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Dear Craig:

The Grant Valley Project's Roller Dam and the Government-Highline Canal are vital in providing irrigation water and sustaining life in the Grand Valley as we know it today, some 100 years after the project was built. The Grand Valley Project facilities are a top priority in our Colorado Basin Roundtable Basin Implementation Plan for their role in sustaining our ag economy and providing consistent river administration of the Upper Colorado River Basin, to which there are many recreational, municipal and environmental benefits. This is of statewide importance to the West Slope. This Canyon Canal Improvement Project was identified as the top priority, as well, in the recently completed Roller Dam and Related Facilities Rehabilitation Master Plan which was funded by the CWCB approved use of \$42,700 Colorado Basin Roundtable funds to match cash and in-kind contributions of \$30,600.

The Roundtable voted unanimously at its July 25, 2016 meeting to support a \$15,000 Basin Request and a \$285,000 statewide request to the Water Supply Reserve Account program. If successful, this request leverages federal WaterSmart funding and Grand Valley Water Users Association funding to enable the Water Users to continue work spelled out in a master plan to enact needed repairs and upgrades to the system – a total \$800,000 project in this phase. The Water Users are to be commended for their well-planned and systematic approach to addressing issues with their century-old facilities.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Pokrandt", with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Jim Pokrandt
Chair, Colorado Basin Roundtable