



March 22, 2018

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

Re: 50% Progress Report on the Town of Castle Rock's Drought Plan Development

Dear Mr. Wade:

To date, the Town of Castle Rock (Town) has completed over 50% of the level of effort necessary to develop the Drought Management Plan (DMP). Per requirements of CWCB's *Grant Guidelines for Drought Mitigation Plans*, this letter addresses the following: success of meeting previously identified goals and objectives; encountered obstacles; preliminary findings and accomplishments; and revisions to the schedule. The main objectives of this planning effort are to develop an effective drought management plan that integrates the knowledge of Town staff with the values of the community while following CWCB planning guidance.

Since our 25% progress report (dated November 13, 2017), we have accomplished the following:

- Developed a complete draft DMP.
 - This plan has been reviewed by the Drought Committee and Castle Rock Water staff, and comments have been incorporated into the latest version, a copy of which is being transmitted to CWCB electronically concurrent with this report.
 - The current version of the Plan was uploaded to the www.cr.gov website on February 6, 2018. This is considered the start of the required 60-day Public Comment Period. The website also provides a form for the public to provide comments to staff.
 - The DMP was presented and discussed with the Castle Rock Water Commission on February 28, 2018.
- Developed an internal Communication Plan for our public outreach meeting which was held on February 7, 2018 from 5:00 to 7:30 PM at the Plum Creek Water Purification Facility in Castle Rock.
 - Approximately 75 members of the public attended this event which featured the DMP, the Long-Term Water Plan, the Source Water Protection Plan, Landscape and Irrigation Criteria updates, and the Water Use Management Plan and the www.crconserve.com website.

We have currently not encountered any specific obstacles with the plan development.



We anticipate final production and approval of the DMP by the end of April 2018.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (720) 733-6037 or via email at mhenak@crgov.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matt Benak", written in a cursive style.

Matthew J. Benak, P.E.
Water Resources Manager