

# Arkansas Basin Roundtable

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Mr. Craig Godbout  
Colorado Water Conservation Board  
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Re: Water Supply Reserve Account Grant Application: Pueblo Channel Debris Removal Project

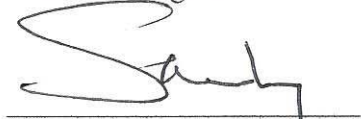
Dear Craig:

At its April 13, 2016 meeting, the Arkansas Roundtable approved the Pueblo Channel Debris Removal Project for \$5,000 in Basin Funds, with \$250,000 cash matching funds from a consortium of participating agencies, including Pueblo County, the Fountain Creek Watershed, Flood Control and Greenway District and the Lower Arkansas Valley Water Conservancy District. There were no dissenting opinions expressed in the consensus decision.

This project has been expedited to offset the impending consequences of debris deposited in the Fountain Creek channel as it traverses the City of Pueblo. Wild fires in the upper reaches of the Fountain Creek Watershed (Waldo, 2012; Black Forest, 2013) coupled with flood events in September, 2013 and in 2015, have resulted in extraordinary quantities of debris within the streambed. With a demonstrable wet cycle active, removal of the debris is imperative to avoid additional flooding.

This project furthers the goals and objectives of the Arkansas Basin Implementation Plan and the Colorado Water Plan, particularly Objectives E. Watershed Health, Environment, and Recreation: "*Protect and Restore Critical Watersheds*," and I. Additional Critical Actions: "*Prepare for and Respond to Natural Disasters*" (Section 10.3). Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me either by telephone, 719-742-6164, or by email, [sandy@white-jankowski.com](mailto:sandy@white-jankowski.com).

With warm regards



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Chair

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