

YAMPA-WHITE RIVER BASIN ROUNDTABLE
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Craig Godbout - WSRA Application
Colorado Water conservation Board
1313 Sherman St., Room 721
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Dear Mr. Godbout:

On this date the Yampa-White River Basin Roundtable voted unanimously to grant conditional approval of the Crosho Lake Corporation application for funding from the Water Supply Reserve Account in the total amount of \$138,380.00. The amount of \$30,000.00 was approved from the Yampa-White Basin Account and \$108,380.00 was recommended for approval by CWCB from the Statewide Fund.

Questions revolved primarily about a portion of the matching funds for this \$200,000 project. Crosho Lake Corporation has committed \$25,620 to the project and has hired the engineering firm of Applegate Group, Inc. in order to get a quick start on engineering, permitting, and the SEO approval process. They have also submitted a grant request for \$16,000 to the Upper Yampa Conservancy District and an application to the Colorado River Conservation District for \$20,000, with those funds pending approval from their respective Boards. The BRT vote was unanimous, contingent upon notification that the funds requested from UYWCD and from CRWCD have been secured.

Crosho Lake Reservoir, known also as Simon Reservoir No. 1, in Water District 58, has an appropriation date of 1904, qualifying it as a pre-compact reservoir, with its waters not subject to a call on the Colorado River by the lower states. The applicant represents about 1,000 irrigated acres, with significant return flows sustaining the health of the Yampa watershed.

Roundtable members voted to consider this proposal on a priority basis, due to the SEO's determination that the Crosho dam outlet works must be replaced during 2016. The members further agreed that this application and the project it represents works toward the implementation of several of the goals and objectives of the Basin Implementation Plan of the Yampa, White, Green Roundtable addressing both consumptive and non-consumptive needs.

Confirming our commitment of Basin funds in the amount of \$30,000, we recommend that CWCB approve this request for WSRA funds from Crosho Lake Corporation.

Best regards,



Mary T. Brown

Chair, Yampa White Green Basin Roundtable