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TO: Colorado Water Conservation Board Members

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AGENDA ITEM: 12. Telluride Valley Floor Project Update

Background:

The San Miguel River downstream of Telluride was an eroded manmade linear channel. Telluride partnered with Valley Floor Preservation Partners developed the Valley Floor Trails and Conceptual Stream Restoration Plan. Objectives included creation of a new 4,250 foot meandering channel reconnecting the river to its historic floodplain, removing and remediating mine tailings, re-vegetation of the old channel and construction of two sewer line crossings. Telluride initiated the planning process in 2014, developing a final plan with a \$1.7M budget. Funding partners included Valley Floor Preservation Partners, San Miguel Watershed Coalition, Trout Unlimited and the CWCB's Water Supply Reserve Fund Grant.

The project was to late June 2016. Excavation work for the sewer system improvements and the new channel began in late July. In the fall of 2016 the San Miguel River was routed into the new channel and restoration of the old channel commenced immediately. The project was completed on time and on budget. Ecological Resource Consultants is contracted to monitor the restored reach for the next three years to satisfy CWCB's monitoring requirements.

Funding Overview:

Funding Sources	Total
Town of Telluride	\$1,041,782
San Miguel Watershed Coalition	\$140,000
Valley Floor Preservation Partners	\$100,000
Trout Unlimited	\$10,000
WSRA Southwest Account	\$45,000
WSRA Statewide Account	\$399,021
Total Project Costs	\$1,735,803

Staff recommendation:

This item is informational only, and there is no action required by the Board.

