SOUTHWEST BASINS ROUNDTABLE Michael Preston, Chair c/o Dolores Water Conservancy District P.O. Box 1150 Cortez, Colorado 81321 970-565-7562

April 17, 2017

Megan Holcomb Water Supply Management Section Colorado Water Conservation Board 1580 Logan Street, Suite 600 Denver, Colorado 80203

SUBJECT: Lighter Creek Canal Improvement - \$30,000 from Basin Fund Account

## Dear Ms. Holcomb:

The Southwest Basin Roundtable approved funding of \$30,000 from the Basin Fund to the Big Stick Ditch Company for the Lightner Creek Canal Improvement and Water Efficiency Project. The application was considered in detail at the April 12, 2017 meeting of the Southwest Basin Roundtable. There was a quorum of Roundtable members present.

This Project addresses IPP #12-LaP in the Basin Implementation Plan because the Lightner Creek Improvement Project brings water from a tributary of the Animas River to help meet irrigation demand within the water short La Plata Basin. This Project is also related to IPP #13-LaP because the added source will support additional deliveries from the Big Stick Ditch using canal improvement methods that proved effective in the completed Big Stick Ditch improvement work.

The completed Grant Application will be forwarded directly to you by the applicant. Please contact the applicant directly or me at 970-565-7562, <a href="mailto:mpreston@frontier.net">mpreston@frontier.net</a>, if you have questions or wish to discuss this application in more detail.

Sincerely,

Michael Preston

Southwest Basin Roundtable Chair