

The Gunnison Basin Roundtable
501 Palmer Street
Delta, CO 81416

February 9, 2016

Mr. Craig Godbout
Water Supply Management Section
COLORADO WATER CONSERVATION BOARD
1313 Sherman St., Room 718
Denver, CO 80203

Re: WSRA Grant Request: City of Grand Junction Water Enterprise Fund – Purdy Mesa Dam Rehabilitation

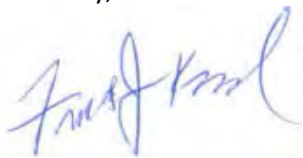
Dear Mr. Godbout:

This letter is presented to advise you that the grant application submitted by the City of Grand Junction Water Enterprise Fund for \$25,000 from Basin Account funds and \$75,000 in Statewide Account funds from the Water Supply Reserve Account for the Purdy Mesa (aka – Hallenbeck No. 1) Dam Rehabilitation project was reviewed by the Gunnison Basin Roundtable and its Project Screening Committee and was approved by a unanimous vote of the Gunnison Basin Roundtable during our meeting on February 1, 2016.

This water activity meets the provisions of Section 37-75-104(2), Colorado Revised Statutes. The requirements/language from the statute is provided in Part 3 of the Criteria and Guidelines. This project is identified as a Tier 1 project in the Gunnison Basin Implementation Plan.

This activity is being completed to mitigate a structural failure on the downstream slope of the Purdy Mesa Dam. This structure is used primarily for municipal and industrial uses, and the mitigation project will improve an existing dam and reservoir and ensure continued drought protection for the City of Grand Junction.

Sincerely,



Frank J. Kugel
Vice Chair

cc: Hugh Sanburg (e-mail)
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January 5, 2016

Mr. Rick Brinkman
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Dear Rick,

Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) fully supports the City of Grand Junction's (City) efforts to perpetuate the fishery at Purdy Mesa Reservoir in Mesa County. Specifically, CPW supports the City's application to obtain grant funding for assistance with reservoir dam repairs.

The Purdy Mesa fishery is important to local anglers. The reservoir is one of a few Grand Valley waters that provides warm water fishing opportunities for anglers of all ages. Over the past 5 years, the City and CPW have partnered to enhance and restore this water to a trophy bluegill-largemouth bass fishery. Purdy Mesa held the state record for bluegill (2 lbs. 4 oz., 11.5") for 26 years; the new record (by 1 oz.) was set in 2014 from a private pond in Pueblo County. CPW has collaborated with the City to maintain a year-round conservation pool that allows fish to over winter, reproduce, and recruit with minimal stocking maintenance by CPW. In 2011, with the help of the City, CPW completed the construction of an outlet screen downstream of Purdy Mesa which precludes escapement of sport fish that could influence Federal and State-listed native fish populations of the lower Gunnison and Colorado rivers. The City and CPW have invested significant time, money, and manpower to ensure that Purdy Mesa Reservoir meets the objectives of both partners by storing and delivering water while simultaneously sustaining a fishery and providing fishing opportunities to Grand Valley anglers.

Financial assistance will expedite the efforts of the City and CPW to meet their objectives and help assure the persistence of Purdy Mesa as a trophy bluegill-largemouth bass fishery. CPW appreciates the opportunity to partner with the City on this project, and any others which benefit our wildlife and the people that enjoy them.

Sincerely,

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