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Colorado Water Conservation Board
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Dear Mr. Godbout:

The South Rio Grande Roundtable voted at its February 9, 2016 meeting to approve a grant application from the South Metro WISE Authority to help implement WISE conjunctive use infrastructure. The Roundtable approved \$10,000 from the Rio Grande Basin WSRA.

The Roundtable underwent an evaluation and approval process, believes the application fully meets the Criteria for the WSRA Grant Program, and is supportive of the WISE Partnership as one of the important IPPs in the South Platte/Metro Basin Implementation Plan. In addition, the roundtable expressed support for WISE as a water supply project that helps meet the M&I water supply gap in the Metro area and reuses existing supplies in the basin. During the evaluation and approval process a quorum was present and there were three dissenting votes. Concerns expressed included the use of Rio Grande basin fund to support a project in another basin and in the Metro area that does not share the more rural characteristics of the Rio Grande Basin. Concerns were also expressed that the WISE infrastructure could facilitate future movement of water from other basins (however it was also noted that the success of WISE reduces this need). Finally, concerns were expressed about the use of water in urban/suburban communities.

With the concerns expressed, The Rio Grande Roundtable does support projects that demonstrate real water solutions to Colorado's needs and believes that the WISE Partnership is one of these projects.

This letter is intended to fulfill Threshold Criteria B (Part III 1.b. in the WSRA Application). Please let me know if you need any additional information.

Sincerely,



Nathan Coombs, Chair
Rio Grande Basin Roundtable