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**TO:** Colorado Water Conservation Board Members

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**DATE:** November 18-19, 2015 Board Meeting

**AGENDA ITEM:** 18e. Non-Reimbursable Project Investments "En-Bloc" approval  
Colorado Floodplain Map Modernization

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#### Introduction & Discussion

In early 2003, Congress approved a substantial funding package to provide updated floodplain mapping nationwide. Similar funding levels have been allocated by Congress in subsequent years. The CWCB approved and the General Assembly authorized a non-reimbursable investment of \$500,000 in the 2003 Construction Fund Bill with annual funding amounts in all subsequent Bills. Staff is now requesting a total of \$500,000 for program funding.

Colorado has received over \$11.2 million in federal grant dollars for floodplain mapping activities since 2003 as part of the floodplain Map Modernization program initiated by FEMA. The FEMA funds are being matched by CWCB and local cost-share dollars to implement the map update work that includes engineering and GIS to create new digital countywide maps. The funds authorized in the 2003 and all subsequent Construction Fund Bills have provided the required non-federal matching dollars. The State funds are further leveraged by local cost share dollars and in-kind services from many communities thus far.

#### Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends the Board request the General Assembly to authorize to the Department of Natural Resources for allocation to the Colorado Water Conservation Board, the sum of \$500,000 or so much as may be necessary in order to restore the unencumbered balance up to \$500,000 for the Board to continue to assist with the preparation of revised and improved floodplain studies and maps for communities throughout Colorado and to participate in federally sponsored floodplain map modernization activities.



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The Program will eventually impact the entire state, and the objective is to develop updated watershed-based countywide floodplain maps using current base map information within a digital environment. The use of GIS technology will be employed for all new countywide studies for ease of distribution, updating and viewing. The table below summarizes funding provided by the CWCB and FEMA/Local governments for CWCB managed projects (in progress or completed).

P R O J E C T D E T A I L S	
<i>Project Cost:</i>	\$1,900,000
<i>NRI Funding Request:</i>	\$500,000
<i>Funding Source:</i>	Construction Fund
<i>Project Type:</i>	Matching Funds for Grants
<i>Type of Grantee:</i>	State Government

L O C A T I O N	
<i>Benefits:</i>	Statewide
<i>Water Source:</i>	Various
<i>Drainage Basin:</i>	All Basins

<u>COUNTY/WATERSHED</u>	<u>CWCB Funds</u>	<u>FEMA/Local Funds</u>	<u>COUNTY/WATERSHED</u>	<u>CWCB Funds</u>	<u>FEMA/Local Funds</u>
Archuleta	\$71,000	\$228,760	Mesa	\$33,960	\$435,780
Boulder	\$17,807	\$524,709	Montrose	\$60,376	\$241,503
Clear Creek	\$2,950	\$158,605	Montezuma	\$53,000	\$452,735
Chaffee	\$44,000	\$399,290	Morgan	\$25,000	\$270,700
Delta	\$21,630	\$277,763	Park	\$18,800	\$165,200
El Paso	\$75,635	\$1,472,030	Pitkin	\$20,772	\$466,388
Elbert	\$141,548	\$301,982	Prowers	\$76,605	\$691,024
Fremont	\$23,294	\$146,240	Pueblo	\$71,768	\$1,115,902
Garfield	\$29,912	\$325,000	Rio Grande	\$58,300	\$152,810
Gunnison	\$79,250	\$272,422	Summit	\$21,098	\$189,876
La Plata	\$74,200	\$391,910	Teller	\$23,100	\$207,900
Logan	\$30,550	\$271,050	Weld	\$112,419	\$658,530
St. Vrain	\$88,580	\$354,320	Purgatoire	\$140,137	\$347,963
Clear Creek Wtsd	\$114,060	\$456,240	Cache La Poudre	\$718,834	\$150,000
Upper White Wtsd	\$0	\$353,756	El Paso Approximate Mapping	\$0	\$129,860