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**Colorado Water
Conservation Board**

Department of Natural Resources

1313 Sherman Street, Room 718
Denver, CO 80203

June 8, 2016

Mountain Studies Institute
144 E. 10th Street
Silverton, CO 81433

Animas River Community Forum
Attn: Marcie Bidwell, Executive Director
1309 E. Third Avenue, Suite #106
Durango, CO 81301

RE: Notice to Proceed – WSRA Grant – **POGG1 2016-794** – Animas River Community Forum –
Education and Outreach in the Southwest River Basin

Dear Marcie,

This letter is to inform you that the purchase order to assist in the above WSRA grant project that was recently approved at the March 2016 Board Meeting has been approved. The email notice and attachments serve as your original contract documents.

With the executed purchase order you are now able to proceed with the project and invoice the State of Colorado for costs incurred through February 28, 2017. Please provide the project name, POGG1 number, and basin when corresponding with or invoicing for your project. Upon receipt of your invoice(s), the State of Colorado will provide payment no later than 30 days after review and signed approval of the project manager.

If an extension to the project is necessary, a formal letter of request must be submitted to the project manager along with a proposed completion date **60 days** prior to the current expiration date. There will be no prior notice from the CWCB contract compliance staff informing the grantee that the project is approaching its deadline, therefore the grantee must monitor the completion progress accordingly.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the project, please contact Craig Godbout, Project Manager at 303-866-3441 x3210 or at craig.godbout@state.co.us. You can contact me at 303-866-3441 ext. 3250 for invoicing and payment disbursement questions.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Program Assistant II

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Attachments





STATE OF COLORADO
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ORDER		** IMPORTANT **				
Number: POGG1 PDAA 20160000000000000794		The order number and line number must appear on all invoices, packing slips, cartons and correspondence				
Date: 06/08/16						
Description:		BILL TO				
WSRA GRANT PDAA 2500 Animas Riv Comm Forum Ed & Outreach		COLORADO WATER BOARD CONSERVATION				
Effective Date: 06/09/16 Expiration Date: 02/28/17		1313 SHERMAN STREET, ROOM 718				
		DENVER, CO 80203				
BUYER		SHIP TO				
Buyer:		COLORADO WATER BOARD CONSERVATION				
Email:		1313 SHERMAN STREET, ROOM 718				
		DENVER, CO 80203				
VENDOR		SHIPPING INSTRUCTIONS				
MOUNTAIN STUDIES INSTITUTE		Delivery/Install Date:				
144 E 10TH ST		F.O.B: FOB Dest, Freight Allowed				
SILVERTON, CO 81433		VENDOR INSTRUCTIONS:				
Contact: .						
Phone: .						
Line Item	Commodity/Item Code	UOM	QTY	Unit Cost	Total Cost	MSDS Req.
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Description: WSRA GRANT PDAA 2500 Animas Riv Comm Forum Ed & Outreach						
Service From: 06/09/16 Service To: 02/28/17						
TERMS AND CONDITIONS						
https://www.colorado.gov/osc/purchase-order-terms-conditions						
DOCUMENT TOTAL = \$37,850.00						

Exhibit A**Scope of Work**

WATER ACTIVITY NAME – Animas River Community Forum

GRANTEE and FISCAL AGENT (if different): Mountain Studies Institute

PRIMARY CONTACT: Marcie Bidwell, Executive Director

ADDRESS: 1309 E. Third Avenue, Durango CO, 81301

PHONE: Office: 970-387-5161; Direct Line: 970-426-8863

PROJECT NAME Animas River Community Forum

GRANT AMOUNT \$37,850

INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

The **Animas River Community Forum (ARCF)** is a community group that formed in response to the Gold King Mine blow out in August to address concerns regarding response, recovery, and cohesive solutions for water quality in the Animas River. State Senator Ellen Roberts convened the group as she saw a need for the community(ies), including nonprofits, governments, citizens and business groups, to get involved in the issue working together; to learn from the experience; and to play a role in defining future actions including educating stakeholders from across Colorado and other audiences about the lessons learned.

OBJECTIVES

ARCF's overall objective is to: promote communication, coordination and collaborative action; foster public confidence; support resiliency in our communities; and enhance planning, improved public safety, and health for the future all while honoring the institutional authorities and decision making of governmental and community organizations. Specifically, we will:

1. Providing a bi-monthly forum for the communities of the Colorado Animas River to discuss issues, learn lessons, and build relationships necessary to recover from the Gold King Mine spill.
2. Organizing educational events and activities.
3. Working together to develop and maintain a Web site and other tools to share information.
4. Sharing with other parts of Colorado and the Rocky Mountain West.
5. Measuring and documenting success.

TASKS

The Animas River Community Forum will execute four main tasks: **Task 1 – Gold King Mine Spill Long-term Solutions**, **Task 2 – Community and Stakeholder Education**, **Task 3 – Monitoring and Data Gaps Assessment**, **Task 4 – Project and Coalition Management and Reporting**. Please refer to our

proposal for complete descriptions of the methods, techniques, and sequencing to be used. Tasks 1-3 will be managed by the Part-time coordinator (Task 4).

TASK 1 – Gold King Mine Spill Long-term Solutions- capture lessons, facilitate dialog

The ARCF will play a role in sharing and disseminating information related to the spill and its recovery.

Description of Task: The ARCF will share and disseminate information related to the spill and the recovery actions to a broad and diverse set of stakeholders to enable community dialog and coordinated action related to key issues: (1) working with elected officials across the watershed to explore long-term solutions to protect water quality in the Animas River watershed, especially related to legacy mining issues and mine waste; (2) understand the potential recovery actions including tools such as Superfund designation; (3) pursue the development of an all hazards update to integrate watershed and emergency response plans; and (4) provide information on “Good Samaritan” legislation and other larger, national actions.

Method/Procedure:

1. Work with Elected Officials to support a long-term solution to address the protection of the Animas River watershed by appropriately treating the mine waste. Included in this will be serving as a forum for understanding the Superfund process; a potential designation; and any follow up actions that will be taken by all local governments and relevant stakeholders. (Note: The Forum has not taken a position on Superfund one way or another, rather it supports dialog regarding multiple positions and sides represented within the group.)
2. Provide information to develop the concept of creating an all-hazards watershed plan. As local and state governments including public health and emergency response entities see fit, the group has discussed the utility and value of producing an all-hazards watershed plan. The specific framework, goals, etc. are to be determined but the plan, if it is produced, would address future spills or other threats to the watershed health. The concept would be to produce an integrated document that takes into account many disciplines and uses a model of community resiliency in watershed planning.
3. Support dialog regarding federal “Good Samaritan” legislation and the potential designation of sites in the Upper Animas basin on the National Priorities List. Educate forum members about any ways to get involved in the issue of mining remediation and water quality improvements. The ARCF will not take a position on Good Samaritan legislation or NPL designation, although its members may choose to do so individually.

Deliverables: Convene bi-monthly meetings, update website, promote events, maintain ARCF network and list serve

TASK 2 – Community and Stakeholder Education- inner basin and state-wide

Description of Task: The ARCF will provide venues for the community and stakeholders both within the basin and statewide to learn from the Gold King spill and benefit from the opportunities to learn about watershed risk, response, and recovery.

Method/Procedure:

1. Host a spring and August (anniversary) conferences/events: to learn about the Animas River’s current status; to share lessons learned; and to look to the future. Specifics about the conference date, audiences,

etc. are to be determined by the ARCF. The goal is to share information with other basins and stakeholders including anyone interested from across Colorado and/or the Rocky Mountain West.

2. Provide targeted information to specific user groups before the rafting, recreation and irrigation season related to accurate facts and information re: water quality.
3. Develop a communications plan to define key messages and meet public information needs
4. Form a speaker's bureau of key ARCF individuals and agencies who would be available to present to other communities/groups who are interested in learning from this event.

Deliverables: 1-2 conferences; communication plan, 2-3 educational talks/outreach series to share lessons from the spill and recovery process

TASK 3 – Monitoring and Data Gaps Assessment

A subgroup of the ARCF has formed to lead an analysis of gaps in data useful for assessing change in river system characteristics related to public health, public concerns, and ecosystem resilience in the Animas Watershed to the Colorado/New Mexico state-line. This group is being led by staff from the Animas Watershed Partnership and Colorado Parks and Wildlife. The geographic location is the Animas River Watershed (including tributaries) to New Mexico.

Description of Task: The analysis will inventory baseline information both historical (legacy) and current, and will identify priorities for new monitoring (i.e. parameters, locations, timing, etc.). The focus is on monitoring questions (yet to be defined) related to public health, public concerns, and ecosystem resilience.

Method/Procedure:

1. Determine management questions that would be used to guide data needs
2. Inventory existing baseline data including historical and current monitoring efforts
3. Identify priorities for new monitoring, including parameters, locations, frequency

Deliverables: Data inventory, report on data gap assessment, criteria for data evaluation, plan for data needs

TASK 4 – Project and Coalition Management and Reporting

Description of Task: The Forum has made a commitment to meeting for a year up to the one-year anniversary and then making an assessment if it is needed beyond this date. In order to accomplish what the group wishes to do, it is clear that a coordinator is needed to move beyond what the Forum has already accomplished. The Coordinator will be responsible for tracking expenses and income, managing funds, and reporting to funders on goals, accomplishments, and impact of the ARCF activities.

Method/Procedure:

1. Hire part-time Coordinator to guide the group in achieving its goals and activities in Tasks 1-3 (scope of

work will be upon funding to December 2016)

2. Manage funds and track in-kind contributions
3. Complete reports and evaluate impact

Deliverables: part-time coordinator, bi-monthly meetings, monthly communication, news briefings via website and enews, current events, evaluations, biannual reports to CWCB, final report

REPORTING AND FINAL DELIVERABLE

Reporting: ARCF 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 statement 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, ARCF shall provide the CWCB a final report that summarizes the project and documents how the project was completed.

BUDGET

ARCF respectfully requests \$34,850 from WSRA to complement \$ 17,000 in matching cash and \$25,920 in-kind funding from our partners and volunteers (total budget \$80,770, 53% match). To secure a cash match, we will pursue matching funds from Department of Local Affairs, municipal partners, tribes, federal partners, and business sponsorships. Sources of in-kind contributions are from ARCF participants and partners, including MSI, Animas Watershed Partnership, San Juan Basin Health, Trout Unlimited, and 20 others. In-kind is valued at \$24/hr, independent sector rate, based upon 25 participants volunteering an average of 2 hrs/month for 1 year.

		CWCB Funds		Match	In-kind	Totals
Task	Description	Labor*	Materials, Travel, Expenses	Match Cash Funds	Volunteers, Entities, Etc	
1	Gold King Mine Spill Long Term Solutions	\$ 7,250	\$ 500	\$ 3,000	\$ 7,200	\$ 17,950
2	Community and Stakeholder Education	\$ 7,250	\$ 1,500	\$ 8,000	\$ 5,760	\$ 22,510
3	Monitoring and Data Gaps Assessment	\$ 7,250		\$ 3,000	\$ 7,200	\$ 17,450
4	Project and Coalition Management	\$ 13,100	\$ 1,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 5,760	\$ 22,860
	TOTALS	\$ 34,850	\$ 3,000	\$ 17,000	\$ 25,920	\$ 80,770
	TOTAL REQUEST		\$ 37,850			

SCHEDULE

Task	Description	Target Start Date	Target Completion Date
1	Gold King Mine Spill Long Term Solutions	NTP	12/31/2016
2	Community and Stakeholder Education	NTP	12/31/2016
3	Monitoring and Data Gaps Assessment	NTP	10/31/2016
4	Project and Coalition Management	NTP	12/31/2016

FINAL REPORT AND CLOSE OUT PROJECT

02/28/17

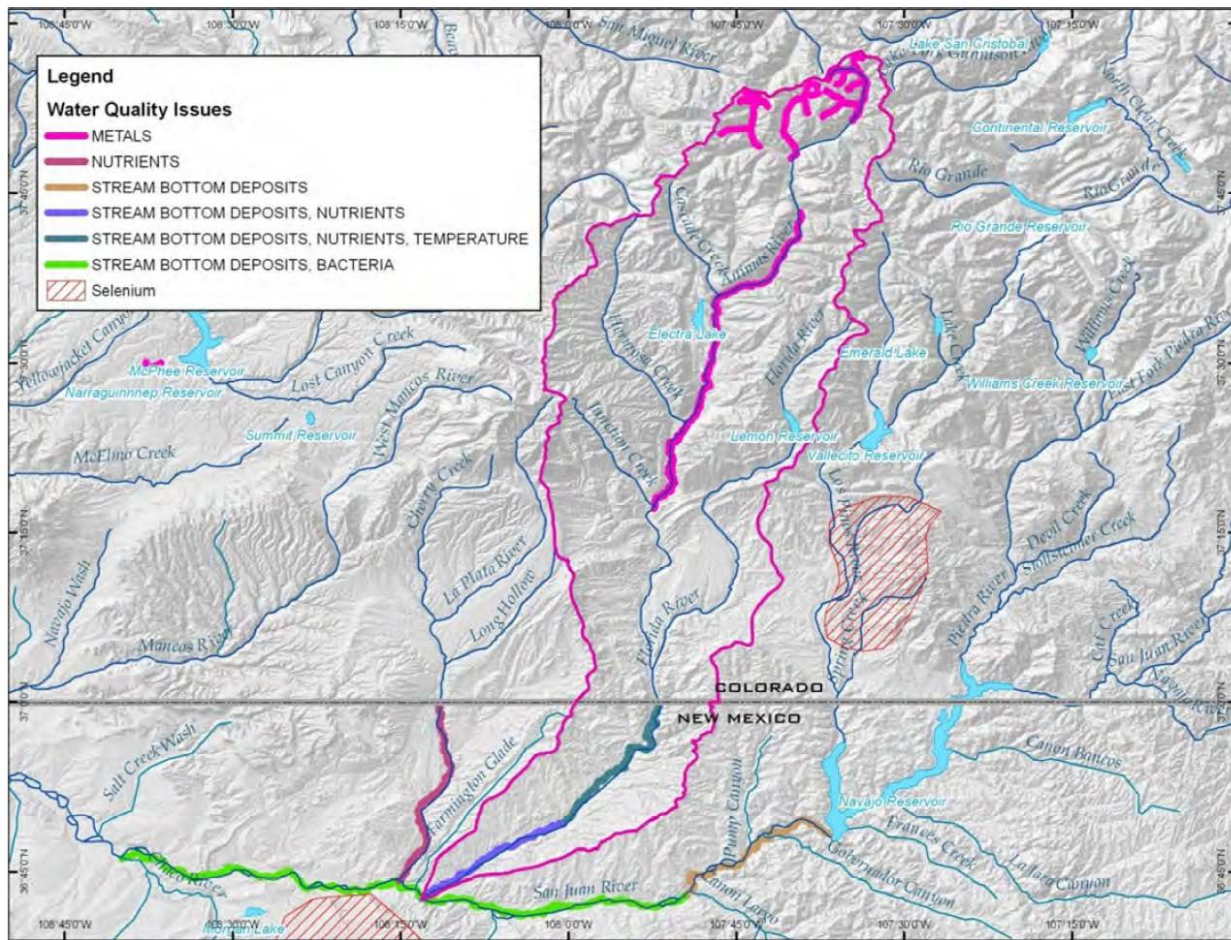
Appendix B- Map of Project Area

Figure 1: Map of the Animas Watershed from Upper Animas Mining District to San Juan Confluence

Appendix C- Community Partner Document
Can be found on the project website