

SOUTHWEST BASINS ROUNDTABLE

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SUBJECT: Animas River Community Forum - \$28,919 from Basin Fund Account

Dear Ms. Holcomb:

The Southwest Basin Roundtable approved funding of \$28,919 from the Basin Fund to fund the Animas River Community Forum (ARCF). 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.

The ARCF was formed after the Gold King mine blow out in August 2015. Year One of the forum focused on informing and involving affected entities and concerned citizens along the Animas River in evaluating the agency and community response to the spill, monitoring post incident water quality and coordinating future actions with regard to emergency response.

Funding requested by the ARCF for Year Two will consolidate lessons learned from the Gold King emergency into a longer term structure for outreach, information exchange and coordinated monitoring based on multi-partner cooperation on the Animas River. This application cuts across a variety of Basin Plan goals, strategies and outcomes including education, outreach, water quality monitoring and multi-party collaboration applied on the largest, most populated and most complex river in the Southwest Basin.

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

Sincerely,



Michael Preston

Southwest Basin Roundtable Chair