

THE COLORADO BASIN ROUNDTABLE
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Dear Craig:

The Colorado Basin Roundtable voted 18-0 through email balloting (due to weather canceling the January RT meeting) to approve both the basinwide (\$25k) and statewide WSRF requests (\$100k) for the John McConnell Math and Science Center project that will create a water education exhibit. The McConnell Center is also asking the other three West Slope Roundtables for \$25k. If all is successful, that would be a \$200k contribution for a \$5.5 million project.

There was one comment in the voting: one person though the basin request should be halved and the stateside request put at 12 percent. At that, we know the statewide funds are limited and we hope the staff and Board can do the best they can for the various applicants applying to that fund.

What the McConnell Center proposes is to create a new, permanent water education exhibit in its new building being constructed at Colorado Mesa University. The McConnell Center has an excellent track record at attracting visitation and we expect its new location will enhance visitation. But the real attraction for the Roundtable is the water education exhibit that will teach young and old alike year in and year out. Education and Outreach are important elements of both our BIP and Colorado's Water Plan. So much of what we do is event oriented and thus here today, gone tomorrow. Not so with this exhibit.

The project scored 12 out of 14.25 points on scoring matrix.

Sincerely yours,



Jim Pokrandt
Chair, Colorado Basin Roundtable

Attachment: CBRT Grant Matrix Scoring Sheet

NOTE: The applicant decided to revoke the statewide WSRF request of \$100K at this time. Application materials were updated to reflect this change after the Basin Roundtable voted in support. This change does not impact the basin fund request (\$25K) or approval.