

Arkansas Basin Roundtable

July 25, 2017

Via Electronic Mail: ben.wade@state.co.us

Mr. Ben Wade
Colorado Water Conservation Board
1313 Sherman Street, Room 721
Denver, CO 80203

Re: Water Supply Reserve Fund Grant Application: Adobe Creek Dam Rehabilitation

Dear Ben:

At its July 12, 2017 meeting, the Arkansas Basin Roundtable (ABRT) approved the Adobe Creek Dam Rehabilitation grant application for \$100,000 in Basin Funds and \$1,000,000 in Statewide Funds. There were no dissenting opinions expressed in the consensus decision. However, the approval was based on the recommendation that the Applicant wait to contract with the State until after January 1, 2018, unless the Arkansas Basin Roundtable Funds are adequate to fund this application at an earlier date. The Applicant is aware of this recommendation.

Regarding the Colorado Water Plan, the Adobe Creek Dam Rehabilitation directly supports Objective E., Storage: *"Prioritize grants and loans to support the implementation of BIP-identified multipurpose projects and methods, taking into consideration locally identified geographic and seasonal gaps."* and Objective F. Watershed Health, Environment, and Recreation: Protect Healthy Environments: *"Understand, protect, maintain, and improve conditions of streams, lakes, wetlands, and riparian areas to promote self-sustaining fisheries and functional riparian and wetland habitat to promote long-term resiliency."* Adobe Creek Reservoir is an important habitat for endangered species as well as a regional, recreational amenity.

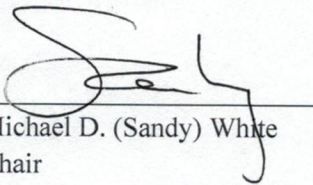
Finally, the Arkansas Basin Implementation Plan Executive Summary includes a policy statement:

"The preservation of irrigated agriculture in the Arkansas Basin shall be given a high priority in the state water plan. It is too important to tourism, the preservation of food production, recreation, the environment and the health and well-being of our citizens as well as the economy of the State of Colorado."

The Adobe Creek Dam Rehabilitation Project is both a critical element supporting irrigated agriculture and a demonstration of that policy statement in action.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me either by telephone, 719-742-6164, or by email, sandy@white-jankowski.com.

With warm regards



Michael D. (Sandy) White
Chair

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ABRT Executive Committee