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**Colorado Water
Conservation Board**

Department of Natural Resources

1313 Sherman Street, Room 718
Denver, CO 80203

January 25, 2017

San Luis Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited
Attn: Mr. Mark Seaton, Chapter President
P.O. Box 503
Alamosa, CO 81101

RE: Notice to Proceed – WSRF Grant – **POGG1 2017-719** - San Luis Valley Wetland Wildlife
Conservation Assessment in the Rio Grande River Basin

Dear Mark,

This letter is to inform you that purchase order/contract to assist in the above WSRF grant project has been approved. The documents in the email serve as your original contract documents.

With the executed agreement, you are now able to proceed with the project and invoice the State of Colorado for costs incurred through January 31, 2019. Please provide the project name, POGG1 number and basin when corresponding with or invoicing for your project along with the back-up documentation of cost incurred for the WSRF portion of the grant according to the original scope of work/tasks. Upon receipt of your invoice(s), the State of Colorado will provide payment no later than 30 days after review and signed approval of the project manager.

Please refer to the WSRF Criteria & Guidelines for reporting requirements of the six month progress report and final deliverable report in order to avoid a delay of payment. A 30-day advance notice is required in the event you seek an amendment to the term of this agreement along with an approved official letter of request from you to the CWCB project manager briefly describing the need for the extension. The updated insurance certificates and schedule reflecting the specific tasks that require additional time to complete are also required.

If you have questions or concerns regarding the project, please contact Craig Godbout, Project Manager at 303-866-3441, ext. 3210 or at Craig.godbout@state.co.us. When submitting invoices and progress reports, please send to the project manager and cc Dori.vigil@state.co.us. You can contact me at 303-866-3441 ext. 3250 for additional invoicing and payment disbursement questions.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Doriann Vigil

Program Assistant II

O 303-866-3441 ext. 3250

1313 Sherman Street, Rm. 719, Denver, CO 80203

Dori.vigil@state.co.us / cwcb.state.co.com

Attachments





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ORDER		** IMPORTANT **				
Number: POGG1 PDAA 201700000719		The order number and line number must appear on all invoices, packing slips, cartons and correspondence				
Date: 01/24/17						
Description: PDAA 2500 WSRF SLV Wildlife Conserv Assessment		BILL TO				
Effective Date: 01/19/17 Expiration Date: 01/31/19		COLORADO WATER BOARD CONSERVATION				
BUYER		1313 SHERMAN STREET, ROOM 718				
Buyer:		DENVER, CO 80203				
Email:		SHIP TO				
VENDOR		COLORADO WATER BOARD CONSERVATION				
SAN LUIS VALLEY CHAPTER TROUT UNLIMITED		1313 SHERMAN STREET, ROOM 718				
PO BOX 503		DENVER, CO 80203				
ALAMOSA, CO 81101		SHIPPING INSTRUCTIONS				
Contact: Mark Seaton_SLV		Delivery/Install Date:				
Phone: .		F.O.B: FOB Dest, Freight Allowed				
		VENDOR INSTRUCTIONS:				
Line Item	Commodity/Item Code	UOM	QTY	Unit Cost	Total Cost	MSDS Req.
1	G1000		0	0.00	\$39,000.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
Description: PDAA 2500 WSRF SLV Wildlife Conserv Assessment						
Service From: 01/19/17 Service To: 01/31/19						
TERMS AND CONDITIONS						
https://www.colorado.gov/osc/purchase-order-terms-conditions						
DOCUMENT TOTAL = \$39,000.00						

Exhibit A - Statement of Work

Date: June 02, 2016 (revised November 9, 2016)

Water Activity Name – SLV Wetland and Wildlife Conservation Assessment

Grant Recipient – TROUT UNLIMITED

Funding Source – WSRA Rio Grande Basin Account

Introduction and Background

Natural Resource Agencies and organizations across the SLV provide habitat for a wide range of species through various land management strategies. Declining water tables, drought conditions, and the promulgation of groundwater rules and regulations by the State of Colorado have limited the available water resources necessary for providing habitat at different times of the year. Agencies and organizations are water users and represent a diverse share of surface and groundwater rights along with municipalities, industries, and private landowners. Various water users in the SLV have expressed their desire that the Natural Resource Agencies work collaboratively towards meeting their water needs while staying compliant with water administration including the Rio Grande Compact.

In the past, various SLV plans have outlined strategies to conserve priority species, identify areas that provide significant resources, and prioritize projects. Many of these plans are out of date or are too general to both prioritize species conservation and provide direction for on the ground management of resources. Additionally, the current mechanism commonly used to identify wetland location and type is the National Wetland Inventory (NWI). The NWI has not been ground-truthed in the SLV and has many known discrepancies in relation to type and location of wetlands across the Valley. This Assessment will address some NWI shortcomings.

This Assessment will incorporate existing plans and projects such as those outlined in the 1995 SLV Waterbird Plan, 2008 Colorado Natural Heritage Program Rio Grande Headwaters Pilot Wetland Condition Assessment, Rio Grande Basin Implementation Plan, and others to develop specific projects that are prioritized and can be recommended for future funding and implementation. Currently there is little information that tracks wetland extent across the SLV from pre-settlement to the present. Land use practices have changed over this time period and although some information exists, a complete dataset does not exist. This project provides an opportunity for collaboration and cooperation among agencies to manage and monitor resources across the SLV on public lands in a unified way that has not occurred in the past. Conservation goals developed in this plan will direct future restoration, enhancement, and protection of habitat and wildlife resources on public lands throughout the SLV. Ultimately the Assessment bridges the gap between planners and application, from regional to local staff.

Objectives

- Assess historic versus current wetland/riparian and land use changes since the 1870s.
- Identify priority species and their limiting resources across natural resource agencies.
- Identify surface and groundwater resources for each land management agency.
- Develop conservation goals and objectives along with a framework for future cooperative efforts to manage and monitor water and habitats on public lands across the SLV.
- Develop priority habitat conservation goals and potential water and wetland infrastructure projects.

There is one Task for this project:

Compilation and assessment of all of the existing historic and current wetland and wildlife data, determination of priority species and associated limiting resources, development of a framework for future cooperative work, development of conservation goals, identification of future projects and needs on public lands.

Task 1 – Assessment

The Assessment has been initiated to bring together natural resource agencies and organizations in a collaborative way in order to meet the demands of providing habitat for a variety of species with declining water resources across the SLV. The Assessment provides a link between conservation planning and on the ground efforts supported by the natural resource agencies and organizations on public lands. Work on this Assessment will begin upon receiving funding.

Description of Task

The Assessment will compile available information on historic and current wetland hydrologic patterns in the SLV, compile and analyze historic and current wildlife and water use information, and provide a framework for natural resource agencies and other organizations to better understand how to efficiently, effectively, and sustainably manage their water resources. Conservation goals and priorities will be established through identification of resources that are most limiting and believed to be necessary to maintain or improve population levels for priority wildlife species on public lands. Future projects that promote water efficiency and improve/enhance/preserve habitats for priority species will be identified on public lands.

Method/Procedure

Assessment Activities:

- Meet as needed with partners.
- Collect historic information (plans, reports, journal articles, maps, GIS databases) to help determine the extent of wetlands throughout the SLV from pre-settlement to current.

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- Integrate historic wetland information and on-going monitoring into existing planning, evaluation, and monitoring efforts.
- Identify priority wildlife species across natural resource agencies and develop ‘fact sheets’ for each species that highlight habitat needs specific to the SLV.
- Identify water resources for each of the lands managed by natural resource agencies and determine the long-term security of that water resource.
- Develop a framework for natural resource agencies to work cooperatively to provide and monitor limiting habitat resources for wildlife on public lands across the SLV.
- Develop priority habitat conservation goals on public lands.
- Develop and prioritize potential water and wetland infrastructure projects on public lands.
- Assess, plan, and adapt programs for the conservation of habitat for endangered, threatened, and sensitive wetland-associated species throughout the SLV focusing on public lands.

Deliverables

- Priority species factsheets specific to the SLV
- Matrices and maps for all priority species indicating habitat threat by water source and land management agency
- A prioritized list of potential water delivery/enhancement projects on public lands
- Recommend conservation goals and priorities for natural resource agencies
- Framework for other conservation organizations to prioritize future work and resources
- Identification of limiting resources on public lands for each of the priority species
- Identification of where collaborative efforts among agencies may work in the future to meet water needs
- Assessment will be available in .pdf form online and will be provided to partners upon completion
- Presentations by Wetland Dynamics, LLC relating to the Assessment may be provided as needed for partners or any other interested stakeholder
- Template for other basins for setting future conservation goals

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SLV Wetland and Wildlife Conservation Assessment Budget Table					
Task	Description	Responsible Party	Partners and Financial Contribution		Total Cost by Task
1	SLV Wetland and Wildlife Assessment	Wetland Dynamics & CPW, BLM, USFWS, NRCS, NPS	SLV Conservation Connection Initiative (pending)	\$42,000.00	\$228,000.00
			WSRA Funds (pending)	\$39,000.00	
			Bird Conservancy of the Rockies (pending)	\$3,000.00	
			Agency Personnel Time (in-kind)	\$144,000.00	
Total Project Cost					\$228,000.00

SLV Wetland and Wildlife Conservation Assessment Timeline		
Task	Responsible Party	Notice to Proceed - 2016 through January 2019
1	Wetland Dynamics and Natural Resource partners	Assessment