ARKANSAS BASIN ROUNDTABLE

January 19, 2017

Craig Godbout Colorado Water Conservation Board 1313 Sherman St., Room 721 Denver, CO 80203

Re: WSRF Grant Application - Catlin Canal Recharge Pond Demonstration Project

Dear Craig:

At the January 11, 2017 meeting the Arkansas Basin Roundtable evaluated and approved by unanimous agreement the Water Supply Reserve Fund grant application from coapplicants Colorado Water Protective and Development Association (CWPDA) and the Catlin Augmentation Association (CAA) for the Catlin Canal Recharge Pond Demonstration Project. The Roundtable has approved the request of \$50,000, of which \$45,000 would come from the Statewide Account and \$5,000 from the Basin Account. The two applicants will also provide total in-kind contributions of \$45,000.

This project will demonstrate the use of recharge ponds in the Arkansas River Basin as a water management tool to offset out-of-priority well pumping depletions by both agricultural and municipal members of CWPDA and the CAA. WSRF funding from this grant request will be utilized, along with in-kind contributions, for site selection, securing appropriate agreements and permits, design and construction of a recharge facility under the Catlin Canal. This new ability to use recharge will not only provide added flexibility in maintaining historic return flows to stay in compliance with the Arkansas River Compact, but will also reduce the applicants need for storage in Pueblo Reservoir, which came within days of spilling account water in April of 2016.

CWPDA will be the fiscal agent for this grant and is a 501-C12 non-profit organization, incorporated in the state of Colorado in 1965.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me either by telephone, 719-742-6164, or by email, sandy@white-jankowski.com.

With warmest regards,

Michael D. (Sandy) White

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