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Wednesday, February 24, 2016

Mr. Craig Godbout Program Manager Colorado Water Conservation Board 1313 Sherman St., Room 718 Denver, CO 80203

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RE: MacFarlane Dam Rehabilitation - Waiver of Fiscal Responsibility

Dear Craig,

In September 2015, Ducks Unlimited, Inc. (DU) was approved for a WSRA grant for the MacFarlane Dam Rehabilitation Project in Jackson County. This Project has multiple partners including the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS). Because WSRA policy places a preference on local partners as opposed to federal partners, DU agreed to be a Project partner and the fiscally responsible party for the WSRA funds. The FWS is the Project administrator.

Since the grant approval, potential delays in project delivery have arisen due to the multi-party nature of the Project. The potential for delay and increased administrative costs make it desirable to Project partners for the WSRA grant to be contracted directly with FWS.

For these reasons, DU hereby waives fiscal responsibility for the WSRA grant funds allocated to the MacFarlane Dam Rehabilitation and requests that the Board accept FWS in that role. It is my understanding that FWS is submitting a letter to your attention accepting fiscal responsibility of the grant and this will be voted by the CWCB at the March 2016 board meeting.

Sincerely,

matthew (Relly)