

**Water Supply Reserve Account – Grant and Loan Program**  
**Water Activity Summary Sheet**  
**Request for Change of Fiscal Agent**  
**May 18-19, 2016**  
**Agenda Item 18(e)**

**Current Applicant & Fiscal Agent:** Rio Grande Watershed Conservation and Education Initiative (RGWCEI)

**Proposed Fiscal Agent:** Colorado Open Lands

**Water Activity Name:** Implementing Public Education and Public Outreach in the Rio Grande River Basin: Education to Implementation

**Water Activity Purpose:** Education

**County:** Throughout Rio Grande Basin

**Drainage Basin:** Rio Grande

**Water Source:** Rio Grande River and tributaries

**Amount Requested/Source of Funds:** \$90,000 Rio Grande Basin Account

**Matching Funds:** Applicant & 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Match: (\$7,500 cash; \$42,000 in-kind)  
(refer to *Funding Summary/Matching Funds*)

<b>Staff Recommendation</b>
Staff recommends approval of change of fiscal agent from Rio Grande Watershed Conservation and Education Initiative to Colorado Open Lands for the project titled: Implementing Public Education and Public Outreach in the Rio Grande River Basin: Education to Implementation

**Water Activity Summary:** WSRA funds, if this Change in Fiscal Agent request is approved, will be expended to provide funding to hire a Coordinator to manage a three year outreach and education effort within the Rio Grande Basin. The coordinator will implement, and administer outreach and education activities under direction of the PEPO and the Rio Grande Basin Roundtable Education Committee. The objectives of this effort are to: showcase the collaborative work of the Rio Grande Basin Roundtable Education Committee and that of water users of all types across the Rio Grande Basin; begin a mentoring program that will pave a pathway for younger community members to engage with the water community and to provide them with an opportunity to step forward and become water leaders; continue long established newspaper articles, the Rio Grande Basin Roundtable webpage and radio interviews; project tours to provide a connection between constituents and water project funding, and produce nine video vignettes. Targeted audiences for the vignettes may include: local and regional governments; universities and schools, and private organizations

**Discussion:** This request on behalf of the Rio Grande Watershed Conservation and Education Initiative was originally approved by CWCB during the March 2016 meeting.

This project aligns with well with the Rio Grande Basin Implementation Plan's Basin Goal #8: *Establish a long-term education and outreach effort for water use and needs in the San Luis*

*Valley/Rio Grande Basin* (Chapter 3, page 59). This effort is also specified as a Project and Method to meet the Basin's needs and goals (Chapter 6.5: Other Projects and Methods; Table 10; #5: Basin-wide Water Public Education Program; page 156). In addition this effort advances Outreach, Education and Public Engagement goals (CWP Chapter 9.5, pages 9-53 thru 9-61) and the Measurable Objectives and Adaptive Management goals of Colorado's Water Plan (CWP Chapter 10.2, page 10-5 thru 10-7), such as: H. Education, Outreach, and Innovation.

**Issues/Additional Needs:** No issues or additional needs have been identified.

**Threshold and Evaluation Criteria:** The application meets all four Threshold Criteria.

**Tier 1-3 Evaluation Criteria:** n/a

**Funding Summary/Matching Funds:**

<b><u>Funding Sources</u></b>	<b><u>Cash</u></b>	<b><u>In-kind</u></b>	<b><u>Total</u></b>
RGWCEI	\$7,500	\$27,000	\$34,500
RGBRT Partners <sup>(1)</sup>	\$0	\$15,000	\$15,000
Subtotal matching funds	\$7,500	\$42,000	\$49,500
WSRA Rio Grande Basin Account	\$90,000	n/a	\$90,000
<b>Total Project Costs</b>	<b>\$97,500</b>	<b>\$42,000</b>	<b>\$139,500</b>

(1) RGBRT Partners include: USFS, Colorado State Forest Service, Colorado DWR, CPW, BLM, NRCS, & NPS.

**CWCB Project Manager:** Mara MacKillop

All products, data and information developed as a result of this grant must be provided to the CWCB in hard copy and electronic format as part of the project documentation. This information will in turn be made widely available to Basin Roundtables and the general public and will help promote the development of a common technical platform. In accordance with the revised WSRA Criteria and Guidelines, staff would like to highlight additional reporting and final deliverable requirements. The specific requirements are provided below.

**Reporting:** The applicant shall provide the CWCB a progress report every 6 months, beginning from the date of the executed contract. The progress report shall describe the completion or partial completion of the tasks identified in the scope of work including a description of any major issues that have occurred and any corrective action taken to address these issues.

**Final Deliverable:** At completion of the project, the applicant shall provide the CWCB a final report that summarizes the project and documents how the project was completed. This report may contain photographs, summaries of meetings and engineering reports/designs.

**Engineering:** All engineering work (as defined in the Engineers Practice Act (§12-25-102(10) C.R.S.)) performed under this grant shall be performed by or under the responsible charge of professional engineer licensed by the State of Colorado to practice Engineering.

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April 12, 2016

Attn: Craig Godbout – WSRA Application

Re: Change of Fiscal Agent for the Rio Grande Basin Roundtable Grant Entitled: Implementing Public Education & Public Outreach in the Rio Grande River Basin: Education to Implementation

Dear Mr. Godbout,

Colorado Open Lands is requesting approval to assume responsibility as fiscal agent for the Rio Grande Basin Roundtable WSRA Grant Entitled: Implementing Public Education & Public Outreach in the Rio Grande River Basin: Education to Implementation that was approved at the Colorado Water Conservation Board March 2016 Board meeting.

The grant will continue to be managed by Judy Lopez, Colorado Open Lands Conservation Project Manager for the San Luis Valley and Rio Grande Roundtable PEPO liaison and member. This change will not affect the scope of work proposed in the grant, nor will it affect the implementation of grant tasks. Judy Lopez resigned her position as Executive Director of RGWCEI and started with Colorado Open Lands as the San Luis Valley Conservation Project Manager effective April 1, 2016. Further she will be maintaining her role as the Rio Grande Basin Roundtable PEPO liaison.

Sincerely,



Tony Caligiuri, President/CEO

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Attn: Craig Godbout – WSRA Application

April 8, 2016

Re: Change of Fiscal Agent for the Rio Grande Basin Roundtable Grant Entitled:  
Implementing Public Education & Public Outreach in the Rio Grande River Basin: Education to Implementation

Dear Mr. Godbout,

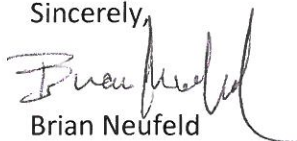
The Rio Grande Watershed Conservation and Education Initiative (RGWCEI) is withdrawing as fiscal agent for Rio Grande Basin Roundtable WSRA Grant Entitled:  
Implementing Public Education & Public Outreach in the Rio Grande River Basin: Education to Implementation that was approved at the Colorado Water Conservation Board March Board meeting.

The Rio Grande Watershed Conservation and Education Initiative requests that fiscal agent responsibility be transferred to Colorado Open Lands, 355 South Teller Street, Suite 210, Lakewood, CO 80226. The grant will be managed by Judy Lopez, Colorado Open Lands Conservation Project Manager for the San Luis Valley and Rio Grande Roundtable PEPO liaison and member.

This change will not affect the scope of work proposed in the grant, nor will it affect the implementation of grant tasks, since Judy Lopez is resigning her position as Executive Director of RGWCEI and is moving to Colorado Open Lands where she will be the San Luis Valley Conservation Project Manager. Further she will be maintaining her role as the Rio Grande Basin Roundtable PEPO liaison.

Thank you in advance for your help in implementing this change.

Sincerely,



Brian Neufeld  
RGWCEI, Board Chairman

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