



Funding Final Summary
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Re: POGG1 2016-695 Theatre Troupe Water Outreach Project for the Metro River Basin

During the 2016 Spring Semester, Denver Water, the City of Boulder, and Aurora Water collaborated with the One World One Water Center, and the MSU Denver Theater Department, to continue the first-of-its-kind theater performance on water conservation and water protection for fifth & sixth-graders in their service areas. Dr. Marilyn Hetzel of the MSU Denver Theater Department, and ten theater students, conducted rehearsals in preparation of performances at water festivals in the Denver Metro area. Approximately 3,000 students, and their teachers and parents, will attend performances at the Aurora Children's Water Festival, City of Boulder Water Festival, and the Denver Metro Water Festival at MSU Denver. The Colorado State Science Standards for 6th graders specifically requires that students learn about their water supply, the importance of water, and local water issues. This is an excellent program to meet those requirements.

Denver Water, the City of Boulder and Aurora Water have each provided \$2,000 in 2016 for the project described above. In addition, each partner was instrumental in arranging student performances at their respective water festivals.

In March 2016, the Colorado Alliance for Environmental Education awarded Dr. Hetzel and her students the 2015 Innovative Environmental Education Program Award. More information can be found at <https://denverwaterblog.org/2016/03/31/entertainment-with-a-splash-of-water-education/>

We are hopeful to continue the project in 2017.

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