To:

Colorado Water Conservation Board 1313 Sherman Street, Room 721 Denver CO 80203

March 30, 2016

From: Mary Brown, Chair

Yampa-White-Green Rivers Basin Roundtable

The Yampa-White-Green Rivers Basin Roundtable (YWGRT) recommends approval of the attached grant application submitted by Community Agriculture Alliance (CAA) to CWCB. In partnership with CAA our Roundtable is requesting \$150,000.00 to be utilized during 2017-2019 fiscal years for education and outreach on behalf of the Round Table.

The application was considered by at first reading on January 13, 2016, amended per recommendations of the Round Table members, and approved at second reading on March 9, 2016.

These funds will be used to:

- Raise public awareness of the YWG Basin Implementation Plan and the Colorado's Water Plan
- Raise public awareness of YWG Roundtable activities
- Plan, implement and facilitate a series of Water Education
 Forums/Workshops/Tours in Craig, Meeker, Rangely and Steamboat
- Increase collaborations and partnerships with other YWG basin organizations that to promote water education, encourage locally driven collaborative solutions and encourage community participation in solution based discussions, issues and solutions
- Provide professional, informative and educational activities in the region
- Provide information on regional water projects, studies and related issues
- Engage with area water interest groups to encourage constructive discussions and actions regarding water issues and projects in Northwest Colorado
- Assure that ongoing education events align with YWGRT goals and objectives
- Coordinate the grant applications submitted to the YWGRT for review and consideration
- Develop and implement a system to inform the members of the YWGRT of projects and activities within their basins

Your positive consideration of this grant application will be appreciated.