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RE: PO#: POGG1 2016-343 Page# 01 Final report

WSRA Grant: POGG1 2016-343 WSRA Education and Public Outreach in the Rio Grande Basin

Dear Megan,

Enclosed please find the Final Report for POGG1 2016-343 , **WSRA Grant – POGG1 2016-343 Education & Public Outreach in the Rio Grande River Basin.**

Over the term of the grant we were able to complete all of the grants tasks:

Current Outreach and Education: We had 3 main out comes for this task, they were to continue monthly newspaper articles, Monthly Radio shows focused on water and the Rio Grande Basin Roundtables projects and to upgrade and maintain the website. We accomplished the following: 36 monthly newspaper articles that were featured in the Valley Courier monthly and in 7 other local newspapers. Topics included the Rio Grande Basin Plan, Colorado Water Plan, Basin Projects, Basin Partners , Consumptive and Non-consumptive Uses and current water issues as they pertain to the basin and state water plans.

We did 34 radio shows on KSLV Radio in MonteVista Colorado. These shows run 2—4 times each month and addressed topics that included: Rio Grande Basin Plan, Colorado Water Plan, Basin Projects, Basin Partners , Consumptive and Non-consumptive Uses and current water issues as they pertain to the basin and state water plans. The shows worked to feature prominent contacts and community members. The shows serve as showcase of CWCB funded projects.

We also up graded the Rio Grande Basin Website (www.rgbt.org) to include all basin projects that have been funded at both the Basin and State Accounts. The site features bios of all RGBRT members, newspaper articles and radio shows. As well as meeting dates and agendas, water contacts and WSRF application materials.. It also hosts all of the basin vignettes. In the future we will be hosting a library for common water questions—that will include an archive of Q&A.

Water Video Vignettes: We had a great time making these and they were super well received. We cost shared these with entities which we feel helped us produce some really high quality targeted vignettes. A big shout out to our videographer Christi Bode with Moxicran Productions. Video titles include: Colorado Water Plan, The Basin Water Plan, Well Rules and Regulations, Subdistricts, Rio Grande Compact, Rio Grande Cooperative Project, La Agua es Vida: The Acequia Community, Watershed Health and Water Radar Project.

Public Engagement: We completed 11 tours and 1 education event. The tours were open to community members and had a nice mix of Roundtable members and community folks.

PEPO Outcomes: The Rio Grande Basin Roundtable has worked diligently to meet PEPO outcomes and tie those outcomes to our basin. We have engaged several new partners and recruited a variety of new folks to our education team.



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The Rio Grande Basin has been very thoughtful in the way that we have coordinated our PEPO goals. The Rio Grande Basin has been able to grow our outreach, because of the funding that we have received from the CWCB. Our involvement in the development of the Basin and State Water Plans has reaffirmed our Roundtables members commitment and spurred a new level of participation. Thank You!

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