



## Appendix C: Letters of Support



November 4, 2016

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

Dear Colorado Water Conservation Board,

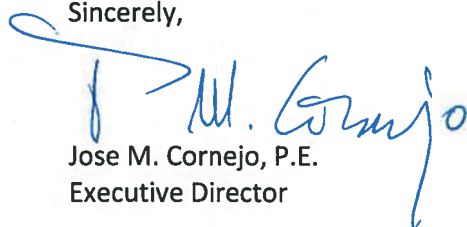
The Department of Public Works wishes to express our support for the Denver Trout Unlimited proposed study: Biological and Ecological Benefits from Chatfield Reallocation Environmental Pool Increased Releases Study (Study).

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,



Jose M. Cornejo, P.E.  
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November 1, 2016

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

Dear Colorado Water Conservation Board,

Denver Water 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).

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Sincerely,



David Bennett  
Acting Manager of Raw Water Supply



November 3, 2016

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

Dear Colorado Water Conservation Board,

Colorado Trout Unlimited, with our 10,000 members across the state, 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's proposal addresses 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 local basin's 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 expands on previous evaluations and will ultimately establish recommendations to maintain, protect and enhance the biological and ecological functions of the South Platte using increased releases from water available through the Chatfield Reallocation Environmental Pool. By assessing the environmental and recreational benefits that can be obtained from different volumes and timing of releases, the study will help inform decisions on how to maximize the benefits realized from the Environmental Pool. Given the extensive public and private investments – by CWCB, Colorado Parks and Wildlife, Denver Water, and other partners – that are being made in the environmental pool, it simply makes sense to develop science-based recommendations on how to achieve the best bang for buck on those investments. The Study will help the multipurpose Chatfield Reallocation Project achieve its potential – with benefits to environment, recreation, agriculture, and urban uses.

We urge you to award the requested funds to the Study. Further, through our Colorado TU Gomolchak Grant program, we expect to contribute at least \$1000 toward the cash match on this project. We look forward to the results of the Study, and to those results strengthening the Chatfield Reallocation Project as an outstanding example of the kind of multi-benefit, cooperative project that Colorado's Water Plan encourages.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David Nickum". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending from the end.

David Nickum, Executive Director  
Colorado Trout Unlimited



October 31, 2016

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

Dear Colorado Water Conservation Board,

The Water Connection / The Greenway Foundation (TGF) wishes to express our support for the Denver Trout Unlimited (DTU) proposed study: Biological and Ecological Benefits from Chatfield Reallocation Environmental Pool Increased Releases Study (Study).

We have been collaborating with Denver Trout Unlimited through our work in recent years to bring the Chatfield Environmental Pool (EP) into being. DTU has produced initial studies evaluating potential benefits of the increased flow from the EP which have been very helpful to move the process along, and this proposed Study would build on those initial evaluations and take them to a greater level of detail and analysis.

TGF, in partnership with Denver Water, is currently leading a fundraising effort to maximize the EP through the addition of 500 AF to the minimum required 1600 AF. Once funding for the additional 500 AF of the EP is secured, TGF will lead a collaborative effort to develop a governance, administrative structure and process for releases of the EP. The proposed DTU Study will be very valuable as an informative tool for the development of that process, and will help inform the development of criteria for EP releases.

We support the DTU request for funding for this Study. 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,

Devon Buckels AICP  
Director, The Water Connection  
The Greenway Foundation