

**COLORADO**Colorado Water
Conservation Board

Department of Natural Resources

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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

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**Gunnison | North Platte |
South Platte | Yampa/White**

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**Colorado | Metro | Rio Grande |
Southwest**

Megan Holcomb
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WSRF Submittal Checklist (Required)

Y	I acknowledge this request for funding was recommended for CWCB approval by the sponsoring Basin Roundtable(s).
Y	I acknowledge I have read and understand the 2016 WSRF Criteria and Guidelines .
Y	I acknowledge the Grantee will be able to contract with CWCB using the Standard Contract . ⁽¹⁾
Exhibit A	
Y	Statement of Work ⁽²⁾ (Word – see Exhibit A Template)
Y	Budget & Schedule ⁽²⁾ (Excel Spreadsheet – see Exhibit A Template)
Y	Letters of Matching and/or Pending 3 rd Party Commitments ⁽²⁾
Exhibit C	
Y	Map ⁽²⁾ (To be submitted at later date)
	Photos/Drawings/Reports
Y	Letters of Support (To be submitted at later date)
	Certificate of Insurance ⁽³⁾ (General, Auto, & Workers' Comp.)
Contracting 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.

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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:	September 2018
Desired Notice to Proceed Date:	December 2019

Water Activity Summary		
Name of Applicant	Tri-County Water Conservancy District (TCW) jointly with Dallas Creek Water Company, Inc. (DCWC)	
Name of Water Activity	Emergency (Drought/Wildfire/Hazmat) Domestic Water Supply	
Approving Roundtable(s)	Basin Account Request(s) ⁽¹⁾	
Gunnison Basin	25,000.00	
Basin Account Request Subtotal	\$25,000.00	
Statewide Account Request ⁽¹⁾	\$50,000.00	
Total WSRF Funds Requested (Basin & Statewide)	\$75,000.00	
Total Project Costs	\$340,000.00	

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



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Grantee and Applicant Information	
Name of Grantee(s)	Tri-County Water Conservancy District
Mailing Address	647 N. 7 th Street, Montrose, CO 81401
FEIN	84-0525036
Grantee's Organization Contact ⁽¹⁾	Mike Berry
Position/Title	General Manager
Email	mike@tricountywater.org
Phone	970-249-3369
Grant Management Contact ⁽²⁾	Kathleen Margetts
Position/Title	TCW Assistant Manager - Administration
Email	kathleen@tricountywater.org
Phone	970-249-3369
Name of Additional Applicant	Dallas Creek Water Company, Inc.
Mailing Address	334 S. 5 th Street, Montrose, CO 81401
Position/Title	Administrator (Pam Mencimer)
Email	administrator@dallascreekwater.com
Phone	970-240-8123

(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).
TCW serves portions of Montrose-Delta-Ouray Counties with potable domestic water. TCW's treated water source is Project 7 Water Authority, east of Montrose.
DCWC serves domestic water to an unincorporated area located on Log Hill Mesa, Ouray County, Colorado. DCWC is governed by the PUC in the State of Colorado. The DCWC service area is approximately 6,500 acres and currently serves 861 water taps of which 419 are active. DCWC built a conventional rapid sand filtration water plant with a 500,000 gallon per day capacity in 2002. Based on peak summer demands, the plant has the capability of serving approximately 2,000 residential taps at current demand levels.

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Type of Eligible Entity (check one)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	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.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public (Districts): authorities, Title 32/special districts (conservancy, conservation, and irrigation districts), and water activity enterprises TCW
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Private Incorporated: mutual ditch companies, homeowners associations, corporations DCWC
<input type="checkbox"/>	Private Individuals, Partnerships, and Sole Proprietors: are eligible for funding from the Basin Accounts but not for funding from the Statewide Account.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Non-governmental organizations: broadly, any organization that is not part of the government
<input type="checkbox"/>	Covered Entity: as defined in Section 37-60-126 Colorado Revised Statutes

Type of Water Activity (check one)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Study
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Implementation

Category of Water Activity (check all that apply)		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Nonconsumptive (Environmental)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Nonconsumptive (Recreational)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Agricultural	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Municipal/Industrial	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Needs Assessment	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Education & Outreach	
<input type="checkbox"/>	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/Countries	Ouray
Latitude	38° 12'7" N
Longitude	107° 47'8" W



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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.

TCW and DCWC would interconnect pipelines for the purpose of supplying one another water in an emergency such as: drought, hazardous material spill (hazmat), wildfire, or unknown. Design of the installation is being completed in house by the two entities. The supply of emergency water would be for household use only, for either long or short-term periods of outage for either entity.

The interconnect will require approximately 5,500 linear feet of pipeline installation, pump station upgrades to five TCW pump stations, and two new portable trailer mounted pumps.

TCW would initially serve emergency domestic water to DCWC for approximately 630 single family residences at 80 gallons per day. DCWC would initially serve emergency domestic water to TCW for up to 240 residential customers on Log Hill.

The pipeline route is adjacent to Ouray County Road 1, located on the southerly end of Log Hill Mesa, Ouray County, Colorado. Existing TCW and DCWC pipelines are within the same road right of way. TCW will supply water from their treated supply source, Project 7. DCWC will supply TCW treated water from their water treatment plant. The DCWC raw water source is Dallas Creek located in Pleasant Valley along Ouray County Road 24A.

Measurable Results

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	
	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)	
5,500 linear feet of 6" pipe	Length of Pipe/Canal Built or Improved	
X	Other	Upgrade 5 TCW pump stations and provide 2 new portable trailer mounted pumps.



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Water Activity Justification

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

The Water Activity Justification plan involves Tri-County Water Conservancy District (TCW) and Dallas Creek Water Company, Inc. (DCWC) as the two primary stakeholder entities. Additional stakeholders include: customers of both entities, Ouray County Government Officials and Commissioners, Ridgway Town Officials, Fairway Pines Estates Homeowners Assn., Log Hill Village Homeowners Assn., and area land owners. DCWC is regulated by the Colorado Public Utilities Commission (PUC). As a condition of the May 3, 2017 rate increase, DCWC has filed a letter with the PUC with the intent of creating an emergency water supply for its customers. This interconnect emergency water pipeline would have the potential to serve up to 4,000 residential taps.

TCW serves a three-county area with potable domestic water: Montrose-Delta-Ouray. Their raw water supply source is the Gunnison River. DCWC serves potable domestic water to an unincorporated area located on Log Hill Mesa in Ouray County. By interconnecting the domestic pipelines of TCW and DCWC, they could support one another with water in the event of an emergency such as drought, wildfire or a hazmat situation, that may compromise their individual water supplies.

TCW's Mission Statement is to provide dependable quality service for delivery of domestic water to District customers. TCW's goals are: education, managing water supply and demand for all customers including agriculture, and maintaining the quality of their water.

DCWC has created a Source Water Protection Plan (SWPP) in an effort to protect Dallas Creek from potential contamination. Dallas Creek is the source water supply for DCWC. This proactive approach outlines best management practices to reduce risks to Dallas Creek and the DCWC customer base. In creating this plan, there were numerous meetings with their stakeholders and customers to educate and discuss Dallas Creek. The SWPP for DCWC and the Wright Water Engineers Report for Ouray County dated September 2016, are available upon request.

By collaborating on this project, TCW and DCWC would be in a position to support whatever the future may bring. TCW and DCWC pull their water from different sources so in the event either user has an emergency or their future supply and demands change, they could be sustainable with this water sharing arrangement. In planning for these future events, they can be proactive rather than reactive thus creating a no/low regret action. This will ensure quality water for their customers and protection for the environment.



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Water Activity Justification

The Gunnison Basin Implementation Plan emphasizes water infrastructure and protecting the environment. With this pipeline system interconnection, both entities will be better able to address water shortages in the event of drought, wildfire, or any other emergency within their water district.

In conclusion, we believe this project helps fulfill complementary goals 4 and 8 on page 28 of the Gunnison Basin Implementation Plan. This project will address municipal and industrial water shortages as well as restore, maintain and modernize critical domestic water infrastructure. The project will also make our water infrastructure more efficient and effective as outlined in the Colorado Water Plan (Chapter 10).

This project will join together two entities that are literally a mile apart. By constructing this interconnection, it would increase the size of five TCW pump stations, and add two portable trailer mounted pumps, TCW and DCWC would be able to support one another in an emergency situation.

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



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Matching Requirements: Basin Account Requests	
Basin (only) Account grant requests require a 25% match (cash and/or in-kind) from the Applicant or 3 rd 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)
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 3 rd party (cash, in-kind, or combination). The remaining 30% of the required match may be provided from any other source (Basin, applicant, or 3 rd 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):
WaterSmart Grant	\$100,000 (Pending)
Basin Funds Grant	\$25,000
DCWC Cash	\$66,000
DCWC In-Kind	\$16,500
TCW Cash	\$66,000
TCW In-Kind	\$16,500
Total Match	\$290,000
If you requested a Waiver to the Statewide Account matching, indicate % you wish waived. (Max 50% reduction of requirement).	



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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.

Upper Uncompahgre Basin Water Supply Protection and Enhancement Project, prepared by Wright Water Engineers, Inc. in September 2017.

Dallas Creek Water Company Source Water Protection Plan, revised December 2016.

Tri-County Water Conservancy District Water Conservation Plan, April 2010

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

None

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.

The proceeds from these grants would not exceed TCW's limitations under TABOR.

Water Supply Reserve Fund – Grant and Loan Program
Water Activity Summary Sheet
September 18-20, 2018
Agenda Item 12(b)

Co-Applicants:	Tri-County Water Conservancy District & Dallas Creek Water Company, Inc.
Grantee:	Tri-County Water Conservancy District
Water Activity Name:	Emergency Domestic Water Supply
Water Activity Purpose:	M&I
County:	Ouray
Drainage Basin:	Gunnison
Water Source:	Various
Amount Requested:	\$25,000 Gunnison Basin Account <u>\$50,000 Statewide Account</u> \$150,000 Total request
Matching Funds:	Applicant Match & 3 rd Party (cash & in-kind) = \$265,000 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 530% of Statewide Account request (meets 10% min) Basin Account Match = \$25,000 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 50% of Statewide Account request (meets 10% min) Total Match (Applicant/3 rd Party & Basin Account) = \$290,000 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 580% of Statewide Account request (meets 50% min)

Staff Recommendation:

Staff recommends approval of up to \$50,000 from the Gunnison Basin Account, and \$190,000 from the Statewide Account to help fund the project titled: Emergency Domestic Water Supply.

Water Activity Summary: WSRF grant funds, if approved, will assist the Tri-County Water Conservancy District and the Dallas Creek Water Company establish an interconnect between their respective domestic water systems for the purpose of creating the capacity to supply one another water in an emergency such as: drought, hazardous material spill, or wildfire suppression. The interconnect would consist of approximately 5,500 lineal feet of 6" diameter class 200 PVC pipe installed within the right-of-way of County Road 1A. WSRF funds would only be used for the installation of the 5,500 lineal feet of pipeline, while other components of the interconnect would consist of two mobile trailer mounted pumps, and the upgrade of five existing pumps in order to increase the flow rate to 35 gpm to serve the Dallas Creek Water Company service area.

Discussion: This effort will assist the Gunnison Basin Roundtable achieve Goal #1 in their Basin Implementation Plan: Protect existing water uses in the Gunnison Basin, and Goal #4: Identify and address municipal and industrial water shortages, while simultaneously assisting the state reach the value of efficient and effective water infrastructure as highlighted in Chapter 10 of Colorado's Water Plan.

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

Eligibility Requirements: The application meets requirements of all eligibility components: General Eligibility, Entity Eligibility, Water Activity Eligibility, and Eligibility Based on Match Requirements.

Evaluation Criteria: This activity has undergone review and evaluation and staff has determined that it satisfies the Evaluation Criteria. Please refer to Basin Roundtable Chair's Recommendation Letter and the WSRF Grant Application for applicant's detailed response.

Funding Summary/Matching Funds:

<u>Funding Source</u>	<u>Cash</u>	<u>In-kind</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Status</u>
Tri-County Water Conservancy District	\$66,000	\$16,500	\$82,500	Secured
Dallas Creek Water Company	\$66,000	\$16,500	\$82,000	Secured
WaterSmart Grant	\$100,000	\$0	\$100,000	Pending
Sub-total	\$232,000	\$33,000	\$265,000	
WSRF Gunnison Basin Account	\$25,000	n/a	\$25,000	Secured
Sub-total	\$257,000	\$33,000	\$290,000	
WSRF Statewide Account	\$50,000	n/a	\$50,000	
Total Project Costs	\$307,000	\$33,000	\$340,000	

CWCB Project Manager: Rachel Pittinger



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Godbout - DNR, Craig <craig.godbout@state.co.us>

Tri-County/Dallas Creek Interconnection Project Approval

1 message

Kathleen Curry <kathleencurry@montrose.net>
To: craig.godbout@state.co.us

Fri, Jun 1, 2018 at 2:58 PM

Hi Craig,

I am writing on behalf of the Gunnison Basin Roundtable to advise you that the GBRT unanimously approved the Tri-County / Dallas Creek application for Basin funds at our last meeting. (May 21, 2018).

The application was for \$25,000 in Basin funds and \$50,000 in state funds.

The project includes several features that the Roundtable members felt would improve safety and provide improved security by interconnecting the two systems. In addition the project is consistent with the goals of the GBRT Basin Implementation Plan.

Please consider this communication as the support letter for the project,

Sincerely,

Kathleen Curry, Chair
Gunnison Basin Round Table

Kathleen Curry
54542 US Highway 50
Gunnison, CO 81230
Home 970-641-0699
Cell 970-209-5537

LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR DCWC/TCW EMERGENCY INTERCONNECT

Letter of Support by the Fairway Pines Estates
Owners Association for a Grant to Provide an
Emergency Water Interconnect Between the
Systems of Dallas Creek Water Company and Tri
County Water Conservancy

Dallas Creek Water Company, Inc.
Attn: Bobbi Rouse, Administrator
334 S. 5th Street
Montrose, CO 81401

RE: Emergency Domestic Water Supply

Dear Ms. Rouse:

The board of directors of the Fairway Pines Estates Owners Association (FPEOA) wishes to express the following in support of a grant and the related project constructing an emergency water interconnect between the Dallas Creek Water Company (DCWC) and Tri-County Water Conservancy (TCW) systems:

1. The FPEOA is one of DCWC's largest stakeholders. The Fairway Pines/Divide Ranch subdivisions consist of over 500 existing and future residential and commercial lots in DCWC's service area. This is about half of the existing and future water taps in DCWC's service area.
2. In 2013, FPEOA joined with the Association of Dallas Creek Water Users, Inc. (ADCWU), to examine, among other things, DCWC's ability to provide a stable source of domestic water to its service area given that DCWC relies 100 percent on water supplies from Dallas Creek. A historical review of Dallas Creek stream flow data showed flows significantly less than 1 cfs over extended periods in 1981, 2002, and other years. That effort raised concerns about DCWC's total reliance on Dallas Creek stream flows and concluded that an alternate water supply and/or increased storage would be prudent and in the best interest of the community and DCWC's customers.
3. In late 2016, FPEOA and the ADCWU intervened in DCWC's rate proceeding before the Colorado Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), expressing concern that DCWC may not be able to supply for periods longer than DCWC's few-days of storage capacity in the case of extreme drought or contamination of Dallas Creek due to wildland fire runoff or a hazmat event.

4. In early 2017, the CPUC authorized DCWC's rate increase and pursuant to an agreement between all parties ordered DCWC to report to the CPUC within one year on the progress made toward addressing emergency water supplies.

The project proposed by DCWC and TCW is one of the options mentioned in the above-mentioned report to the CPUC (Option #1). We believe this would be a valuable asset as an alternative/emergency water source in the event of an emergency such as drought, wildfire or a hazmat situation in the Log Hill area.

We have not received better news than this in our community in a very long time and would like to emphasize that this project is a very big deal. Water can be considered gold in this part of the country and this is a major accomplishment.

We are delighted to support the project to construct an emergency interconnect and join with DCWC and TCW in requesting grant support.

Please keep us updated as to the progress of this project.

Best Regards,

Mike Forstner
President/FPEOA

P.S. The emergency water interconnect was an agenda item at our last Board meeting, has been published in our first quarter newsletter and will be conveyed again in an upcoming newsletter. We will also invite individual support from our association members.

LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR DCWC/TCW EMERGENCY INTERCONNECT

Letter of Support by the Fairway Pines Estates
Owners Association for a Grant to Provide an
Emergency Water Interconnect Between the
Systems of Dallas Creek Water Company and Tri
County Water Conservancy

April 18, 2018

Dallas Creek Water Company, Inc.
Attn: Bobbi Rouse, Administrator
334 S. 5th Street
Montrose, CO 81401

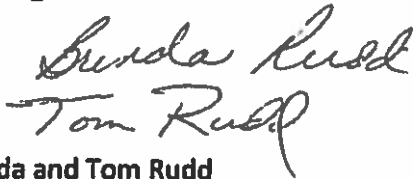
RE: Emergency Domestic Water Supply

Dear Ms. Rouse:

My wife and I are members of the Fairway Pines Estates Owners Association (FPEOA) and own a home in Fairway Pines. We are very pleased to see a water security solution is near and wish to express our support for a grant and the related project constructing an emergency water interconnect between the Dallas Creek Water Company (DCWC) and Tri-County Water Conservancy (TCW) systems.

The project proposed by DCWC and TCW is one of the options mentioned in the above-mentioned report to the CPUC. We believe the project proposed by DCWC and TCW would be a valuable asset as an alternative/emergency water source in the event of an emergency such as drought, wildfire or a hazmat situation in the Log Hill area. We fully support the project to construct an emergency interconnect and join with DCWC and TCW in requesting grant support.

Best Regards,

Handwritten signatures of Brenda and Tom Rudd in cursive script.

Brenda and Tom Rudd
43 Black Bear Way
Ridgway, CO

April 20, 2018

Dallas Creek Water Company
Att: Bobbi Rouse, Administrator
334 S 5th St.
Montrose , CO

Re: Emergency Domestic Water Supply

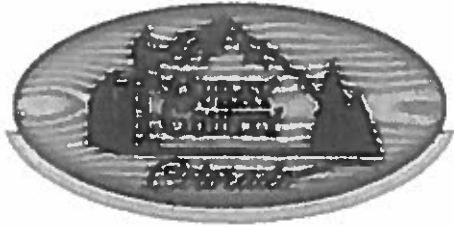
Dear Ms. Rouse:

The Board of Directors of Log Hill Village Home and Property Owners Assoc. has met and considered the connection of the domestic water supply between DCWC and TCW.

We are in support of this connection as we are well aware that this would be a valuable asset in the event of an emergency such as extreme drought, wildfire or hazmat situation in the Log Hill areas.

Please keep us update on the progress of this project.

Sincerely,
James McCarthy, President LHV H&PO ASSOC,



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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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May 1, 2018

Dallas Creek Water Company, Inc.
Attn.: Bobbi Rouse, Administrator
334 S. 5th Street
Montrose, CO 81401

RE: Emergency Domestic Water Supply

Dear Ms. Rouse:

The Ouray County Board of County Commissioners ("Board") is in support of the connection of the domestic water supply between Dallas Creek Water Company ("DCWC") and Tri County Water Conservancy District ("TCW"). The Board feels that this connection is a valuable asset in the event of a drought, wildfire or other emergency situation in the Log Hill area.

Like many rural counties in Colorado, Ouray County is facing the possibility of a drier future, with the added restrictions of increased calls for service and a growing population. This underscores the need to not only encourage, but to strongly support and seek out emergency water supply provisions such as the proposed connection between DCWC and TCW. The collaboration between DCWC and TCW demonstrates the providers' commitment to continue to serve the Log Hill area, with an eye to serving emergency needs in the future.

The Board of County Commissioners strongly supports this project and urges favorable consideration and award of grant funding.

Sincerely,

Don Batchelder
Chair, Ouray County Board of County Commissioners

May 16, 2018

Mr. Tom Alvey
Chair, Project Screening Committee
Gunnison Basin Roundtable
11685 3100 Road
Hotchkiss, CO 81419



Re: Letter of Support -
Tri-County/Dallas Creek Water Company Emergency Interconnection Project

Dear Tom -

Tri-County Board of Directors strongly supports continuing the joint effort of establishing an emergency interconnection between Tri-County and Dallas Creek Water Company for the benefit of our community.

This project provides a safeguard for Tri-County and Dallas Creek Water by making it possible to insure safe potable drinking water and to provide emergency water supplies for the customers of both entities in the event that either needs assistance. This project is especially important given our somewhat remote location and service challenges.

We appreciate the opportunity the Gunnison Basin Roundtable provides and its consideration of our grant application.

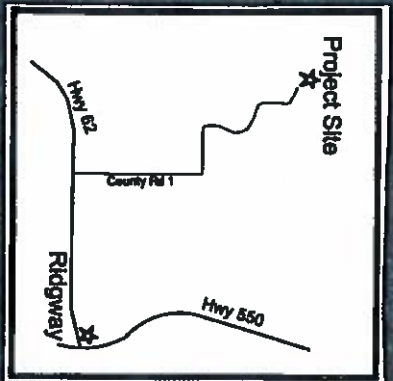
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mike Berry".

Mike Berry
General Manager

cc: Ms. Bobbi Rouse, Administrator, Dallas Creek Water Company

**TCW-DCWC
Interconnection**



Google Earth

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