked diligently to develop domestic water delivery to the west side of La Plata County. This funding will assist them with reaching this goal.

We have been engaged with LPWWA in the process of developing access to rural residential and raw water for commercial use since the inception of the LPWWA and foresee continuing to work with them throughout this process. The development of this water system is very important to the SUIT as it will improve the ability to utilize tribal lands for the benefit of the tribal membership.

Sincerely,

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Southern Ute Indian Tribe