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Dear Craig:

The Colorado Basin Roundtable voted unanimously at its May 23, 2016, meeting to support the East Mesa Water Co. WSRA grant request, but at the 50 percent level: \$30,000. This is not a reflection on the merits of the project but of the fact that Severance Tax Funds are down and affecting WSRA Basin Account funding.

This project is supported by the Sustain, Protect and Promote Agriculture finding of our Basin Implementation Plan, as well as the Encourage Conservation and Healthy Stream findings. The East Mesa Water Co. is aggressively pursuing irrigation improvements based on a systematic planning effort that identifies infrastructure challenges. In the long run, aside from preserving the infrastructure, the possibility exists that a more efficient system could result in significant reduced diversions from the Crystal River.

This grant will assist in replacing the measuring device and structure at the headgate, replacing a failing flume over Thomas Creek and replacing a segment of leaking pipe just below the Nettle Creek pipe. These projects improve an existing water supply system in the northern portion of Pitkin County and the southern portion of Garfield County. This project will provide a more stable water flow and improve overall conservation efforts. Through these improvements, a more efficient water delivery system will be in place and will reduce sedimentation from ditch erosion and chance of landslides on the existing system.



Jim Pokrandt  
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