



November 11, 2016

Colorado Water Conservation Board
Attn: Chris Sturm
131 Sherman Street Suite 721
Denver, CO 80203

Dear Colorado Water Conservation Board,

The Metro Roundtable wishes to express our support for the Denver Trout Unlimited proposed study: Biological and Ecological Benefits from Chatfield Reallocation Environmental Pool Increased Releases Study (Study).

Denver Trout Unlimited is building upon the charge from the Colorado Water Plan to develop Stream Management Plans for 80% of prioritized lists of rivers. This Study will help to meet the basins environmental and recreation goal to "Fully recognize the importance of, and support the development of environmental and recreational projects and multipurpose projects that support water available for ecologically and economically important habitats and focus areas."

This Study would take the previous evaluations forward to the next step of a multi-phased plan. The Study will ultimately establish recommendations to maintain, protect and enhance the biological and ecological functions of the South Platte from increased flow releases with water available through the Chatfield Reallocation Environmental Pool. To arrive at these recommendations, the Study will address technical needs for watershed restoration by evaluating the environmental and recreational benefits for multiple uses from these releases. The ultimate goal of this multi-phased plan is to develop a decision-support system to determine specific timing and what volume water should be released from the Environmental Pool during low flow days.

This Study would help determine the multipurpose benefits from these increased releases flow by protecting and enhancing environmental and recreational attributes of the South Platte, while also providing additional water for agricultural purposes throughout rest of the basin.

Please award the funds requested for this important work for the South Platte River. This project will help show support for the Chatfield Reallocation Environmental Pool and plan for future releases of these flows.

Sincerely,

A blue ink signature of Barbara Biggs, consisting of a stylized first name and a last name that appears to be "Biggs".

Barbara Biggs, Chair
Metro Roundtable