Arkansas Basin Roundtable

January 29, 2016

Via Electronic Mail: craig.godbout@state.co.us

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

Re: Water Supply Reserve Account Grant Application: North La Junta Streamlined Flood Mitigation and Flow Management Project

Dear Craig:

At its January 13, 2016 meeting, the Arkansas Roundtable approved the North La Junta Streamlined Flood Mitigation and Flow Management Project for \$25,000 in Basin Funds, with \$60,000 of cash matching funds from a consortium of regional supporters. There were no dissenting opinions expressed in the consensus decision.

This project has both local and basin-wide significance. Locally, a "pinch point" in the Arkansas River has caused significant flooding of two municipalities, North La Junta and La Junta. Furthermore, flooding limits releases from Pueblo Reservoir to John Martin Reservoir, resulting in lost water storage.

This project furthers the goals and objectives of the Arkansas Basin Implementation Plan and the Colorado Water Plan, particularly Objective E. Storage "*Promote Additional Storage and Infrastructure*" (Section 10.3). Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me either by telephone, 719-742-6164, or by email, <u>sandy@whitejankowski.com</u>.

With warm regards

Michael D. (Sandy) White

Chair

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