

August 30, 2016

Mr. Craig Godbout
Colorado Water Conservation Board
1313 Sherman St, Suite 718
Denver, CO 80203

RE: WSRA Application Letter of Support – HB16-1256 South Platte River Storage Study

Dear Craig,

At its June meeting, the South Platte Basin Roundtable voted unanimously to support a request for Statewide WSRA funds to support a study of additional water storage in the South Platte Basin.

The Roundtable sees this project as meeting multiple criteria under our own WSRA Guidance and the priorities identified in the South Platte Basin Implementation Plan. One of the overarching priorities in the BIP was the need for additional storage in the South Platte Basin. Storage is key to all other alternatives for meeting our water supply gap and ensuring the wise use of our existing supplies.

The Roundtable believes that this project fully meets the threshold criteria for the WSRA program. It is consistent with 37-75-102 Colorado Revised Statutes; it is supported by both the Metro and South Platte Roundtables.

If you, or the Board, have any questions for me, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,



Joe Frank
Chair, South Platte Basin Roundtable