

ARKANSAS BASIN ROUNDTABLE

October 26, 2015

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

Re: WSRA grant application – HCWCD Water Infrastructure Improvements

Dear Craig:

At October's regular meeting the Roundtable evaluated and approved by unanimous agreement the Water Supply Reserve Account grant application from the Huerfano County Water Conservancy District and the Division of Water Resources for "Water Infrastructure Improvements – Huerfano River Basin."

This project makes improvements to water management infrastructure in the Huerfano Basin that are essential to the reduction of the "gap" for all types of uses. In order to effectively administer over 1,000 water rights this project will: (1) rehabilitate existing river gages, (2) construct new river gages, (3) construct groundwater monitoring wells, (4) collect historical diversion, storage, call, and river flow data consistent with the needs of CDSS, and (5) develop and operate a spreadsheet model to assist the Division Engineer and his Water Commissioners in making timely futile call determinations on the Cucharas and Huerfano rivers.

This project is:

- Essential to the *Colorado Water Plan*, Chapter 10, which requires an "efficient and effective water infrastructure" including adequate tools for water resources management and water right administration,
- Identified as #ARK-2015-0004 on our BIP's Master Needs List, and
- Meets several objectives identified in the Arkansas River Decision Support System Feasibility Study Final Report (November 2011).

Finally, the Roundtable approved the request of \$113,400 from the Water Supply Reserve Account, of which \$93,000 would come from the State-wide account and \$20,000 from the Basin-wide account. Other sources will provide \$199,000 of the total project cost of \$312,400.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me either by telephone, 719-742-6164, or by email, sandy@white-jankowski.com.

With warmest regards,



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