

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 basin-wide (\$45k) and statewide WSRF requests (\$405k) for the Abrams Creek Cutthroat Trout Project. There was one comment in the voting: one person thought the basin request should be halved and the statewide 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.

The Abrams Creek project squarely meets two of our six Basin Implementation objectives: Healthy Streams and Sustaining Agriculture. It scored 13 out of 14.25 total on our objectives evaluation matrix, which I have attached. More than that, if this project is successful, it could stave off the listing of the rare, genetically pure Green-Lineage cutthroat trout. The population is limited by reduced flows due to diversions by the JPO Ditch. Piping of the ditch will allow the ditch owners to leave more water in the creek by improving delivery efficiency by 40 percent.

The total estimate for the project is about \$1.371 million so cost sharing is spread adequately among many sources.

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

Attachment: CBRT Grant Matrix Scoring Sheet