Water Supply Reserve Fund Water Activity Summary Sheet March 21-22, 2018 Agenda Item 25(bb)

Applicant & Grantee: Town of Ignacio

Water Activity Name: Ignacio Irrigation Utility Improvements Project

Water Activity Purpose: Agricultural Implementation

County: La Plata

Drainage Basin: Los Pinos

Water Source: Los Pinos River

Amount Requested: \$48,750 Southwest Basin Account

Matching Funds: Applicant Match (cash & in-kind) = \$81,250

• 166% of the Basin Account request (meets 25% min)

• 63% of the total project cost of \$130,000

Staff Recommendation:

Staff recommends approval of up to \$48,750 from the Southwest Basin Account to help fund the project titled: Ignacio Irrigation Utility Improvements Project.

Water Activity Summary: WSRF grant funds, if approved, will help the Town of Ignacio complete improvements to the irrigation utility distribution piping and storage pond. A water model study is currently underway and studying distribution piping and storage pond improvements; distribution piping improvements will focus on improved system pressurization, control and looping and storage improvements will focus on pond expansion, lining and inlet/outlet piping, and completion of this work will improve overall water delivery to customers and enhance and enlarge storage. Currently, the Irrigation Utility serves approximately 250 customers with irrigation water supplied via water rights that originate from the Los Pinos River (Town Rights: 0.3 cfs absolute, 0.25 cfs conditional, and 128 BIA Goodnight Ditch shares) and conveyed to a small storage pond.

These improvements will also aide in providing future service when growth occurs within Ignacio. Utilization of irrigation water reduces the use of potable water for typical residential watering needs for lawns and gardens. Objectives include the following:

- 1. Improve water delivery to some customers who currently have minimum operating pressure due to low-head pressure caused by customer proximity to the storage pond.
- 2. Improve distribution piping with the addition of control valving for better system isolation and looping.
- 3. Improve and expand the current storage facilities resulting in less system water lose and expanded capacity for future growth and use.
- 4. Improve the use of irrigation water throughout the utility service area resulting in the reduced use of potable water for lawn, garden and landscaping water needs.

Discussion: As described in the Southwest Basin Roundtable (SWBRT) chair's recommendation letter, this project was supported and recommended for approval by the roundtable on January 11,

2018. The project builds on SWBRT *IPP #7-LP: Infrastructure improvements, expansions and enlargements to distribution systems and storage facilities.* What is unique about the proposal is that Ignacio is expanding their capacity to serve lot irrigators with untreated water. This approach will push the need for very expensive treatment plant expansion into the future.

This project also assists in satisfying Colorado's Water Plan Critical Goals and Actions as identified in *Chapter 10.3*, *A. Water Supply-Demand Gap* and *B. Conservation* by addressing municipal demand management. Watershed management and instream flows are major factors that affect Ignacio, and this water activity has been dependent on proper oversight of both of these key water issues. The Statewide Water Supply Initative and specifically the ongoing update further look into watershed management and instream flows relative to specific Basin Implementation Plans. The SWBRT has explicitly identified this Ignacio Water Activity (IPP ID 7-LP), and is in the process of updating the IPP relative to the current and proposed utility objectives.

Issues/Additional Needs: No additional needs have been identified.

Eligibility Requirements: The application meets requirements of all eligibility components.

Evaluation Criteria: Staff has determined this activity satisfies the Evaluation Criteria.

Funding Summary / Matching Funds:

Funding Source	<u>Cash</u>	In-Kind	Total
Town of Ignacio - Irrigation Utility Fund	\$32,500	\$0	\$32,500
Southwest Water Conservation District	\$48,750	n/a	\$48,750
Subtotal	\$81,250	\$0	\$81,250
WSRF Southwest Basin Account	\$48,750	n/a	\$48,750
Totals	\$130,000	\$0	\$130,000

CWCB Project Manager: Megan Holcomb

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

January 17, 2018

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

SUBJECT: Town of Ignacio, Irrigation Improvements Project, \$48,750 from the Basin Fund Account

Dear Ms. Holcomb:

The Southwest Basin Roundtable approved funding of \$48,750 from the Basin Fund for the Town of Ignacio Irrigation Improvement Project. The application was considered in detail at the January 11, 2018 meeting of the Southwest Basin Roundtable. There was a quorum of Roundtable members present.

This project builds SWBRT IPP 7-LP: Infrastructure improvements, expansions and enlargements to distribution system, treatment facilities and storage facilities. What is unique about the proposed project is that Ignacio is expanding their capacity to serve lot irrigators with untreated water. This approach will push the need for very expensive treatment plant expansion into the future.

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



Colorado Water Conservation Board

Water Supply Reserve Fund Grant Application

Instructions

All WSRF grant applications shall conform to the current 2016 WSRF Criteria and Guidelines.

To receive funding from the WSRF, a proposed water activity must be approved by a Roundtable(s) **AND** the Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB). The process for Roundtable consideration and recommendation is outlined in the 2016 WSRF Criteria and Guidelines. The CWCB meets bimonthly according to the schedule on page 2 of this application.

If you have questions, please contact the current CWCB staff Roundtable liaison:

Arkansas Gunnison | North Platte | Colorado | Metro | Rio Grande | South Platte | Yampa/White Southwest

Ben Wade Craig Godbout Megan Holcomb

303-866-3441 x3238 303-866-3441 x3210 303-866-3441 x3222

	WSRF Submittal Checklist (Required)		
X	I acknowledge this request for funding was recommended for CWCB approval by the sponsoring Basin Roundtable(s).		
X	I acknowledge I have read and understand the 2016 WSRF Criteria and Guidelines.		
X	I acknowledge the Grantee will be able to contract with CWCB using the Standard Contract. (1)		
Exhil	bit A		
X	Statement of Work ⁽²⁾ (Word – see Exhibit A Template)		
X	Budget & Schedule ⁽²⁾ (Excel Spreadsheet – see Exhibit A Template)		
	Letters of Matching and/or Pending 3 rd Party Commitments ⁽²⁾		
Exhil	bit C		
X	Map ⁽²⁾		
X	Photos/Drawings/Reports		
	Letters of Support		
	Certificate of Insurance ⁽³⁾ (General, Auto, & Workers' Comp.)		
Cont	racting Documents		
	Certificate of Good Standing ⁽³⁾		
	W-9 ⁽³⁾		
	Independent Contractor Form ⁽³⁾ (If applicant is individual, not company/organization)		
	Electronic Funds Transfer (ETF) Form ⁽³⁾		

- (1) Click "Grant Agreements". For reference only/do not fill out or submit/required for contracting
- (2) Required with application if applicable.
- (3) Required for contracting. While optional at the time of this application, submission can expedite contracting upon CWCB Board approval.



Schedule			
CWCB Meeting	Application Submittal Dates	Type of Request	
January	December 1	Basin Account; BIP	
March	February 1	Basin/Statewide Account; BIP	
May	April 1	Basin Account; BIP	
July	June 1	Basin Account; BIP	
September	August 1	Basin/Statewide Account; BIP	
November	October 1	Basin Account/BIP	

Desired Timeline		
Desired CWCB Hearing Month:	March 2018	
Desired Notice to Proceed Date:	April 2018	

Water Activity Summary		
Name of Applicant	Town of Ignacio	
Name of Water Activity	Ignacio Irrigation Utility Improvements Project	
Approving Roundtable	e(s)	Basin Account Request(s) ⁽¹⁾
Southwest Basin Roundtable		\$48,750
Basin Account Request Subtotal		\$48,750
Statewide Account Request ⁽¹⁾		\$0
Total WSRF Funds Requested (Basin & Statewide)		\$48,750
Total Project Costs		\$130,000

⁽¹⁾ Please indicate the amount recommended for approval by the Roundtable(s)



Grantee and Applicant Information			
Name of Grantee(s)	Town of Ignacio		
Mailing Address	PO Box 459, Ignacio, CO 81137		
FEIN	84-6006227		
Grantee's Organization Contact ⁽¹⁾	Mark Garcia		
Position/Title	Interim Town Manager		
Email	mgarcia@townofignacio.com		
Phone	970-563-9494		
Grant Management Contact ⁽²⁾	Diana Briar		
Position/Title	Treasurer		
Email	dbriar@townofignacio.com		
Phone	970-563-9494		
Name of Applicant (if different than grantee)			
Mailing Address			
Position/Title			
Email			
Phone			

- (1) Person with signatory authority
- (2) Person responsible for creating reimbursement invoices (Invoice for Services) and corresponding with CWCB staff.

Description of Grantee

Provide a brief description of the grantee's organization (100 words or less).

The Town of Ignacio is an incorporated municipality with an elected Town Board of Trustees and a full-time staff of 17 employees. The Town provides multiple utility services to customers in the incorporated town limits including water, sewer, natural gas and irrigation services. The Irrigation Utility provides irrigation water to approximately 250 customers who use water for landscaping, gardens and lawns. The Irrigation Utility was built in 1993, and has approximately 6.9 miles of underground pipe, and multiple control valves. Service flows are all gravitational. Irrigation operations are from May-September, and services and usage are not metered.



	Type of Eligible Entity (check one)			
X	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.			
	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: are eligible for funding from the Basin Accounts but not for funding from the Statewide Account.			
	Non-governmental organizations: broadly, any organization that is not part of the government			
	Covered Entity: as defined in Section 37-60-126 Colorado Revised Statutes			

	Type of Water Activity (check one)		
	Study		
X	Implementation		

	Category of Water Activity (check all that apply)				
	Nonconsur	Nonconsumptive (Environmental)			
	Nonconsumptive (Recreational)				
X	Agricultural				
	Municipal/Industrial				
	Needs Assessment				
	Education & Outreach				
	Other	Explain:			

Location of Water Activity				
Please provide the general county and coordinates of the proposed activity below in decimal degrees . The Applicant shall also provide, in Exhibit C, a site map if applicable.				
County/Counties La Plata				
Latitude 37deg 07'29"N				
Longitude 107deg38'36"W				



Water Activity Overview

Please provide a summary of the proposed water activity (200 words or less). Include a description of the activity and what the WSRF funding will be used for specifically (e.g. studies, permitting, construction). Provide a description of the water supply source to be utilized or the water body affected by the activity. 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, area of habitat improvements. 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, and Schedule.

Currently, the Irrigation Utility serves approximately 250 customers with irrigation water supplied via water rights that originate from the Los Pinos River (Town Rights: .3 cfs absolute, .25 cfs conditional, and 128 BIA Goodnight Ditch shares) and conveyed to a small storage pond. The Town would like to complete improvements to the Irrigation Utility distribution piping and storage pond. A water model study is currently underway and studying distribution piping and storage pond improvements, which will result in an improvements plan that is scheduled to be complete in January. Distribution piping improvements will focus on improved system pressurization, control and looping. Storage improvements will focus on pond expansion, lining and inlet/outlet piping. Completion of this work will improve overall water delivery to customers and enhance and enlarge storage. A detailed statement of work is provided in Exhibit A. This grant request and a SWCD grant request for the same amount, combined with Utility reserves will be used to fund this project estimated at \$130,000. These improvements will also aide in providing future service when growth occurs within Ignacio. Utilization of irrigation water reduces the use of potable water on typical residential watering needs for lawns and gardens.

Measurable Results				
To catalog measurable resu	To catalog measurable results achieved with WSRF funds please provide any of the following values.			
	New Storage Created (acre-feet)			
	New Annual Water Supplies Developed or Conserved (acre-feet), Consumptive or Nonconsumptive			
X (.4 acre-feet)	Existing Storage Preserved or Enhanced (acre-feet)			
	Length of Stream Restored or Protected (linear feet)			
	Efficiency Savings (indicate acre-feet/year OR dollars/year)			
	Area of Restored or Preserved Habitat (acres)			
	Length of Pipe/Canal Built or Improved			
	Other Explain:			



Water Activity Justification

Provide a description of how this water activity supports the goals of <u>Colorado's Water Plan</u>, the most recent <u>Statewide Water Supply Initiative</u>, and the respective <u>Roundtable Basin Implementation Plan</u> and <u>Education Action Plan</u> (1). 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).

For applications that include a request for funds from the Statewide Account, the proposed water activity shall be evaluated based upon how well the proposal conforms to Colorado's Water Plan criteria for state support (CWP, Section 9.4, pp. 9-43 to 9-44;) (Also listed pp. 4-5 in 2016 WSRF Criteria and Guidelines).

Water is a precious resource for Colorado and the Colorado Water Plan (CWP) is critical for essential planning and management of this resource. The CWP has numerous chapters that address water issues in Colorado, and the key chapters that effect our water activity are relative to Supply, Demand and Management. Watershed management and instream flows are major factors that effect Ignacio, and this water activity has been dependent on proper oversight of both of these key water issues.

The Statewide Water Supply Initative (SWSI) and specifically the ongoing update further look into watershed management and instream flow relative to specific Basin Implementation Plans. The Southwest Basin Roundtable has identified the Ignacio Water Activity (IPP ID 7-LP), and is in the process of updating the IPP relative to the current and proposed utility objectives. This IPP will be more definitive and achievable once this update is completed.

This project will greatly enhance our utility and contribute to the mission and goals detailed in the CWP, SWSI and Basin Implementation Plan.

(1) Access Basin Implementation Plans or Education Action Plans from Basin drop down menu.



Matching Requirements: Basin Account Requests

Basin (only) Account grant requests require a 25% match (cash and/or in-kind) from the Applicant or 3rd party and shall be accompanied by a **letter of commitment** as described in the 2016 WSRF Criteria and Guidelines (submitted on the contributing entity's letterhead). Attach additional sheet if necessary.

Contributing Entity	Amount and Form of Match (note cash or in-kind)
Town of Ignacio - Irrigation Utility Fund	\$16,250 - cash
Total Match	\$16,250
If you requested a Waiver to the Basin Account matching requirements, indicate the percentage you wish waived.	

Matching Requirements: Statewide Account Requests

Statewide Account grant requests require a 50% match as described in the 2016 WSRF Criteria and Guidelines. A minimum of 10% match shall be from Basin Account funds (cash only). A minimum of 10% match shall be provided by the applicant or 3rd party (cash, in-kind, or combination). The remaining 30% of the required match may be provided from any other source (Basin, applicant, or 3rd party) and shall be accompanied by a **letter of commitment**. Attach additional sheet if necessary.

Contributing Entity	Amount and Form of Match (note cash or in-kind):		
Total Match	\$		
If you requested a Waiver to the Statewide Account matching, indicate % you wish waived. (Max 50% reduction of requirement).			



Related Studies
Please provide a list of any related studies, including if the water activity is complimentary to or assists
in the implementation of other CWCB programs.
No related studies exist for this project.
Previous CWCB Grants
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
No grants have been awarded to the applicant.
Tax Payer Bill of Rights
The Tax Payer Bill of Rights (TABOR) may limit the amount of grant money an entity can receive. Please describe any relevant TABOR issues that may affect the applicant.
No TABOR issues exist for the Town.



Colorado Water Conservation Board				
Water Supply Reserve Fund				
Exhibit A - Statement of Work				
Date	January 3, 2018			
Water Activity Name:	Town of Ignacio Irrigation Utility			
Grant Recipient:	Town of Ignacio			
Funding Source:	WSRF			

Water Activity Overview: (Please provide brief description of the proposed water activity (no more than 200 words). Include a description of the overall water activity and specifically what the WSRF funding will be used for.

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Objectives: (List the objectives of the project)

- 1. Improve water delivery to some customers who currently have minimum operating pressure due to low-head pressure caused by customer proximity to the storage pond.
- 2. Improve distribution piping with the addition of control valving for better system isolation and looping.
- 3. Improve and expand the current storage facilities resulting in less system water lose and expanded capacity for future growth and use.
- 4. Improve the use of irrigation water throughout the utility service area resulting in the reduced use of potable water for lawn, garden and landscaping water needs.



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

Task 1 - Pipeline Improvements - WSRF Grant Request

Description of Task:

Current customer supply flow is a gravity flow, which is not sufficient for customers located in close proximity to the storage pond. The water model will test different operation scenarios and determine design operating pressures and desired location for placement of inline pumps. Pumps will be added to the system based on this analysis, and some system pressure reductions may be needed for areas of the system that may become over-pressurized when pumps are added.

Additionally, new pipeline control valving is planned for improved system control and looping. Valves will be added at locations identified in the water model that will assist with isolation and looping of segments of the pipeline. Currently there are a limited number of valves which require large portions of the system to be turned off when repairs and maintenance are completed.

Construction drawings will be prepared once the improvements plan is complete and the project bid. Project award will occur once grant funding has been secured. Ideally, the work will be completed by May and the irrigation system in operation as usual for the season.

Method/Procedure: Construction Improvements

Locations on the pipeline will be fitted with pumps and valves consistent with the water model and construction drawings.

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

All pipeline improvements will be completed per construction drawings.

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

A completed set of as-built drawings will be provided upon completion, if necessary.



Tasks

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

<u>Task 2 -</u> Storage Pond Improvements – SWCD Grant Request

Description of Task:

NOTE: This is another task that is part of the project but is intended to be funded with SWCD grant funds. If WSRF funds remain after completion of Task 1, we would like approval to use the remaining funds on this task, if necessary. Below is the description of task work:

The current estimated storage pond (.4 acre-feet in size) is constructed of dirt, and in need of lining in order to reduce water seepage and water lose. Added capacity is also a desired improvement which will be studied in the water modeling study, and sized for current and future irrigation water delivery. Inlet and outlet piping improvements are also planned and will be accomplished along with the expansion improvements.

Construction drawings will be prepared once the improvements plan is complete and the project bid. Project award will occur once grant funding has been secured. Ideally, the work will be completed by May and the irrigation system in operation as usual for the season.

Method/Procedure: Construction Improvements

Excavation of the current pond will be completed to remove silt accumulations and restore the original pond bottom. Pond berms will be improved and anticipated expansion will occur on the east and south sides of the pond. Desirable soils or other soil stabilizers will be added to pond berms, and a pond liner will be installed.

Inlet and outlet piping will also be repaired or replaced depending on condition of piping and valves.

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

All pond improvements will be completed per construction drawings.

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

A completed set of as-built drawings will be provided upon completion, if necessary.

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



Budget and Schedule

Exhibit B - 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 <u>excel format</u>.

Reporting Requirements

Reporting: The grantee shall provide their respective Roundtable(s) and the CWCB a Progress Report every 6 months, beginning from the date of executed contract. The Progress Report shall describe the status of the water activity, the completion or partial completion of the tasks indentified in the Statement of Work – Exhibit A including a description of any major issues that have occurred and any corrective action to address these issues. The CWCB may withhold reimbursement until satisfactory Progress Reports have been submitted.

<u>Final Deliverable:</u> At the completion of the water activity, the grantee shall provide their respective Roundtable(s) and the CWCB a final report on the grantee's letterhead that:

- Summarizes the water activity and how the water activity was completed
- Describes any obstacles encountered, and how these obstacles were overcome
- Explains the Proposed Budget versus the Actual Budget
- · Confirms that all matching commitments have been fulfilled
- Includes photographs, summaries of meeting and engineering reports/design, if appropriate

The CWCB will pay the last 10% of the <u>entire</u> water activity budget when 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 water activity and purchase order or contract will be closed without any further payment. Any entity that fails to complete a satisfactory Final Report and submit to CWCB within 90 days of the expiration of a purchase order or contract may be denied consideration for future funding of any type from CWCB.



Colorado Water Conservation Board

Water Supply Reserve Fund

EXHIBIT B - BUDGET AND SCHEDULE - Direct & Indirect (Administrative) Costs

Date: (Including all edit dates) January 03, 2018

Water Activity Name: Town of Ignacio Irrigation Utility

Grantee Name: Town of Ignacio

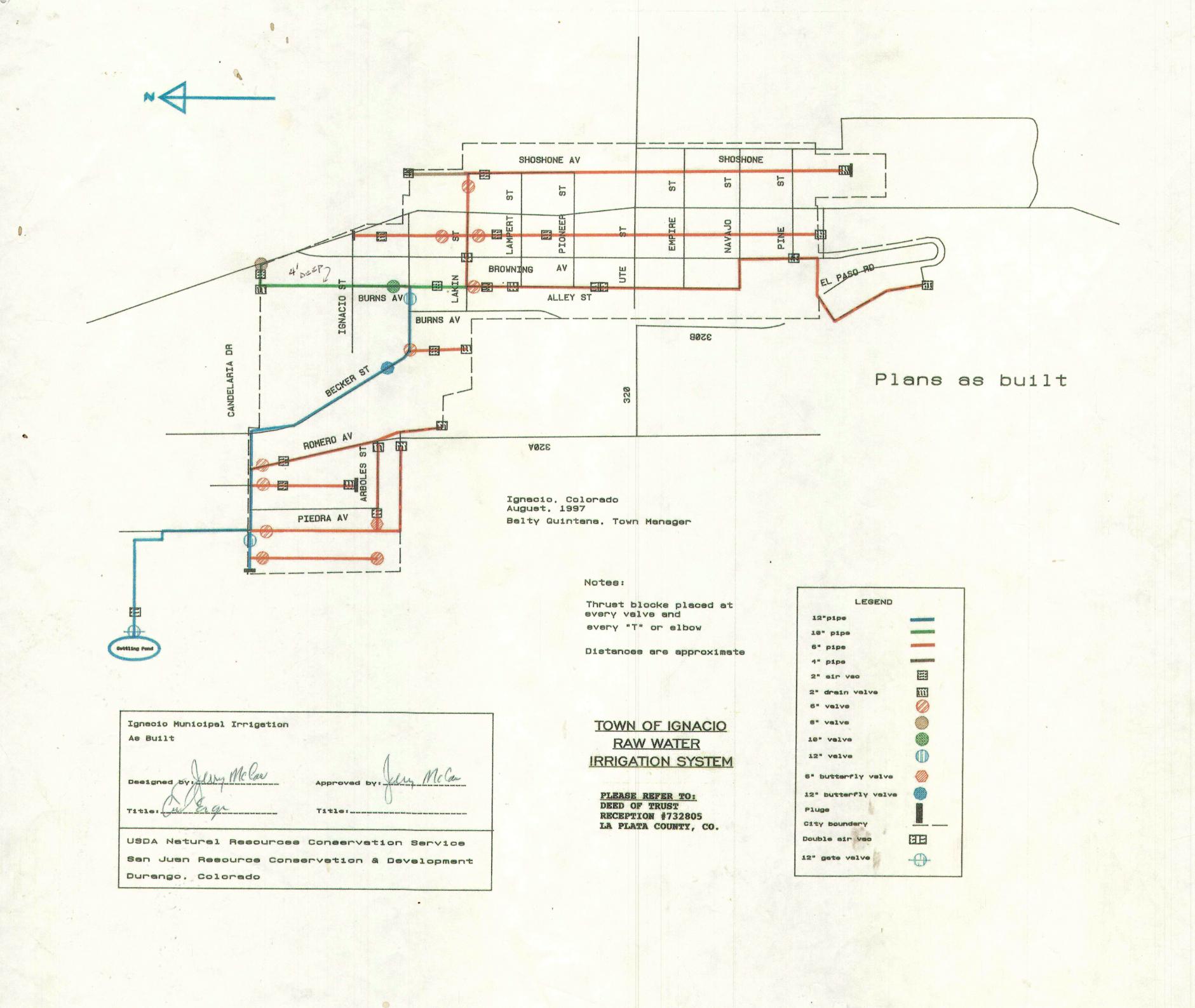
Task No. ⁽¹⁾	<u>Description</u>	Start Date ⁽²⁾	End Date	Matching Funds (cash & in-kind) ⁽³⁾	WSRF Funds (Basin & Statewide combined) ⁽³⁾	<u>Total</u>
Task 1	Pipeline Improvements	5/1/2018	6/30/2018			
1.1	Construction Documention & Admin.	5/1/2018	6/30/2018	\$8,750	\$0	\$8,750
1.2	Pipeline Improvements	5/14/2018	6/30/2018	\$7,500	\$48,750	\$56,250
						\$0
						\$0
Task 2	Storage Pond Improvements	5/1/2018	6/30/2018			\$0
	Construction Documention & Admin.	5/1/2018	6/30/2018	\$8,750		\$8,750
	Storage Pond Improvements	5/14/2018	6/30/2018	\$56,250		\$56,250
						\$0
						\$0
	Note: Task 2 funding has been approved by the Southwest Water Conservation District. Expenditures					\$0
	and associated matches are identical to the breakdown illustrated in Task 1. Any potential funds remaining in					
	Task 1 would be applied to Storage Pond Improvements (Task 2), if necessary.					\$0
	Total				\$48,750	\$130,000

⁽¹⁾ The single task that include costs for Grant Administration must provide a labor breakdown (see Indirect Costs tab below) where the total WSRF Grant contribution towards that task does not exceed 15% of the total WSRF Grant amount.

- (2) Start Date for funding under \$100K 45 Days from Board Approval; Start Date for funding over \$100K 90 Days from Board Approval.
- (3) Round values up to the nearest hundred dollars.
- Reimbursement eligibility commences upon the grantee's receipt of a Notice to Proceed (NTP)
- NTP will not be accepted as a start date. Project activities may commence as soon as the grantee enters contract and receives formal signed State Agreement.

The CWCB will pay the last 10% of the entire water activity budget when the Final Report is completed to the satisfaction of the CWCB staff project manager. Once the Final Report has been accepted, the final payment has been issued, the water activity and purchase order (PO) or contract will be closed without any futher payment. Any entity that fails to complete a satisfactory Final Report and submit to the CWCB with 90 days of the expiration of the PO or contract may be denied consideration for future funding of any type from the CWCB.

- Additionally, the applicant shall provide a progress report every 6 months, beginning from the date of contract execution
- Standard contracting proceedures dictate that the Expiration Date of the contract shall be 5 years from the Effective Date.





THE SOUTHWESTERN WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Developing and Conserving the Waters of the SAN JUAN AND DOLORES RIVERS AND THEIR TRIBUTARIES IN SOUTHWESTERN COLORADO

West Building – 841 East Second Avenue DURANGO, COLORADO 81301 (970) 247-1302

January 25, 2018

Board of Directors Colorado Water Conservation Board 1313 Sherman Street Denver, CO 80203

Subject: Town of Ignacio WSRF Application

Dear Board of Directors:

The Southwestern Water Conservation District offers financial assistance in the form of grants to "qualified entities" that are carrying out the statutory purpose of the District to protect, conserve, use and develop the water resources of the San Juan and Dolores River basins, as well as to safeguard all waters to which the state of Colorado is equitably entitled.

Previously funded work in southwestern Colorado has included ditch rehabilitation, water storage development and enhancement, water quality studies, collaborative water forums and workgroups, habitat restoration, and educational programs, to name a few.

The Town of Ignacio has submitted an application to the District for 2018 funding to support their irrigation utility improvement project in the amount of \$48,750. While the District board won't consider the grant request for approval until February 14, 2018, staff has reviewed the application and found it meets all minimum requirements. The request is in line with the District's statutory mission.

While at this time staff cannot guarantee the application will be approved in all, or in part, due to limits on available funds and the need for board review and approval, we thank the CWCB board for their review of this application and their ongoing collaboration in meeting water needs in southwestern Colorado.

Sincerely,

Bruce Whitehead Executive Director (970) 247-1302