

Colorado Water Conservation Board

Water Plan Grant Application

Instructions

To receive funding for a Water Plan Grant, applicant must demonstrate how the project, activity, or process (collectively referred to as "project") funded by the CWCB will help meet the measurable objectives and critical actions in the Water Plan. Grant guidelines are available on the CWCB website.

If you have questions, please contact CWCB at (303) 866-3441 or email the following staff to assist you with applications in the following areas:

Supply and Demand Gap Projects: Gregory.Johnson@state.co.us

Water Storage Projects: Anna.Mauss@state.co.us

Conservation, Land Use Planning: Kevin.Reidy@state.co.us

Engagement & Innovation Activities: Mara.MacKillop@state.co.us

Agricultural Projects: Brent.Newman@state.co.us

Environmental & Recreation Projects: Linda.Bassi@state.co.us

Applicants interested in submitting an 'Intent to Apply' in the future are encouraged to check here and fill in all sections with the best information available at the time. Exhibits excluded.

This "Intent to Apply" will help CWCB prioritize Projects that are not ready for fully completed Water Plan Grant Application due to the initial timeframe and deadlines required.

| Water Project Summary | | | | | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------|------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Name of Applicant | South Metro WISE Authority | | | | | | | | | |
| Name of Water Project | WISE Binney Connection | | | | | | | | | |
| CWP Grant Request Amount | | \$ 80,000 | | | | | | | | |
| Other Funding Sources Aurora Wa | ater | \$ 12,500 | | | | | | | | |
| Other Funding Sources Denver V | Vater | \$ 30,500 | | | | | | | | |
| Applicant Funding Contribution | | \$ 127,000 | | | | | | | | |
| Total Project Cost | | \$ 250,000 | | | | | | | | |



| | Applicant & Grantee Information | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Name of Grantee(s) | South Metro WISE Authority | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mailing Address | 8400 East Prentice Avenue, Suite 315, Greenwood Village, CO 80111 | | | | | | | | | | |
| FEIN | 46-3061238 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Organization Contact | Chris Muller | | | | | | | | | | |
| Position/Title | Water Resources/Design Engineer | | | | | | | | | | |
| Email | chrismuller@southmetrowater.org | | | | | | | | | | |
| Phone | (720) 216-5158 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Grant Management Contact | Mikal Martinez | | | | | | | | | | |
| Position/Title | Admin / Accounting Assistant | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Phone | (720) 216-5158 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Name of Applicant (if different than grantee) | NA | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mailing Address | NA | | | | | | | | | | |
| Position/Title | NA | | | | | | | | | | |
| Email | NA | | | | | | | | | | |
| Phone | NA | | | | | | | | | | |



Description of Grantee/Applicant

Provide a brief description of the grantee's organization (100 words or less). South Metro WISE Authority (WISE Authority) is an organization of 10 water providers with the purpose of implementing the Water Infrastructure and Supply Efficiency (WISE) Project. Members include: Centennial Water & Sanitation District, Cottonwood Water & Sanitation District, Dominion Water & Sanitation District, Inverness Water & Sanitation District, Meridian Metropolitan District, Parker Water & Wastewater District, Rangeview Metropolitan District, Stonegate Village Metropolitan District, and Town of Castle Rock. These municipalities serve the majority of water users in Douglas County and a small portion of the water providers in Arapahoe County.



| | Type of Eligible Entity (check one) | | | | | | |
|---|---|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| | Public (Government): Municipalities, enterprises, counties, and State of Colorado agencies. Federal agencies are encouraged to work with local entities. Federal agencies are eligible, but only if they can make a compelling case for why a local partner cannot be the grant recipient. | | | | | | |
| Χ | Public (Districts): Authorities, Title 32/special districts (conservancy, conservation, and irrigation districts), and water activity enterprises. | | | | | | |
| | Private Incorporated: Mutual ditch companies, homeowners associations, corporations. | | | | | | |
| | Private Individuals, Partnerships, and Sole Proprietors: Private parties may be eligible for funding. | | | | | | |
| | Non-governmental organizations (NGO): Organization that is not part of the government and is non-profit in nature. | | | | | | |
| | Covered Entity: As defined in Section 37-60-126 Colorado Revised Statutes. | | | | | | |

| | Type of Water Project (check all that apply) | | | | | | | | | |
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| Χ | X Study | | | | | | | | | |
| | Construction | | | | | | | | | |
| Х | Identified Projects and Processes (IPP) | | | | | | | | | |
| | Other | | | | | | | | | |

| (| Category of Water Project (check all that apply and include relevant tasks) |
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| Х | Supply and Demand Gap Projects - Multi-beneficial projects and those projects identified in basin implementation plans to address the water supply and demand gap. Applicable Exhibit A Task(s): |
| | Water Storage Projects - Projects that facilitate the development of additional storage, artificial recharge into aquifers, and dredging existing reservoirs to restore the reservoirs' full decreed storage capacity. Applicable Exhibit A Task(s): |
| | Conservation and Land Use Planning Projects - Activities and projects that implement long-term strategies for conservation, land use, and drought planning. Applicable Exhibit A Task(s): |
| | Engagement & Innovation Projects - Activities and projects that support water education, outreach, and innovation efforts. Please fill out the Supplemental Application available on the website. Applicable Exhibit A Task(s): |
| | Agricultural Projects - Projects that provide technical assistance and improve agricultural efficiency. Applicable Exhibit A Task(s): |
| | Environmental & Recreation Projects – Projects that promote watershed health, environmental health, and recreation. Applicable Exhibit A Task(s): |



| Last U | pdated: July | 2017 |
|--------|--------------|----------|
| | Other | Explain: |

| Location of Water Project | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Please provide the general county and coordinates of the proposed project below in decimal degrees . The Applicant shall also provide, in Exhibit C, a site map if applicable. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| County/Counties | Arapahoe County (with members located in Douglas County) | | | | | | | | | | |
| Latitude | 39.623078° N | | | | | | | | | | |
| Longitude | 104.663117° W | | | | | | | | | | |

Water Project Overview

Please provide a summary of the proposed water project (200 words or less). Include a description of the project and what the CWP Grant funding will be used for specifically (e.g., studies, permitting process, construction). Provide a description of the water supply source to be utilized or the water body affected by the project, where applicable. Include details such as acres under irrigation, types of crops irrigated, number of residential and commercial taps, length of ditch improvements, length of pipe installed, and area of habitat improvements, where applicable. If this project addresses multiple purposes or spans multiple basins, please explain.

The Applicant shall also provide, in Exhibit A, a detailed Statement of Work, Budget, Other Funding Sources/Amounts and Schedule.

The WISE Authority Binney Connection is the next phase of the WISE Partnership and is the continuation of the partnership between Aurora Water, Denver Water, and the WISE Authority to develop a regional water supply project. The Binney Connection will be a new connection between the WISE distribution system and Aurora Water's system that was anticipated in the Water Delivery Agreement. The connection will free up system capacity in Aurora Water's system near the existing WISE connection and provide higher flow rates to the WISE Authority. The project will also add the ability for Aurora Water to provide treated, unblended water from the Prairie Waters Project to Denver Water through the WISE Authority distribution system.

The WISE Authority is seeking a CWCB Water Plan Grant to help with the feasibility study to evaluate how the connection will be made to Aurora Water's system as well as an alignment study for the new pipeline that will interconnect the WISE and Aurora Water systems. The project will include about 5 miles of new pipeline and booster pump stations. The feasibility study and alignment study are scheduled to commence mid to late January of 2018 and will be completed by April 1, 2019.



| Measurable Results | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|---|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| To catalog measurable rest values as applicable: | ults achie | eved with the CWP Grant funds, please provide any of the following | | | | | | | | |
| | New St | orage Created (acre-feet) | | | | | | | | |
| 10,000 AF/Year Average | New Annual Water Supplies Developed or Conserved (acre-feet), Consumptive or Nonconsumptive | | | | | | | | | |
| | Existing Storage Preserved or Enhanced (acre-feet) | | | | | | | | | |
| | Length of Stream Restored or Protected (linear feet) | | | | | | | | | |
| | Efficien | cy Savings (indicate acre-feet/year OR dollars/year) | | | | | | | | |
| | Area of | Restored or Preserved Habitat (acres) | | | | | | | | |
| | Quantit | ry of Water Shared through Alternative Transfer Mechanisms | | | | | | | | |
| | Number of Coloradans Impacted by Incorporating Water-Saving Act into Land Use Planning | | | | | | | | | |
| | Other | | | | | | | | | |

Water Project Justification

Provide a description of how this water project supports the goals of Colorado's Water Plan, the most recent Statewide Water Supply Initiative, and the applicable Roundtable Basin Implementation Plan and Education Action Plan. The Applicant is required to reference specific needs, goals, themes, or Identified Projects and Processes (IPPs), including citations (e.g. document, chapters, sections, or page numbers).

The proposed water project shall be evaluated based upon how well the proposal conforms to Colorado's Water Plan Framework for State of Colorado Support for a Water Project (CWP, Section 9.4, pp. 9-43 to 9-44;)

Demonstrating a commitment to collaboration:

The Binney Connection is the next phase of the WISE Partnership that will continue the collaborative effort between the WISE Authority, Aurora Water and Denver Water. This phase of the WISE Partnership will expand the amount of permanent renewable water supply to 10 South Metro entities, increase Aurora Waters cost-share benefits for the Prairie Waters Project, and provide access to a new emergency backup supply for Denver Water. The Binney Connection will allow for these added benefits to our current systems without affecting capacity in the existing infrastructure.

Addressing an identified water gap:

The Metro/South Platte BIP identified the South Metro area as a significant gap area due to the combination of growing M&I demands and the need to replace current uses of non-renewable groundwater. The WISE Partnership is identified as an IPP in SWSI 2010 (SWSI, Section 5, pp. 5-14 to 5-15) as well as being identified as a reuse IPP in the Metro/South Platte BIP 2015 (South Platte BIP, Section 4.3, pp. 4-24 to 4-25). The WISE Partnership was identified as a "no regret" scenario in planning processes. The WISE Partnership reduces the South Metro gap without creating a new water gap for Denver Water or Aurora Water.



Water Project Justification

Demonstrating sustainability:

The WISE Partnership will provide a sustainable renewable water supply to 10 South Metro entities and reduce the area's M&I gap. This grant application will evaluate the additional infrastructure needed to further maximize the utilization of existing infrastructure.

The WISE Partnership provides a renewable water supply to one of the Metro area's major gap areas without additional transbasin diversions and indirectly helps sustain agriculture and meet environmental needs. It provides a renewable water supply to the South Metro area from reusable return flows. Without the ability to make use of these reusable return flows, the South Metro area would need to meet these needs by acquiring agricultural water rights or developing new water supplies. The project is consistent with the South Platte Recovery Program and all members of the WISE Partnership are members of SPWRAP, which works toward the recovery of threatened and endangered species.

The project will not increase the risk of non-compliance with any interstate compacts; the Project promotes the maximum utilization of state waters by maximizing use of legally available and fully reusable return flows from Aurora Water and Denver Water.

Established fiscal and technical feasibility:

The Binney Connection feasibility study and alignment study will identify infrastructure alternatives to meet current and future needs of the partners, while evaluating the costs associated with all alternatives. This feasibility study will allow the partners to assess the cost/benefits of each alternative, maximizing value to their constituents. This work is critical in selecting the most cost-effective infrastructure that provides the best benefits to the collaborative partnership.

The Binney connection will not make any changes to the WISE Partnership that will affect the technical or legal availability of water.

The WISE partnership has the funds available to support the remaining portion of the studies. The WISE Partnership will be ready to proceed with the studies as soon as the grant funding is made available. The anticipated project start date will be mid to late January 2018. No permits will be required to complete the scope of work included in this grant application.

Related Studies

Please provide a list of any related studies, including if the water project is complementary to or assists in the implementation of other CWCB programs.



Related Studies

The overall WISE Partnership is detailed in a 2012 CWCB Loan Feasibility Study (available upon request), and the details of the conjunctive use infrastructure is available in preliminary design memos prepared by the WISE Authority (available upon request).

Previous CWCB Grants, Loans or Other Funding

List all previous or current CWCB grants (including WSRF) awarded to both the Applicant and Grantee. Include: 1) Applicant name; 2) Water activity name; 3) Approving RT(s); 4) CWCB board meeting date; 5) Contract number or purchase order; 6) Percentage of other CWCB funding for your overall project.

- SMWA on behalf of the Water Infrastructure and Supply Efficiency (WISE) Partnership
- 2) Western Pipeline Connection Engineering and Design
- 3) Metro Basin
- 4) September 2013
- Contract # CTGG1 2015-391
- 6) 2.97%
- 1) SMWA on behalf of the Water Infrastructure and Supply Efficiency (WISE) Partnership
- 2) Conjunctive Use Infrastructure
- 3) Metro Basin, North Platte Basin, South Platte Basin, Colorado Basin, Arkansas Basin, Gunnison Basin, and Yampa/White Basin
- September 2015
- 5) Contract # CTGG1 2016-1081
- 6) 1.64%

Taxpayer Bill of Rights

The Taxpayer Bill of Rights (TABOR) may limit the amount of grant money an entity can receive. Please describe any relevant TABOR issues that may affect your application.

The WISE Authority does not anticipate any TABOR issues.



| | Submittal Checklist | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Х | I acknowledge the Grantee will be able to contract with CWCB using the Standard Contract. | | | | | | | | |
| Exhib | it A | | | | | | | | |
| X Statement of Work ⁽¹⁾ | | | | | | | | | |
| Х | Budget & Schedule ⁽¹⁾ (Spreadsheet) | | | | | | | | |
| Х | Letters of Matching and/or Pending 3 rd Party Commitments ⁽¹⁾ | | | | | | | | |
| Exhib | oit C | | | | | | | | |
| Х | Map (if applicable) ⁽¹⁾ | | | | | | | | |
| | Photos/Drawings/Reports | | | | | | | | |
| (3) | Letters of Support (Support letter from Basin Roundtable encouraged) | | | | | | | | |
| Х | Certificate of Insurance (General, Auto, & Workers' Comp.) (2) | | | | | | | | |
| | Certificate of Good Standing with Colorado Secretary of State ⁽²⁾ | | | | | | | | |
| Х | W-9 ⁽²⁾ | | | | | | | | |
| Independent Contractor Form ⁽²⁾ (If applicant is individual, not company/organization) | | | | | | | | | |
| Enga | gement & Innovation Grant Applicants ONLY | | | | | | | | |
| | Engagement & Innovation Supplemental Application ⁽¹⁾ | | | | | | | | |

- (1) Required with application.
- (2) Required for contracting. While optional at the time of this application, submission can expedite contracting upon CWCB Board approval.
- (3) Will be provided once the Metro Basin Roundtable has met to evaluate the applications.



Exhibit A Statement of Work



Colorado Water Conservation Board

Water Plan Grant - Exhibit A

| | Statement Of Work |
|------------------------|----------------------------|
| Date: | July 27, 2017 |
| Name of Applicant: | South Metro WISE Authority |
| Name of Water Project: | WISE Binney Connection |
| Funding Source: | Water Plan Grant |

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Objectives: List the objectives of the project.

- 1. Evaluate the feasibility alternatives for connecting to Aurora Water's Binney Water Purification Facility.
- 2. Prepare opinions of probable cost for alternatives for connecting to Aurora Water's Binney Water Purification Facility.
- 3. Evaluate pipeline alignment alternatives for connection between the Binney Water Purification Facility to the existing WISE Partnership Western Pipeline.
- 4. Prepare opinions of probable cost for alternative pipeline alignments between the Binney Water Purification Facility and the Western Pipeline.



Tasks

Provide a detailed description of each project task using the following format:

Task 1 - Binney Water Purification Facility Connection Feasibility Study

Description of Task:

Task 1 will identify and assess options for connecting to existing Binney Water Purification Facility to provide blended and unblended return flow connections to the WISE system.

Method/Procedure:

- Identify locations of blended supply connection and unblended supply connection.
- Assess options than can provide redundancy when the Binney Water Purification Facility is offline for maintenance or improvements.
- Evaluate the pump stations required to convey the flow as well as potential locations and area requirements.
- Assess the viability of having a pump station located on the Binney Water Purification Site.
- Evaluate potential joint infrastructure opportunities.
- Prepare opinions of probable cost for all viable alternatives.

Grantee Deliverable: Describe the deliverable the grantee expects from this task

A Technical Memorandum that analyzes connection alternatives and provides opinions of probable cost for all viable alternative. The Technical Memorandum will include schematics for all viable alternatives.

CWCB Deliverable: Describe the deliverable the grantee will provide CWCB documenting the completion of this task

A Technical Memorandum that analyzes connection alternatives and provides opinions of probable cost for all viable alternative. The Technical Memorandum will include schematics for all viable alternatives.



Provide a detailed description of each task using the following format: Task 2 – WISE Binney Connection Pipeline Alignment Study Description of Task: Task 2 will identify and assess pipeline alignment alternatives for connecting Aurora Water's Binney Water Purification Facility to current the current WISE system. Method/Procedure: • Evaluate alignment alternatives for environmental, cultural, geological, and permitting impacts. • Collect and assess impacts to current land use planning. • Obtain property ownership and easements located along each viable alignment alternative.

Grantee Deliverable: Describe the deliverable the grantee expects from this task

A Technical Memorandum that analyzes pipeline alignment alternatives and provides opinions of probable cost for all viable alternative. The Technical Memorandum will include schematics for all viable alignments and alignment profiles.

Identify potential utility conflicts for each viable alignment alternative.

Develop opinions of probable cost for each viable alignment alternative.

• Prepare hydraulic profiles for each viable alignment alternative.

CWCB Deliverable: Describe the deliverable the grantee will provide CWCB documenting the completion of this task

A Technical Memorandum that analyzes pipeline alignment alternatives and provides opinions of probable cost for all viable alternative. The Technical Memorandum will include schematics for all viable alignments and alignment profiles.



Repeat for Task 3, Task 4, Task 5, etc.

Budget and Schedule

This Statement of Work shall be accompanied by a combined Budget and Schedule that reflects the Tasks identified in the Statement of Work and shall be submitted to CWCB in excel format.

Reporting Requirements

Progress Reports: The applicant shall provide the CWCB a progress report every 6 months, beginning from the date of issuance of a purchase order, or the execution of a contract. The progress report shall describe the status of the tasks identified in the statement of work, including a description of any major issues that have occurred and any corrective action taken to address these issues. The CWCB may withhold reimbursement until satisfactory progress reports have been submitted.

Final Report: At completion of the project, the applicant shall provide the CWCB a Final Report on the applicant's letterhead that:

- Summarizes the project and how the project was completed.
- Describes any obstacles encountered, and how these obstacles were overcome.
- Confirms that all matching commitments have been fulfilled.
- Includes photographs, summaries of meetings and engineering reports/designs.

The CWCB will withhold disbursement the last 10% of the budget until the Final Report is completed to the satisfaction of CWCB staff. Once the Final Report has been accepted, and final payment has been issued, the purchase order or grant will be closed without any further payment.

Binney Connection Feasibility and Alignment Study Estimated Cost Table

| Task | Es | timated Cost | Grant Request Match Percent | Grant Request Amount | WISE Funding Contribution | DW Funding Contribution | AW Funding Contribution | Total Funding | | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|------------------|-----|-----------|
| Binney Site Feasibility Study | \$ 100,000 | | 50% | \$50,000 | \$25,000 | \$12,500 | \$12,500 | \$100,000 | | |
| Binney Connection Alignment Study | nection Alignment Study \$ 15 | | Connection Alignment Study \$ 150,000 | | 20% | \$30,000 | \$102,000 | \$18,000 | \$0 | \$150,000 |
| Total | \$ | 250,000 | 32% | \$80,000 | \$127,000 | \$30,500 | \$12,500 | \$250,000 | | |

Draft Binney Connection Project Schedule

| Task A | | 2017 | | | | | 2018 | | | | | | | | | | | | | Estimated | | | | |
|--|--|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----------|-----|-----|-----|-----------|
| | | Sept | Oct | Nov | Dec | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sept | Oct | Nov | Dec | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Duration |
| Preliminary Project Coordination with Partners | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 3 Months |
| Biding and Contracting Task 1 Binney Site Connection Feasibility Study | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 2 Months |
| Task 1 Binney Site Feasibility Study | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 10 Months |
| Bidding and Contracting Task 2 Binney Conn. Pipeline Alignment Study | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 3 Months |
| Task 2 Pipeline Alignment Study | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 15 Months |

Note: We anticipate the notice to proceed date to selected consultants will be January 15, 2018 contingent upon the notice to proceed from CWCB.



Exhibit B Map

Robertsdale Tank Binney WPF Proposed Binney Connection Aurora Reservoir **ECCV** Connection Smoky Hill Tank **Aurora Water** & Rangeview Connections Source: Esri, DigitalGlobe, GeoEye, Earthstar Geographics, CNES/Airbus DS, USDA, USGS, AeroGRID, IGN, and the GIS User Community 8/1/2017

Proposed WISE Binney Connection

Legend

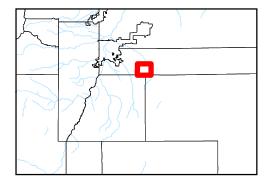
- Water Purification Facility
- **◆** WISE Connections



Existing Pipelines

*Proposed Pipelines

*(One Alternative)







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July 31, 2017

To:

Colorado Water Conservation Board c/o Greg Johnson, Project Manager 1313 Sherman Street, Suite 721 Denver, Colorado

RE:

Colorado Water Plan Grant Application

WISE Binney Connection

Dear Honorable Board Members:

The guidelines for the Colorado Water Plan Grant program require the submittal of a Letter of (financial) Commitment by the grant applicant. The South Metro WISE Authority does hereby commit to provide the outstanding financial obligation for the WISE Binney Connection project, after applicable grant funds have been applied. The total estimated cost of the project is \$250,000.

The South Metro WISE Authority partners, Aurora Water and Denver Water, will be providing financial support to the project, as well. The partners' support will be subject to an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between the parties, which will be reviewed by and subject to the approval of the parties' Boards and Council, as applicable. It is anticipated that the subject IGA will define the cooperative future efforts of the parties, as well as the financial obligation, as needed for this grant project and other joint tasks related to the WISE Partnership, its operations and infrastructure development.

We look forward to working with the Colorado Water Conservation Board and its staff on this next phase of the WISE Partnership. If you have any questions or require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at lisadarling@southmetrowater.org or (720) 216-5158.

Sincerely,

Lisa Darling, Executive Director

August 11, 2017

Colorado Water Conservation Board 1313 Sherman Street, Suite 721 Denver, CO 80203

RE: Metro Roundtable Letter of Support

Dear Honorable Board Members,

On behalf of the Metro Roundtable, acting as its Chairwoman, I am writing to express the Roundtable's support for the Colorado Water Plan grant application for the WISE Binney Connection submitted by the South Metro WISE Authority (Authority).

The Authority's Binney Connection is the next phase of the WISE Partnership and is the continuation of the partnership between Aurora Water, Denver Water, and the WISE Authority to fully develop this regional water supply project. The Binney Connection will be a new connection between the WISE distribution system and Aurora Water's system. The connection will allow Aurora Water to provide higher flow rates to the Authority while freeing up capacity in Aurora Water's distribution system to meet its own future water demands. The project will also add the ability for Aurora Water to provide treated, unblended water from its Prairie Waters system to Denver Water through the WISE Authority distribution system. The WISE Partnership has been identified in SWSI as an IPP for a number of years.

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Sincerely,

Barbara Biggs, Chairwoman

Metro Roundtable

Barbara Biggs