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## Colorado Water Conservation Board

Department of Natural Resources

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## Summary Minutes and Record of Decisions

### March 21 - 22, 2018 Board Meeting

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A regular meeting of the Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB) convened at the Colorado Department of Agriculture, located at 305 Interlocken Pkwy, Broomfield, CO 80021. The meeting was called to order by Chair Ty Wattenberg. Eight voting members were present at the call to order, so a quorum was present (at least 6 required). Voting members present were: Ty Wattenberg, Jay Gallagher, Russell George, John McClow, Jim Yahn, Jack Goble, Heather Dutton, Celene Hawkins (attended via phone), and Patti Wells (arrived at 8:43am). Ex-officio voting member Robert Randall, Executive Director of the Department of Natural Resources, was present (left meeting at 3:00pm). Non-voting ex officio members present or represented were Don Brown, Commissioner of the Department of Agriculture; John Stulp, Director of the IBCC was absent on Wednesday, March 21; Laura Chartrand, Deputy Attorney General, Colorado Department of Natural Resources and Environment Section; Bob Broscheid; Colorado Parks and Wildlife Director; Kevin Rein, State Engineer; and Rebecca Mitchell, Colorado Water Conservation Board Director.

On the second day, the meeting was called to order by Chair Jim Yahn. Nine voting members were present at the call to order, so a quorum was present (at least 6 required). The voting members present were: Ty Wattenberg, Jay Gallagher, Russell George (left meeting at 1:30pm), Patti Wells, John McClow, Jim Yahn, Jack Goble (left meeting at 2:30pm), Heather Dutton, and Celene Hawkins (attended via phone). Ex-officio voting member Robert Randall, Executive Director of the Department of Natural Resources, was present. Non-voting ex officio members present or represented were Laura Chartrand, Deputy Attorney General, Colorado Department of Natural Resources and Environment Section; John Stulp, Director of the IBCC; Kevin Rein, State Engineer; Bob Broscheid; Colorado Parks and Wildlife Director; and Rebecca Mitchell, Colorado Water Conservation Board Director.



*Note: While the Board's consideration of agenda items does not always follow the sequence indicated by the agenda numbers, these minutes are listed in agenda item order for easier reference.*

## **1. Board Appointments and Election of Officers**

### **a. Review and Approve Agenda**

**Action:** A motion to elect Jim Yahn to Chair was made by Jay Gallagher, which was seconded by Jack Goble. The motion was approved unanimously (9-0).

**Action:** A motion to elect Heather Dutton to Vice-Chair was made by Ty Wattenberg, which was seconded by John McClow. The motion was approved unanimously (9-0).

**Action:** A motion to approve the January agenda was made by Ty Wattenberg, which was seconded by Jay Gallagher. The motion was approved unanimously (9-0).

## **2. Review and Approve January 22 - 23, 2018 Board Meeting Minutes**

**Action:** A motion to approve the January 2018 minutes was made by Jay Gallagher, which was seconded by Jack Goble. The motion was approved unanimously (9-0).

## **3. Approve and/or Remove Consent Agenda Items**

**Action:** A motion to approve the Consent Agenda was made by Heather Dutton, which was seconded by Jack Goble. The motion was approved unanimously (9-0).

### **1. Statements of Opposition**

#### *Stream & Lake Protection Section*

*The Board will be asked to ratify Statements of Opposition that have been filed by staff to protect instream flow and natural lake level water rights and to protect CWCB's exclusive authority to hold instream flow water rights in the following water court cases:*

- a. Case No. 16CW3160 (Water Division 1): Application of City of Boulder*
- b. Case No. 17CW3195 (Water Division 1): Application of City of Boulder*
- c. Case No. 17CW3203 (Water Division 1): Application of The Alice Springs Land & Cattle Company, LLC*
- d. Case No. 17CW3205 (Water Division 1): Application of City of Aurora*
- e. Case No. 17CW3210 (Water Division 1): Application of City of Arvada*
- f. Case No. 17CW3212 (Water Division 1): Application of City of Lafayette and City of Boulder*
- g. Case No. 17CW3217 (Water Division 1): Application of Evergreen Metropolitan District*
- h. Case No. 17CW3083 (Water Division 4): Application of Ellen F. Price Trust and Joseph B. Price Trust*
- i. Case No. 17CW3245 (Water Division 5): Application of Abundant Acres LLC*
- j. Case No. 17CW3248 (Water Division 5): Application of Town of Gypsum*
- k. Case No. 17CW3249 (Water Division 5): Application of CJC Properties Limited Partnership; Eagle River Water & Sanitation District*

- l. Case No. 17CW3258 (Water Division 5): Application of Snowmass Water and Sanitation District*
- m. Case No. 17CW3042 (Water Division 6): Application of City of Steamboat Springs*
- n. Case No. 17CW3043 (Water Division 6): Application of City of Steamboat Springs*
- o. Case No. 17CW3045 (Water Division 6): Application of TerraCarta Energy Resources, LLC*

## **2. New Prequalification Loans:**

*Finance Section*

- a. Ogilvy Irrigating and Land Company - Seeley Reservoir Dredging*

## **3. Water Plan Grant Modifications**

*Finance Section*

- a. St. Charles Mesa Water District - Long-Term Potable Water Supply to the Zinno Subdivision*
- b. Colorado River Water Conservation District - Fire Mountain Canal Regulating Reservoir*

## **4. Proposed Board Meeting Dates in 2018**

- a. May 23 & 24                      Salida
- b. July 18 & 19                      Colorado Mainstem Basin
- c. September 18 - 20              Steamboat
- d. November 14 & 15              South Platte Basin

Action: This was an informational item only. No Board action was required.

## **5. Directors' Reports**

- a. Department of Natural Resources Executive Director

Action: Report by Robert Randall. This was an informational item only. No Board action was required.

- b. Interbasin Compact Committee Director

Action: Report by Rebecca Mitchell, standing in for John Stulp. This was an informational item only. No Board action was required.

- c. Agriculture Commissioner

Action: Report by Don Brown. This was an informational item only. No Board action was required.

- d. Colorado Water Conservation Board Director

Action: Report by Rebecca Mitchell. This was an informational item only. No Board action was required.

- e. State Engineer

Action: Report by Kevin Rein. This was an informational item only. No Board action was required.

f. Division of Parks and Wildlife

Action: Report by Bob Broscheid. This was an informational item only. No Board action was required.

g. Water Resource and Power Development Authority

Action: Report by Mike Brod. This was an informational item only. No Board action was required

**6. Financial Matters - Construction Fund and Severance Tax Perpetual Base Fund**

*Finance Section*

a. Financial Projections and Cash Management Report

Action: Report by CWCB staff member Kirk Russell. This was an informational Item only. No Board action was taken.

**7. Water Project Loans/Grants**

*Finance Section*

a. San Luis Valley Irrigation District - Rio Grande Reservoir Rehabilitation

Action (Loan): Report by CWCB staff member Kirk Russell. Shelden Rocky, Vice President of San Luis Valley Irrigation District, addressed the Board. Travis Smith, with DiNatale Water Consultants, addressed the Board. A motion to approve the staff recommendation was made by Heather Dutton, which was seconded by John McClow. The motion was approved unanimously (10-0).

Staff Recommendation for a CWCB Loan: Staff recommends the Board approve a loan not to exceed \$15,000,000 for Project costs to the San Luis Valley Irrigation District for costs related to the Rio Grande Reservoir Rehabilitation - Phase 2 Project, from the Construction Fund. The loan terms shall be 30 years at the agricultural interest rate of 1.65% per annum. Security for the loan shall be in compliance with CWCB Financial Policy #5.

Staff additionally recommends a contract condition requiring the borrower to establish a reserve fund equal to 1% of the approved loan amount (\$150,000) for use as the loan service fee at the project completion.

Action (Grant): Report by CWCB staff member Kirk Russell. A motion to approve the staff recommendation was made by Heather Dutton, which was seconded by Jay Gallagher. The motion was approved unanimously (10-0).

Staff Recommendation for a Non-Reimbursable Investment Grant: Staff recommends the Board approve a grant not to exceed \$10,000,000 to the San Luis Valley Irrigation District for the costs related to the Rio Grande Reservoir Rehabilitation - Phase 2 Project from the Construction Fund.

b. Trinchera Irrigation Company - Mountain Home Dam Outlet Works Rehabilitation  
Phase III

Action: Report by CWCB staff member Jonathan Hernandez. Wayne Schwab, with Trinchera Irrigation Company, addressed the Board. A motion to approve the staff recommendation was made by Heather Dutton, which was seconded by Jack Goble. The motion was approved unanimously (10-0).

**Staff Recommendation for a CWCB Loan:** Staff recommends the Board approve a loan not to exceed \$440,360 (\$436,000 for Project costs and \$4,360 for the 1% service fee) to the Trinchera Irrigation Company for costs related to the Mountain Home Dam Outlet Rehabilitation Phase III Project, from the Severance Tax Perpetual Base Fund. The loan terms shall be 30 years at the agricultural interest rate of 1.65% per annum. Security for the loan shall be in compliance with CWCB Financial Policy #5.

**Staff Recommendation for WSRF Grant:** Staff recommends approval of up to \$452,779 from the Statewide Fund and \$60,221 from the Rio Grande Basin Fund to the Trinchera Irrigation Company for costs related to the Mountain Home Dam Outlet Rehabilitation Phase III Project.

## **8. Water Plan Financial Policy**

**Action:** Report by CWCB staff member Lauren Ris. Torie Jarvis, with Northwest Colorado Council of Governments (NWCCOG), addressed the Board. Aaron Citron, with The Nature Conservancy, addressed the Board. This was an informational item only. No Board action was required.

## **9. Dredging Grants**

### *Finance Section*

#### **a. Town of Georgetown - Dredging of Georgetown Lake**

**Action:** Report by CWCB staff member Anna Mauss. Kent Brown, Town Administrator of Georgetown, addressed the Board. Bob Orsatti, President of Orsatti Water Consultants, addressed the Board. A motion to approve the staff recommendation was made by Patti Wells, which was seconded by Ty Wattenberg. The motion was approved unanimously (10-0).

**Staff Recommendation:** Staff recommends the Board approve a grant not to exceed \$975,622 to the Town of Georgetown for the Dredging of Georgetown Lake Project from the CWCB Reservoir Dredging Grant Program.

## **10. Changes to Existing Loans**

### *Finance Section*

#### **a. Corsentino Dairy Farms, Inc. - Holita Dam Rehabilitation**

**Action:** Report by CWCB staff member Anna Mauss. Brett Corsentino, with Corsentino Dairy Farms, Inc., addressed the Board. A motion to approve the staff recommendation was made by Jack Goble, which was seconded by Heather Dutton. The motion was approved unanimously (10-0).

**Staff Recommendation:** Staff recommends the Board approve a loan increase not to exceed \$27,270 (\$27,000 for Project costs and \$270 for the 1% service fee) to Corsentino Dairy Farms, Inc. for costs related to the Holita Dam Rehabilitation Project from the Severance Tax Perpetual Base Fund. The total loan amount will become \$112,716 (\$111,600 for Project costs and \$1,116 for the 1% service fee). Loan terms shall remain 10 years at the reduced agricultural interest rate of 0.5% per annum. Security for the loan shall remain the Corsentino Dairy Farm and water rights.

Staff additionally recommends maintaining the contract condition requiring the borrower to establish a reserve fund equal to one annual payment prior to disbursement of loan funds.

#### **b. Tunnel Water Company - Laramie-Poudre Tunnel Rehabilitation Project**

**Action:** Report by CWCB staff member Jonathan Hernandez. Dennis Harmon, with Tunnel Water Company, addressed the Board. A motion to approve the staff recommendation was made by Patti Wells, which was seconded by Ty Wattenberg. The motion was approved unanimously (10-0).

**Staff Recommendation:** Staff recommends the Board approve a loan increase of \$606,000 (\$600,000 for Project costs and \$6,000 for the 1% service fee), for a total loan not to exceed \$1,717,000 (\$1,700,000 for Project costs and \$17,000 for the 1% service fee) to the Tunnel Water Company for costs related to the Laramie-Poudre Tunnel Rehabilitation Project, from the Construction Fund. The loan terms shall remain 30 years at a blended interest rate of 2.55% per annum. Security for the loan shall be in compliance with CWCB Financial Policy #5.

#### **11. Spring Climate Outlook**

*Watershed and Flood Protection Section & Sr. Climate Change Specialist*

**Action:** Report by CWCB staff member Taryn Finnessey and Kevin Houck. This was an informational item only. No Board action was required.

#### **12. Colorado's Water Plan Implementation Update**

*Watershed and Flood Protection Section*

**Action:** Report by CWCB staff member Chris Sturm. This was an informational item only. No Board action was required.

#### **13. Public Comment on 2018 Instream Flow Appropriations in Water Divisions 3, 4, 5, and 6**

*Stream and Lake Protection Section*

**Action:** Report by CWCB staff member Rob Viehl. This was an informational item only. No Board action was required.

#### **14. Update on Himes Creek Instream Flow Recommendation in Water Division 7**

*Stream and Lake Protection Section*

**Action:** Report by CWCB staff member Brandy Logan. Mike Preston, Manager of the Dolores Water Conservancy District, addressed the Board. This was an informational item only. No Board action was required.

#### **15. Notice of Instream Flow Recommendations for 2019**

*Stream and Lake Protection Section*

**Action:** Report by CWCB staff member Rob Viehl. This was an informational item only. No Board action was required.

#### **16. Funding for Temporary Lease of Water for Instream Flow Use on Tomichi Creek (Water Division 4)**

*Stream and Lake Protection Section*

**Action:** Report by CWCB staff member Linda Bassi. A motion to approve the staff recommendation was made by John McCLOW, which was seconded by Jay Gallagher. The motion was approved unanimously (10-0).

**Staff Recommendation:** Staff recommends that the Board approve an expenditure ranging from \$2,500 to \$11,600 from funds available to the Board under section 37-60-123.7, C.R.S. (2017) to pay a portion of the cost of leasing water from Gregory and Patricia Kruthaupt for instream flow use on Tomichi Creek as provided under the Temporary Lease Agreement entered into among the CWCB, Colorado Water Trust, Trout Unlimited, and Gregory and Patricia Kruthaupt on July 16, 2015.

## **17. Wild and Scenic Rivers Fund Terms and Conditions**

*Interstate, Federal & Water Information Section & Stream and Lake Protection Section*

**Action:** Report by CWCB staff member Carlee Brown. A motion to approve the staff recommendation was made by Ty Wattenberg, which was seconded by Patti Wells. The motion was approved unanimously (10-0).

**Staff Recommendation:** Staff recommends that the Board adopt the proposed changes to the existing Terms and Conditions.

## **18. West Slope Basin Roundtables' Risk Study**

*Interstate, Federal & Water Information Section*

**Action:** Report by CWCB staff member Carlee Brown and Brent Newman. Eric Kuhn, Advisor to the General Manager, Colorado River Water Conservation District, addressed the Board. John Carron, with Hydros Consulting Inc, addressed the Board. This was an informational item only. No Board action was required.

## **19. Request for Authorization to Proceed to Trial (to defend CWCB stipulation if necessary)**

*Stream and Lake Protection Section*

- a. *Case No. 15CW3005, Water Division 2 (Application of Park Center Water District)*

**Action:** Report by CWCB staff member Kaylea White. A motion to approve the staff recommendation was made by Jack Goble, which was seconded by Heather Dutton. The motion was approved unanimously (10-0).

**Staff Recommendation:** Although not required by ISF Rule 8j., Staff nonetheless recommends that the Board recognize the potential for trial participation and authorize Staff to proceed to trial to defend its stipulation, if necessary, or to negotiate a revised stipulation as appropriate.

- b. *Case Nos. 14CW3097 and 3098, Water Division 5 (Application of Byers Peak Downhill Properties LLC and Byers Peak Properties LLC)*

**Action:** Report by CWCB staff member Kaylea White. A motion to approve the staff recommendation was made by Patti Wells, which was seconded by Jay Gallagher. The motion was approved unanimously (10-0).

**Staff Recommendation:** Although not required by ISF Rule 8j., Staff nonetheless recommends that the Board recognize the potential for trial participation and authorize Staff to proceed to trial to defend its stipulation, if necessary, or to negotiate a revised stipulation as appropriate.

## **20. Attorney General's Report, Legal Briefing, and Executive Session**

**Action:** Report by Laura Chartrand, Deputy Attorney General for Natural Resources. This was an informational item only. No Board action was required

## **21. Executive Session**

**Action:** Under the Colorado Open Meetings Act, C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(3)(a)(II), a motion was made by John McClow for the Board to go into executive session for the discussion of agenda items 15.a. through 15.h. The motion was seconded by Ty Wattenberg. The motion was approved unanimously (9-0).

- a. Case No. 16CW3090, Water Division 5 (Application of Powderhorn Ski Company, LLC)
- b. Case No. 15CW3111, Water Division 4 (Application of Colorado Water Conservation Board on Dolores River)
- c. Draft Legislation
- d. Colorado River Issues
  - 1. Drought Contingency Planning
  - 2. Compact Compliance
  - 3. Consumptive Use
  - 4. Litigation Funding for FY 2019
- e. Rio Grande
  - 1. Groundwater Rules Litigation
  - 2. US Supreme Court Litigation - Texas v. NM and CO
- f. Republican River Settlement Negotiations
- g. Arkansas River Compact Administration
- h. Dam Safety Matters

## **22. Report From Executive Session**

**Action:** John McClow made a motion for the Board to leave Executive Session, which was seconded by Ty Wattenberg. The motion was approved unanimously (9-0).

**Action:** John McClow made a motion to authorize the Board's legal staff to take whatever actions staff deems necessary to contest the provisions of the current Aspinall Record of Decision including litigation if necessary, which was seconded by Russ George. The motion was approved unanimously (9-0).

## **23. 2018 Projects Bill**

*Finance Section*



Action: Report by CWCB staff member Kirk Russell. This was an informational item only. No Board action was required.

## **24. Basin Directors' Reports**

### **a. Colorado River (Mainstem) Basin Director's Report**

Action: Report by Russell George. This was an informational item only. No Board action was required.

### **b. San Juan/San Miguel-Dolores River Basin Director's Report**

Action: Report by Celene Hawkins. This was an informational item only. No Board action was required.

### **c. Gunnison River Basin Director's Report**

Action: Report by John McCLOW. This was an informational item only. No Board action was required.

### **d. North Platte River Basin Director's Report**

Action: Report by Ty Wattenberg. This was an informational item only. No Board action was required.

### **e. South Platte River Basin Director's Report**

Action: Report by Jim Yahn. This was an informational item only. No Board action was required.

### **f. Arkansas River Basin Director's Report**

Action: Report by Jack Goble. This was an informational item only. No Board action was required.

### **g. City and County of Denver Director's Report**

Action: Report by Patti Wells. This was an informational item only. No Board action was required.

### **h. Rio Grande River Basin Director's Report**

Action: Report by Heather Dutton. This was an informational item only. No Board action was required.

### **i. Yampa-White River Basin Director's Report**

Action: Report by Jay Gallagher. This was an informational item only. No Board action was required.

## **25. Water Supply Reserve Fund (WSRF)**

### *Water Supply and Planning Section*

<b>Water Supply Reserve Fund Applications for Consideration at the CWCB January 2018 Board Meeting</b>			
<b>Item</b>	<b>Basin(s)</b>	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Name of Water Activity</b>
a.	Gunnison	Redlands Water and Power Company	Pump Plant Modernization Feasibility Study

**Action:** Report by CWCB staff member Craig Godbout. A motion to approve the staff recommendation made by John McClow, which was seconded by Jack Goble. The motion was approved unanimously (9-0).

**Staff recommendation:** Staff recommends approval of up to \$25,500 from the Gunnison Basin Account; and \$37,500 from the Statewide Account to help fund the project titled: Pump Plant Modernization Feasibility Study.

b.	Gunnison	Ouray County	Upper Uncompaghre Stream Management Plan
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**Action:** Report by CWCB staff member Craig Godbout. Marti Whitmore, with Ouray County, addressed the Board. A motion to approve the staff recommendation made by John McClow, which was seconded by Ty Wattenberg. The motion was approved unanimously (9-0).

**Staff recommendation:** Staff recommends approval of up to \$25,000 from the Gunnison Basin Account; and \$83,200 from the Statewide Account to help fund the project titled: Upper Uncompaghre Stream Management Plan.

c.	Gunnison	Diane Martin	Tornay Highline Diversion Improvement
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**Action:** Report by CWCB staff member Craig Godbout. Diane Martin, with Green Mountain, addressed the Board. A motion to approve the staff recommendation made by John McClow, which was seconded by Heather Dutton. The motion was approved unanimously (9-0).

**Staff recommendation:** Staff recommends approval of up to \$15,000 from the Gunnison Basin Account to help fund the project titled: Tornay Highline Diversion Improvement

d.	Gunnison	Trout Unlimited	Tomichi Water Conservation Project
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**Action:** Report by CWCB staff member Craig Godbout. Jesse Kruthaupt, with Trout Unlimited, addressed the Board. Celene Hawkins disclosed that her employer, the Nature Conservancy, is part of the cash match. A motion to approve the staff recommendation made by John McClow, which was seconded by Jay Gallagher. The motion was approved unanimously (9-0).

**Staff recommendation:** Staff recommends approval of up to \$34,500 from the Gunnison Basin Account to help fund the project titled: Tomichi Water Conservation Project.

e.	North Platte	Owl Mountain Partnership	Jackson County Water Structure Improvement Project
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**Action:** Report by CWCB staff member Craig Godbout. Ty Wattenberg recused himself from the vote. A motion to approve the staff recommendation made by Patti Wells, which was seconded by Jay Gallagher. The motion was approved unanimously (8-0).

**Staff recommendation:** Staff recommends approval of up to \$116,300 from the North Platte Basin Account to help fund the project titled: Jackson County Water Structure Improvement

Project.			
f.	South Platte	St. Vrain and Left Hand Water Conservancy District	St. Vrain & Left Hand Stream Management Plan
<p><b>Action:</b> Report by CWCB staff member Craig Godbout. Sean Cronin, Executive Director of St. Vrain &amp; Left Hand Stream Management Plan, addressed the Board. A motion to approve the staff recommendation made by Patti Wells, which was seconded by Jack Goble. The motion was approved unanimously (9-0).</p> <p><b>Staff recommendation:</b> Staff recommends approval of up to \$50,000 from the South Platte Basin Account to help fund the project titled: St. Vrain &amp; Left Hand Water Stream Management Plan.</p>			
g.	South Platte	Lost Creek Groundwater Management District	Lost Creek Designated Basin Instrumentation Project
<p><b>Action:</b> Report by CWCB staff member Craig Godbout. Todd Dennin, with Lost Creek Groundwater Management District, addressed the Board. A motion to approve the staff recommendation made by Patti Wells, which was seconded by Jay Gallagher. The motion was approved unanimously (9-0).</p> <p><b>Staff recommendation:</b> Staff recommends approval of up to \$25,000 from the South Platte Basin Account; and \$43,000 from the Statewide Account to help fund the project titled: Lost Creek Designated Basin Implementation Project.</p>			
h.	South Platte	Ducks Unlimited, Inc.	BOR - Narrows Tracts: Shallow Water Wetland Enhancements and Recharge Development
<p><b>Action:</b> Report by CWCB staff member Craig Godbout. Jason Rodabuch, with Ducks Unlimited, addressed the Board. A motion to approve the staff recommendation made by Patti Wells, which was seconded by Heather Dutton. The motion was approved unanimously (9-0).</p> <p><b>Staff recommendation:</b> Staff recommends approval of up to \$50,000 from the South Platte Basin Account; and \$450,000 from the Statewide Account to help fund the project titled: BOR - Narrows Tracts: Shallow Water Wetland Enhancements and Recharge Development.</p>			
i.	Arkansas	Lakeside Estes HOA	Ice Lake Preservation & Augmentation Project
<p><b>Action:</b> Report by CWCB staff member Ben Wade. Lindsey Mueller, Treasurer of Ice Lakeside Estes HOA, addressed the Board. A motion to approve the staff recommendation made by Jack Goble, which was seconded by John McCLOW. The motion was approved unanimously (9-0).</p> <p><b>Staff recommendation:</b> Staff recommends approval of up to \$2,891 from the Arkansas River Basin Account and \$26,019 from the Statewide account to help fund the project titled: Ice Lake Preservation &amp; Augmentation Project.</p>			
j.	Arkansas	Parkville Water District	Mountain Lake Spillway Rebuild

**Action:** Report by CWCB staff member Ben Wade. Greg Teter, General Manager of Parkville Water District, addressed the Board. A motion to approve the staff recommendation made by Jack Goble, which was seconded by Jay Gallagher. The motion was approved unanimously (9-0).

**Staff recommendation:** Staff recommends approval of up to \$6,681 from the Arkansas River Basin Account and \$66,814 from the Statewide account to help fund the project titled: Mountain Lake Emergency Spillway Rebuild.

k.	Arkansas	Huerfano County Water Conservancy District	Cucharas Collaborative Storage Study - Geotechnical Investigation
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**Action:** Report by CWCB staff member Ben Wade. Scott King, President of Huerfano County Water Conservancy District, addressed the Board. A motion to approve the staff recommendation made by Jack Goble, which was seconded by Ty Wattenberg. The motion was approved unanimously (9-0).

**Staff recommendation:** Staff recommends approval of up to \$8,480 from the Arkansas River Basin Account and \$84,797 from the Statewide account to help fund the study titled: Cucharas Collaborative Storage Study - Geotechnical Investigation.

l.	Arkansas	Town of Poncha Springs	Poncha Springs Water Infrastructure Improvement Project - Well Development
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**Action:** Report by CWCB staff member Ben Wade. Brian Berner, with Town of Poncha Springs, addressed the Board. A motion to approve the staff recommendation made by Jack Goble, which was seconded by Heather Dutton. The motion was approved unanimously (9-0).

**Staff recommendation:** Staff recommends approval of up to \$6,000 from the Arkansas River Basin Account and \$58,500 from the Statewide account to help fund the study titled: Poncha Springs Water Infrastructure Improvement Project -Well Development.

m.	Arkansas	Town of Walsh	Municipal Water Well Feasibility and Evaluation
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**Action:** Report by CWCB staff member Ben Wade. Gary Barber, Arkansas Basin Implementation Coordinator, addressed the Board. A motion to approve the staff recommendation made by Jack Goble, which was seconded by John McClow. The motion was approved unanimously (9-0).

**Staff recommendation:** Staff recommends approval of up to \$1,000 from the Arkansas River Basin Account and \$6,500 from the Statewide Account to help fund the study titled: Municipal Water Well Feasibility and Evaluation.

n.	Colorado	Eagle River Watershed Council	Eagle River Integrated Water Management Plan (ER-IWMP)
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**Action:** Report by CWCB staff member Megan Holcomb. A motion to approve the staff recommendation made by Russ George, which was seconded by Ty Wattenberg. The motion was approved unanimously (9-0).

**Staff recommendation:** Staff recommends approval of up to \$75,000 from the Colorado Basin Account to help fund the project titled: Eagle River Integrated Water Management Plan.

o.	Colorado	Middle Colorado Watershed Council	Middle Colorado Integrated Water Management Plan
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**Action:** Report by CWCB staff member Megan Holcomb. A motion to approve the staff recommendation made by Russell George, which was seconded by Heather Dutton. The motion was approved unanimously (9-0).

**Staff recommendation:** Staff recommends approval of up to \$103,800 from the Colorado Basin Account to help fund the project titled: Middle Colorado Watershed Council Integrated Water Management Plan.

p.	Colorado	Town of Carbondale	Crystal River Restoration and Weaver Ditch Efficiency Project
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**Action:** Report by CWCB staff member Megan Holcomb. A motion to approve the staff recommendation made by Russ George, which was seconded by Jay Gallagher. The motion was approved unanimously (9-0).

**Staff recommendation:** Staff recommends approval of up to \$20,700 from the Colorado Basin Account to help fund the project titled: Crystal River Restoration and Weaver Ditch Efficiency Project.

q.	Metro	Aurora Water, Denver Water & WISE Authority	Regional Investigation of Salinity Management Options
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**Action:** Report by CWCB staff member Megan Holcomb. Patti Wells recused herself from the vote. A motion to approve the staff recommendation made by John McClow, which was seconded by Ty Wattenberg. The motion was approved unanimously (8-0).

**Staff recommendation:** Staff recommends approval of up to \$30,000 from the Metro Account and \$97,500 from the Statewide Account to fund the project: Regional Investigation of Salinity Management Options.

r.	Metro	Peak Spatial Enterprises/ Chambers Econ and Analytics	Water Information / Real Estate Water Disclosure Site
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**Action:** Report by CWCB staff member Megan Holcomb. A motion to approve the staff recommendation made by Patti Wells, which was seconded by Jay Gallagher. The motion was approved unanimously (9-0).

**Staff recommendation:** Staff recommends approval of up to \$10,000 from the Metro Account and \$10,000 from the Statewide Account to fund the project: Water Information / Real Estate

Disclosure Tool - H2infO.			
s.	Metro	Littleton/Englewood Wastewater Treatment Facility	SWIFT2 - South Platte Watershed One Water Infrastructure Sharing Initiative
<p><b>Action:</b> Report by CWCB staff member Megan Holcomb. Dan DeLaughter, with Littleton/Englewood Wastewater Treatment Facility, addressed the Board. A motion to approve the staff recommendation made by Patti Wells, which was seconded by Jay Gallagher. The motion was approved unanimously (9-0).</p> <p><b>Staff recommendation:</b> Staff recommends approval of up to \$25,000 from the Metro Account to fund the project: SWIFT2.</p>			
t.	Rio Grande	Rio Grande Headwaters Land Trust	Paulson Conservation Easement
<p><b>Action:</b> Report by CWCB staff member Megan Holcomb. A motion to approve the staff recommendation made by Heather Dutton, which was seconded by Patti Wells. The motion was approved unanimously (9-0).</p> <p><b>Staff recommendation:</b> Staff recommends approval of up to \$18,000 from the Rio Grande Basin Account and \$157,000 from the Statewide Account to fund the project titled: Paulson Conservation Easement.</p>			
u.	Rio Grande	Conejos Water Conservancy District	Conejos Diversions: Richfield to Conconco
<p><b>Action:</b> Report by CWCB staff member Megan Holcomb. Nicole Langly, with the Conejos Water Conservancy District, addressed the Board. A motion to approve the staff recommendation made by Heather Dutton, which was seconded by Jack Goble. The motion was approved unanimously (9-0).</p> <p><b>Staff recommendation:</b> Staff recommends approval of up to \$54,692 from the Rio Grande Basin Account and \$332,588 from the Statewide Account to fund the project titled: Conejos Diversions: Richfield to ConConCo.</p>			
v.	Rio Grande	Trout Unlimited	Spruce Lakes Wilderness Reservoir Maintenance Project
<p><b>Action:</b> Report by CWCB staff member Megan Holcomb. A motion to approve the staff recommendation made by Heather Dutton, which was seconded by Ty Wattenberg. The motion was approved unanimously (9-0).</p> <p><b>Staff recommendation:</b> Staff recommends approval of up to \$65,500 from the Rio Grande Basin Account to fund the project titled: Spruce Lakes Wilderness Reservoir Maintenance Project.</p>			
w.	Rio Grande	Colorado Open Lands	Anderson Lazy EA Conservation Easement

**Action:** Report by CWCB staff member Megan Holcomb. Judy Lopez, with Colorado Open Lands, addressed the Board. A motion to approve the staff recommendation made by Heather Dutton, which was seconded by Jay Gallagher. The motion was approved unanimously (9-0).

**Staff recommendation:** Staff recommends approval of up to \$36,200 from the Rio Grande Basin Account to help fund the project titled: Anderson Lazy EA Conservation Easement.

x.	Rio Grande	Mineral County Fairgrounds Association	Development of Irrigation Water Right
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**Action:** Report by CWCB staff member Megan Holcomb. A motion to approve the staff recommendation made by Heather Dutton, which was seconded by John McCloy. The motion was approved unanimously (9-0).

**Staff recommendation:** Staff recommends approval of up to \$9,190 from the Rio Grande Basin Account to help fund the project titled: Development of Irrigation Water Right.

y.	Southwest	Mountain Studies Institute	Stream Management Plan, Upper San Juan River Basin
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**Action:** Report by CWCB staff member Megan Holcomb. A motion to approve the staff recommendation made by Celene Hawkins, which was seconded by Ty Wattenberg. The motion was approved unanimously (9-0).

**Staff recommendation:** Staff recommends approval of up to \$22,545 from the Southwest Basin Account to help fund the project titled: Eagle River Integrated Water Management Plan.

z.	Southwest	Town of Rico	Water Systems Analysis
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**Action:** Report by CWCB staff member Megan Holcomb. A motion to approve the staff recommendation made by Celene Hawkins, which was seconded by Heather Dutton. The motion was approved unanimously (9-0).

**Staff recommendation:** Staff recommends approval of up to \$30,000 from the Southwest Basin Account and \$30,000 from the Statewide Account to fund the project titled: Town of Rico Water System Engineer's Analysis.

aa.	Southwest	Ducks Unlimited	Sambrito Wetlands
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**Action:** Report by CWCB staff member Megan Holcomb. A motion to approve the staff recommendation made by Celene Hawkins, which was seconded by Jay Gallagher. The motion was approved unanimously (9-0).

**Staff recommendation:** Staff recommends approval of up to \$50,000 from the Southwest Basin Account and \$170,000 from the Statewide Account to fund the project titled: Sambrito Wetlands.

bb.	Southwest	Town of Ignacio	Irrigation Utility Improvements Project
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**Action:** Report by CWCB staff member Megan Holcomb. A motion to approve the staff recommendation made by Celene Hawkins, which was seconded by John McCLOW. The motion was approved unanimously (9-0).

**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.

cc.	Southwest	Florida Consolidated Ditch Company	Florida Canal Diversion Structure Rehabilitation Project, Phase I
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**Action:** Report by CWCB staff member Megan Holcomb. Hayes Lenheart, with Florida Consolidated Ditch Company, addressed the Board. Celene Hawkins disclosed that her employer, the Nature Conservancy, is part of the cash match. A motion to approve the staff recommendation made by Celene Hawkins, which was seconded by Jack Goble. The motion was approved unanimously (9-0).

**Staff recommendation:** Staff recommends approval of up to \$45,000 from the Southwest Basin Account and \$54,000 from the Statewide Account to fund: Florida Canal Diversion Structure Rehabilitation Project: Phase 1.

dd.	Southwest	Animas Air Park Property Owners Association	Animas Airpark Water Distribution System
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**Action:** Report by CWCB staff member Megan Holcomb. A motion to approve the staff recommendation made by Celene Hawkins, which was seconded by Jack Goble. The motion was approved unanimously (9-0).

**Staff recommendation:** Staff recommends approval of up to \$43,000 from the Southwest Basin Account to help fund the project titled: Animas Air Park Water Distribution System: Phase 2.

## 26. Water Plan Grants - Overview

**Action:** Report by CWCB staff member Lauren Ris. This was an informational item only. No Board action was required.

## 27. Water Plan Grants - Agriculture (Initial Review)

- Fire Mountain Canal & Reservoir Company - Automation, Remote Monitoring, & SCADA to improve System Efficiency
- Florida Consolidated Ditch Company - Florida Canal Structure Rehabilitation Project: Phase 2
- San Luis Valley Water Conservancy District - Rio Grande Basin Soil Moisture Pilot Project
- Arkansas River Watershed Collaborative - Arkansas Basin Project Implementation Guide to Watershed Health



**Action:** Report by CWCB staff member Brent Newman and Erik Skeie. This was an informational item only. No Board action was required.

**28. Water Plan Grants - Storage (Initial Review)**

- a. Ogilvy Irrigating and Land Company - Seeley Reservoir Dredging

**Action:** Report by CWCB staff member Anna Mauss. This was an informational item only. No Board action was required.

**29. Water Plan Grants - Supply Demand/Gap (Initial Review)**

- a. Town of Castle Rock - Plum Creek Water Purification Facility Advanced Treatment Project
- b. Pikes Peak Regional Water Authority - El Paso County Groundwater Depletions: Project Implementation Strategies to Meet the Supply & Demand Gap

**Action:** Report by CWCB staff member Greg Johnson. Gary Barber, with ?, addressed the Board. This was an informational item only. No Board action was required.

**30. Water Plan Grants - Environmental & Recreation (Initial Review)**

- a. Mountain Studies Institute - Animas River Removal and Replacement of Invasive Phreatophytes, Phase II
- b. Rio Grande Watershed Emergency Action Coordination Team (RWEACT) - Upper Rio Grande Environmental Restoration and Recreation Infrastructure Improvements
- c. City of Steamboat Springs - Fish Creek Critical Community Watershed Wildfire Protection Plan
- d. Florida Consolidated Ditch - Florida Canal Diversion Structure Rehabilitation Project: Phase 2

**Action:** Report by CWCB staff member Linda Bassi. This was an informational item only. No Board action was required.

**31. Water Plan Grants - Water Conservation and Land Use (Initial Review)**

- a. Babbitt Center for Land & Water Policy, Getches-Wilkinson Center for Natural Resources - Guidance to Covered Entities for Land Use Planning Components of Water Efficiency Plans
- b. Green Mountain Water & Sanitation District - Customer Engagement & Analytics Tool
- c. The Meadows Neighborhood Company - Targeted, Integrated Irrigation Efficiency Improvements and Mgmt and Turf Conversion for Reduced Water Use
- d. Year One, Inc. dba Mile High Youth Corps - Energy and Water Conservation Program
- e. Sonoran Institute - Colorado Growing Water Smart
- f. Western Resource Advocates (WRA) - Best Practices for Water Meter Retrofit Projects Financed by State Performance Contracts in CO
- g. Western Resource Advocates (WRA) - Conservation Oriented Tap Fees: Guide and Workshop

**Action:** Report by CWCB staff member Kevin Reidy. Drew Beckwith, with Western Resource Advocates, addressed the Board. This was an informational item only. No Board action was required.

### **32. Water Plan Grants - Engagement & Innovation (Initial Review)**

- a. The Greenway Foundation - Clean River Design Challenge
- b. Water Education Colorado - Design and Build Statewide, Data-Based Strategic Water Education Action Plan and Associated Tools
- c. Left Hand Watershed Oversight Group - Stewardship Through Community Science
- d. Denver South Transportation Management Association - InfraRed Plant Stress Monitoring Pilot
- e. Sangre de Cristo Acequia Association - Preserving the Hispano Water Culture Curriculum

**Action:** Report by CWCB staff member Ben Wade. This was an informational item only. No Board action was required.

### **Meeting Adjourned**

A motion to adjourn the March 2018 Board meeting was made by Patti Wells, which was seconded by Ty Wattenberg. The motion was approved unanimously (7-0).