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**TO:** Colorado Water Conservation Board Members

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**AGENDA ITEM:** 16. Emergency Dam Response Fund - Cucharas #5 Dam Removal

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**Introduction (Informational Item Only - No Board Action Required)**

The Emergency Dam Repair Cash Fund (CRS 37-60-122.5) was utilized for the removal of a majority of Cucharas Dam #5 due to public safety concerns with a potential catastrophic dam failure. The privately owned Dam is located in Huerfano County approximately ten miles east of Walsenburg on the Cucharas River.

The dam removal project began in mid-November 2018 and a final inspection of the project was performed on January 5, 2019, by DWR - Dam Safety Branch and the CWCB.

Scott Cuthbertson, Deputy State Engineer, will provide a presentation to the Board regarding the project and the associated costs that impact the Emergency Dam Response Fund.

