

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 Gunnison | North Platte | Colorado | Metro | Rio Grande |

South Platte | Yampa/White Southwest

Ben Wade Craig Godbout Megan Holcomb

303-866-3441 x3238 303-866-3441 x3210 303-866-3441 x3222

WSRF Submittal Checklist (Required)					
Х	I acknowledge this request was recommended for CWCB approval by the sponsoring roundtable.				
Х	I acknowledge I have read and understand the 2016 WSRF Criteria and Guidelines.				
Х	I acknowledge the Grantee will be able to contract with CWCB using the Standard Contract. (1)				
Appli	cation Documents				
Х	Exhibit A: Statement of Work ⁽²⁾ (Word – see Template)				
Х	Exhibit B: Budget & Schedule ⁽²⁾ (Excel Spreadsheet – see Template)				
Х	Letters of Matching and/or Pending 3 rd Party Commitments ⁽²⁾				
Х	Map ⁽²⁾				
	Photos/Drawings/Reports				
Х	Letters of Support				
Cont	racting Documents ⁽³⁾				
	Detailed/Itemized Budget ⁽³⁾ (Excel Spreadsheet – see Template)				
	Certificate of Insurance ⁽⁴⁾ (General, Auto, & Workers' Comp.)				
	Certificate of Good Standing ⁽⁴⁾				
	W-9 Form ⁽⁴⁾				
	Independent Contractor Form ⁽⁴⁾ (If applicant is individual, not company/organization)				
	Electronic Funds Transfer (ETF) Form ⁽⁴⁾				
(4) Olia	k "Grant Agraemente". For reference only/do not fill out or submit/required for contracting				

⁽¹⁾ Click "Grant Agreements". For reference only/do not fill out or submit/required for contracting

⁽²⁾ Required with application if applicable.

⁽³⁾ Additional documentation providing a Detailed/Itemized Budget maybe required for contracting.

Applicants are encouraged to coordinate with the CWCB Project Manager to determine specifics.

⁽⁴⁾ Required for contracting. While optional at the time of this application, submission can expedite contracting upon CWCB Board approval.



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:	January or March 2019		
Desired Notice to Proceed Date:	As quickly as possible following CWCB approval		

Water Activity Summary			
Name of Applicant	Colorado Trout Unlimited		
Name of Water Activity	South Boulder Creek Stream Management Plan, Phase I		
Approving Roundtable	e(s)	Basin Account Request(s) ⁽¹⁾	
Metro Roundtable (pending)		\$13,500	
South Platte Roundtable (pending)		\$13,500	
Basin Account Request Subtotal		\$27,000	
Statewide Account Request ⁽¹⁾		\$0	
Total WSRF Funds Requested (Basin & Statewide)		\$27,000	
Total Project Costs		\$132,000	

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



Grantee and Applicant Information			
Name of Grantee(s)	Colorado Trout Unlimited		
Mailing Address	1536 Wynkoop Street, Suite 320, Denver, CO 80202		
FEIN	84-0628113		
Grantee's Organization Contact ⁽¹⁾	David Nickum		
Position/Title	Executive Director		
Email	dnickum@tu.org		
Phone	303-440-2937 x1		
Grant Management Contact ⁽²⁾	David Nickum		
Position/Title	Executive Director		
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Phone	303-440-2937 x1		
Name of Applicant (if different than grantee)			
Mailing Address			
Position/Title			
Email			
Phone			

- (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).

Colorado Trout Unlimited ("CTU") is a statewide organization of nearly 12,000 members in 24 local chapters dedicated to conserving, protecting and restoring Colorado's coldwater fisheries and their watersheds. For this project, CTU is coordinating with its Boulder Flycasters Chapter. CTU works through collaboration, education, grassroots action, and on-the-ground volunteerism to achieve its mission. Current efforts include collaboration with front range and west slope water users on "Learning by Doing" in the Colorado headwaters; partnership with Colorado Parks and Wildlife on native trout restoration projects; and local youth education initiatives featuring watershed science and outdoor recreation.



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

Type of Water Activity (check one)			
х	Study		
	Implementation		

Category of Water Activity (check all that apply)				
Х	Nonconsu	mptive (Environmental)		
Х	Nonconsumptive (Recreational)			
	Agricultural			
Х	Municipal/Industrial			
Х	Needs Assessment			
Х	Education & Outreach			
	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/Counties	Boulder County		
Latitude	39.932 (upstream end)		
Longitude	-105.281 (upstream end)		



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. CTU proposes to conduct a Stream Management Planning effort for South Boulder Creek in Boulder County, specifically the approximately 9 miles from Eldorado Springs to the Boulder Creek confluence. This stretch is notable both as a working river delivering water to many users and for its extensive public recreational access through public open space. Through the SMP we will produce a locallydriven process and structure for (1) collaborative stakeholder action, (2) establishing an accessible repository of stream and watershed information to support consumptive and non-consumptive water use decision making, (3) reviewing and updating stream flow needs analyses based on possible changes from severe 2013 floods, and (4) identifying specific watershed improvement opportunities including conceptual designs for habitat improvement, fish passage, and flow management. Phase I will specifically include an infrastructure assessment; evaluating 20 structures along the 9 mile stretch to determine which may require modification, and developing conceptual designs for discussion and coordination with the structures' owners.

Funds will be used primarily for contractors to provide needed professional services in data management and analysis, survey and flow modeling, and engineering design (concept-level designs with infrastructure inventory). Some funds will also be used toward outreach programs and related information technology.

Measurable Results					
To catalog measurable results achieved with WSRF funds please provide any of the following values.					
	New S	New Storage Created (acre-feet)			
	New Annual Water Supplies Developed or Conserved (acre-feet), Consumptive or Nonconsumptive				
	Existing Storage Preserved or Enhanced (acre-feet)				
~9 miles (47,500 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)				
	Length of Pipe/Canal Built or Improved				
5,000AF	Other	Explain: volume of water delivery facilitated to provide environmental benefits (water source- Boulder & Lafayette; storage through Gross Reservoir Expansion Environmental Pool)			



Water Activity Justification

Provide a description of how this water activity supports the goals of <u>Colorado's Water Plan</u>, the most recent <u>Statewide Water Supply Initiative</u>, and the respective <u>Roundtable Basin Implementation Plan and Education Action Plan</u> ⁽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 Colorado Water Plan sets a goal of establishing stream management plans for 80% of priority waterways in Colorado (SWP p. 10-7). South Boulder Creek's environmental and recreational attributes were called out in the South Platte Basin nonconsumptive use analysis, and this initiative will help achieve the CWP goal by developing an SMP for that important waterway. The CWP further calls for planning "that compiles and develops near-term projects and methods to support economically important water-based recreation" (SWP p. 10-12). South Boulder Creek is an important recreational resource close to major population areas, with extensive public access through local open space properties. An enhanced South Boulder Creek will support greater recreational fishing, as well as enhancing related recreational activities such as hiking on streamfront trails. The SMP process will help provide that improved recreational amenity for Boulder County and its visitors.

The CWP also identifies as a critical action for its storage goal: "Prioritize grants and loans to support the implementation of BIP-identified multipurpose projects and methods, taking into consideration locally identified geographic and seasonal gaps" (SWP p.10-11). The South Boulder Creek SMP will support successful use of the Gross Reservoir Environmental Pool, part of the multi-purpose Moffat Collection System IPP. By facilitating successful mitigation it will advance IPP implementation, as well as helping to meet the environmental flow gap for South Boulder Creek.

In a similar vein, the SMP will help multiple elements of the South Platte Basin Implementation Plan. As previously described, assisting with planned mitigation for the Moffat Firming Project will help "maximize the implementation of IPPs" (BIP 5.5.1). Developing next steps for environmental flow management, fish passage, and potential habitat improvement projects along a stream stretch with significant public access, will also "protect and enhance environmental and recreation attributes" (BIP 5.5.5). Finally, planned community outreach will advance the BIP element to "facilitate South Platte communications and outreach programs" (BIP 5.5.9).

This project complies with the criteria for state support. It demonstrates "a commitment to collaboration" (SWP p.9-43) by facilitating the multi-purpose aspects of the Moffat Collection System IPP, involving multiple stakeholders including local governments, and providing (through our planned outreach program) opportunities for public input. It will "address an identified water gap" (SWP p.9-44) by helping fill the nonconsumptive gap on South Boulder Creek – and insofar as this also assists in implementing required mitigation for the Moffat Collection System project, indirectly helping with the region's consumptive gap as well. The SMP will "demonstrate sustainability" (SWP p.9-44), not only avoiding adverse impacts but creating positive impacts on the environment, and facilitating a water-sharing program through which water delivered for municipal use will create environmental and recreational benefits. Finally, the SMP (both current and future phases) demonstrates "fiscal and technical feasibility" (SWP p.9-44). Local partners are contributing both cash and in-kind to the project, and the combination of Denver Water, Lafayette, and Boulder have the capacity and commitment to provide implementation funds for upcoming action phases (construction of the environmental pool as part of Gross Reservoir; final design/build of identified infrastructure improvements).

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



Matching Requirements: Basin Account Requests

Basin (only) Account grant requests require a 25% match (cash and/or in-kind) from the Applicant or 3rd 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 Contributing Entity	Amount and Form of Match (note cash or in-kind)
Trout Unlimited	\$11,000 in-kind (staff, volunteer)
Trout Unlimited	\$11,500 cash
City of Boulder	\$2,000 in-kind
City of Lafayette	\$2,000 in-kind
Denver Water	\$3,000 in-kind
Colorado School of Mines, Senior Design Program	\$20,000 in-kind
CWCB Stream Management Plan Grant	\$55,500 cash
Total Match	\$105,000
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 3rd party (cash, in-kind, or combination). The remaining 30% of the required match may be provided from any other source (Basin, applicant, or 3rd party) and shall be accompanied by a **letter of commitment**. Attach additional sheet if necessary.

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Contributing Entity	Amount and Form of Match (note cash or in-kind):		
Total Match	\$		
If you requested a Waiver to the Statewide Account matching, indicate % you wish waived. (Max 50% reduction of requirement).			



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.

The Environmental Pool and some related information regarding it can be found in the 2014 Final Environmental Impact Statement – Moffat Collection System Project from the Army Corps of Engineers, available at http://www.nwo.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory-Program/Colorado/EIS-Moffat/.

This project will help enhance the ability to meet minimum instream flows on a stretch protected by a CWCB appropriation (1-80CW379A) that was limited by water availability. Boulder and Lafayette will coordinate with the Instream Flow and Natural Lake Level program on the legal mechanisms to best protect the additional flow en route to its ultimate point of diversion.

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

Colorado Trout Unlimited, Species Trust Big Barnes Fish Passage Design, 1/8/16, Purchase order # PO PDAA 2016000000000006486

Boulder Flycasters, Rogers Park Restoration, Healthy Rivers Fund grant, final report (2009) available: https://dnrweblink.state.co.us/cwcb/0/doc/139063/Electronic.aspx?searchid=0bf57dd9-a907-47b3-adc7-acadbec168b0

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.

As a non-governmental entity, CTU is not subject to any separate TABOR limitations.

Water Supply Reserve Fund – Grant and Loan Program Water Activity Summary Sheet

March 20-21, 2019 Agenda Item 24(a)

Applicant & Grantee: Colorado Trout Unlimited

Water Activity Name: South Boulder Creek Stream Management Plan, Phase I

Water Activity Purpose: Multipurpose

County: Boulder

Drainage Basin: South Platte

Water Source: South Boulder Creek

Amount Requested: \$13,500 South Platte Basin Account

\$13,500 Metro Account \$27,000 Total request

Matching Funds: Applicant & 3rd Party Match (cash & in-kind) = \$105,000

• 389% of the Basin Accounts (meets 10% min)

Staff Recommendation:

Staff recommends approval of up to \$13,500 from the South Platte Basin Account, and \$13,500 from the Metro Account to help fund the project titled: South Boulder Creek Stream Management Plan, Phase I.

Water Activity Summary: WSRF grant funds, if approved, will assist Colorado Trout Unlimited conduct a Stream Management Planning (SMP) effort for South Boulder Creek in Boulder County, specifically the approximately 9 miles from Eldorado Springs to the Boulder Creek confluence. This stretch is notable both as a working river delivering water to many users and for its extensive public recreational access through public open space. The SMP will produce a locally-driven process and structure for (1) collaborative stakeholder action, (2) establishing an accessible repository of stream and watershed information to support consumptive and non-consumptive water use decision making, (3) reviewing and updating stream flow needs analyses based on possible changes from severe 2013 floods, and (4) identifying specific watershed improvement opportunities including conceptual designs for habitat improvement, fish passage, and flow management. Phase I will specifically include an infrastructure assessment; evaluating 20 structures along the 9 mile stretch to determine which may require modification, and developing conceptual designs for discussion and coordination with the structures' owners.

Funds will be used primarily for contractors to provide needed professional services in data management and analysis, survey and flow modeling, and engineering design (concept-level designs with infrastructure inventory). Some funds will also be used toward outreach programs and related information technology.

Discussion: This effort will assist the South Platte Basin Roundtable and the Metro Roundtable achieve several of the goals in their Basin Implementation Plan of promoting environmental and recreational attributes on a significant stream reach in the basin, supporting implementation of the Environmental Pool (part of the mitigation for the proposed expansion of Gross Reservoir), as well as

promoting successful completion of multi-purpose storage with one of the region's identified IPPs. In addition, the public outreach components of the SMP process advance the goals for community outreach and education matters within the South Platte watershed.

In addition, this effort assists the state achieve the goal of covering 80% of locally prioritized lists of river with stream management plans, as called for in Chapter 10, Section 10.2 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:

Funding Source	Cash	In-kind	Total	Status
Trout Unlimited	\$11,500	\$11,000	\$22,500	Secured
City of Boulder	\$0	\$2,000	\$2,000	Secured
City of Lafayette	\$0	\$2,000	\$2,000	Secured
Denver Water	\$0	\$3,000	\$3,000	Secured
Colorado School of Mines	\$0	\$20,000	\$20,000	Secured
CWCB Stream Management Plan Grant	\$55,500	\$0	\$55,500	Secured
Sub-total Sub-total	\$67,000	\$38,000	\$105,000	
WSRF South Platte Basin Account	\$13,500	\$0	\$13,500	Secured
WSRF Metro Account	\$13,500	\$0	\$13,500	Secured
Total Project Costs	\$94,000	\$38,000	\$132,000	

CWCB Project Manager: Linda Bassi

January 22, 2019

Megan Holcomb Colorado Water Conservation Board 1313 Sherman Street, Room 721 Denver, CO 80203

RE: Approval for the South Boulder Creek Stream Management Plan WSRF Metro Roundtable application

Dear Megan,

On behalf of the Metro Basin Roundtable, I am pleased to convey our support and approval for a Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB) Water Supply Reserve Fund (WSRF) grant application submitted by Trout Unlimited for Stream Management Planning on South Boulder Creek. Trout Unlimited presented the project to the Metro Roundtable in November and January, and on January 10 the Roundtable voted to approve the request for up to \$13,500 from the WSRF Metro Basin Account, contingent on the project also being approved for its Stream Management Plan grant request pending before the CWCB.

Trout Unlimited has been a valued partner in conservation and water issues over the years, working in collaboration with diverse stakeholders, and is well-suited to the role of facilitating this SMP effort. The proposed planning effort will identify priority needs for river restoration and promote opportunities for multi-benefit partnerships among conservationists, recreationists, municipalities, agricultural, and other stakeholders. Completion of this project will create a plan forward for the health and resiliency of lower South Boulder Creek, a valued natural environment, recreational resource, and working river.

Importantly for our roundtable, the project addresses multiple objectives from our Basin Implementation Plan. It promotes environmental and recreational attributes on a significant stream reach for the basin. By supporting implementation of the Environmental Pool, part of the mitigation on the proposed expansion of Gross Reservoir, the SMP promotes successful completion of multi-purpose storage with one of our basin's identified projects and processes (IPP). Finally, the public outreach components of the SMP process advance our goals for community outreach and education on water matters within the South Platte watershed.

Through this letter, I convey our approval and ask CWCB to advance its consideration and approval for the South Boulder Creek SMP funding through our basin account of the Water Supply Reserve Fund. We look forward to working with Trout Unlimited to create an improved plan for lower South Boulder Creek's health that also helps advance successful completion of a key IPP for our basin.

Sincerely,

Barbara Biggs

Chair, Metro Basin Roundtable



City of Boulder Open Space and Mountain Parks

Mailing Address: PO Box 791, Boulder, CO 80306 2520 55th Street, Boulder, CO 80301 303-441-3440 http://www.osmp.org

24 October 2018

Chris Sturm
Colorado Water Conservation Board
1313 Sherman Street, Room 721
Denver, CO 80203
303-866-3441, ext. 3236

RE: Letter of Support for the South Boulder Creek Watershed Restoration Grant application by the Boulder Flycasters (BFC) Chapter of Trout Unlimited

Dear Chris,

The City of Boulder Open Space and Mountain Parks Department (OSMP) is pleased to write in support of Boulder Flycaster's efforts to develop a plan for stream health and resiliency of South Boulder Creek through a grant from the CWCB Colorado Watershed Restoration Program. The proposed plan will help identify priority needs for river restoration and promote opportunities for collaboration and partnerships among landowners, conservationists, recreationists, municipalities, agricultural users and other stakeholders. We feel BFC's proposal is well aligned with the goals of OSMP.

Boulder Flycasters has worked collaboratively with OSMP on many conservation projects over the years. We are currently partnering with them on a fish habitat improvement project on Boulder Creek funded by OSMP, BFC and the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Department Fish Is Fun program. Boulder Flycasters has done an exceptional job fund raising, planning and coordinating with all stakeholders on this project. BFC has an excellent track record implementing major stream and riparian habitat improvement projects on Middle Boulder Creek, South Boulder Creek, Jenny Creek in the upper Boulder Creek watershed and other important aquatic sites.

We look forward to working with Boulder Flycasters to create a comprehensive stream management plan for South Boulder Creek.

Sincerely,

Dan Burke

Interim Director

City of Boulder Open Space and Mountain Parks



October 25, 2018

Chris Sturm
chris.sturm@state.co.us
Colorado Water Conservation Board
1313 Sherman Street, Room 721
Denver, CO 80203

RE: Letter of Support for the South Boulder Creek Watershed Restoration Grant application by the Boulder Flycasters Chapter of Trout Unlimited

Dear Chris,

We are pleased to write in support of Boulder Flycasters Trout Unlimited's Watershed Restoration grant application. The City of Boulder has long supported the development of an instream flow program on South Boulder Creek for the enhancement of aquatic and riparian habitat below Gross Reservoir. Boulder has been working towards water rights, infrastructure and coordination efforts since entering into two Intergovernmental Agreements (IGAs) between the cities of Denver Lafayette and Boulder in 2010. These IGAs provide for the creation of an Environmental Pool in Gross Reservoir that will provide water for minimum stream flows. We believe Trout Unlimited's efforts are aligned with these ongoing efforts and we appreciate the opportunity to participate. As South Boulder Creek is a highly regulated and administered stream, streamflow improvement will require coordination among multiple stakeholders and we look forward to collaborating with Boulder Flycasters.

Sincerely,

Joanna M. Bloom City of Boulder

Water Resources Project Manager





Mr. Chris Sturm Colorado Water Conservation Board 1313 Sherman Street, Room 721 Denver, CO 80203 October 29, 2018

RE:

South Boulder Creek Stream Management Plan Grant Application by the

Colorado Trout Unlimited

Dear Chris,

I am writing this letter in support of the Colorado Trout Unlimited's Boulder Flycasters chapter (CTU/BFC) grant application for the South Boulder Creek Stream Management Plan (SMP) from the Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB) Colorado Watershed Restoration Program. Denver Water is pleased to support the efforts of CTU and the local BFC in bringing stakeholders together to facilitate discussions on sustainable management actions and long-term stewardship of the aquatic habitat of the lower South Boulder Creek watershed stretching from below Eldorado Canyon to the confluence with Boulder Creek. Denver Water recognizes the value of BFC's public outreach efforts so far and believes this positive momentum will continue upon CTU's receipt of the CWCB grant funding, which is necessary to develop a broad, multi-faceted SMP that promotes the ecological health and resiliency of the South Boulder Creek watershed.

CTU and BFC have been involved in many conservation projects over the years. In the last five years, the BFC have implemented major stream and riparian habitat improvements on Middle Boulder Creek, South Boulder Creek, and Jenny Creek in the Boulder Creek watershed. The SMP proposed by CTU will help identify priority needs for river restoration and promote opportunities for multi-benefit partnerships among conservationists, recreationists, municipalities, agricultural, and other stakeholders. Denver Water's planned Environmental Pool at Gross Reservoir, which will be used to enhance stream flows in lower South Boulder Creek, presents a significant opportunity for future collaboration guided by the SMP to improve the watershed. CTU's proposal will result in implementation of a successful SMP that is well aligned with the goals of the CWCB and stakeholders.

We support CTU/BFC's efforts to design a stream management plan built upon collaboration and the shared goal of improving the health of South Boulder Creek.

Sincerely,

Dave Bennett

Director Water Resource Strategy

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October 26, 2018

Chris Sturm
Chris.sturm@state.co.us
Colorado water conservation Board
1313 Sherman Street, Room 721
Denver CO 80203

RE: Letter of Support for the South Boulder Creek Watershed Restoration

Grant Application by the Boulder Flycasters Chapter of Trout Unlimited

Dear Mr. Sturm

As you may know Denver, Boulder and Lafayette entered into an IGA in 2010 to develop an Environmental Pool in the Gross Reservoir (Moffat Tunnel) project.

The Environmental Pool accomplished goals for all parties, ranging from creating minimum stream flows to expanding Lafayette's water portfolio. The goal of the minimum stream flows was to enhance aquatic and riparian habitat below Gross Reservoir, we believe that the goals of the Boulder Flycasters (Trout Unlimited) and the grant that they are seeking are consistent with the goals of the IGA, and with that we support the grant application.

Thank you for your time and consideration of the grant application and the support Boulder and Lafayette provide for same.

Respectfully,

Bradley S. Dallam, P.E.

Water Resource and CIP Manager

South Boulder Creek Stream Management Plan Grant Application



October 17th 2018

The following are 17 letters of support for this grant request from homeowners with property along South Boulder Creek in Eldorado Springs, and the La Mesa Drive and Prado Drive neighborhoods of Boulder.

Sincerely,

Robert McCormack

President, Boulder Flycasters PO Box 541

Boulder,CO 80306

cell-201-213-7295

troutrobert@gmail.com Boulderflycasters.org

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Chris Sturm chris.sturm@state.co.us Colorado Water Conservation Board 1313 Sherman Street, Room 721 Denver, CO 80203 Phone: 303-866-3441, ext. 3236

RE: Letter of Support for the South Boulder Creek Watershed Restoration Grant application by the **Boulder Flycasters Chapter of Trout Unlimited**

Dear Chris,

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The Boulder Flycasters have been involved in many conservation projects over the years. In the last five years the Flycasters have implemented major stream and riparian habitat improvements on Middle Boulder Creek, South Boulder Creek, and Jenny Creek in the upper Boulder Creek watershed. Recently, I (We) feel that Boulder Flycasters have done a good job coordinating with appropriate stakeholders of lower South Boulder Creek, including (us). The plan proposed by the Flycasters will help identify priority needs for river restoration and promote opportunities for multi-benefit partnerships among conservationists, recreationists, municipalities, agricultural, and other stakeholders. The Boulder Flycasters' proposal will result in implementation of a successful project that is well aligned with the goals of the CWCB and the stakeholders.

We are particularly pleased that the proposed plan will address stakeholder specific needs, including low winter water flows that result in environmental damage and fish kills.

We look forward to working with Boulder Flycasters to create an improved plan for Lower South Boulder Creek's health and resilency.

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(Date)

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RE: Approval Recommendation for the South Boulder Creek Stream Management Plan WSRF South Platte Basin Roundtable application

Dear Craig,

On behalf of the South Platte Basin Roundtable, I am pleased to convey our support and approval for a Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB) Water Supply Reserve Fund (WSRF) grant application submitted by Trout Unlimited for Stream Management Planning on South Boulder Creek. Trout Unlimited presented the project to the Roundtable in January, and on January 8 the Roundtable voted to approve the request for up to \$13,500 from the WSRF South Platte Basin Account, contingent on the project also being approved for its Stream Management Plan grant request pending before the CWCB. A second contingency was requested that any excess grant funds being returned pro-rata if the project runs under budget. A quorum was present at the January meeting of the South Platte Basin Roundtable.

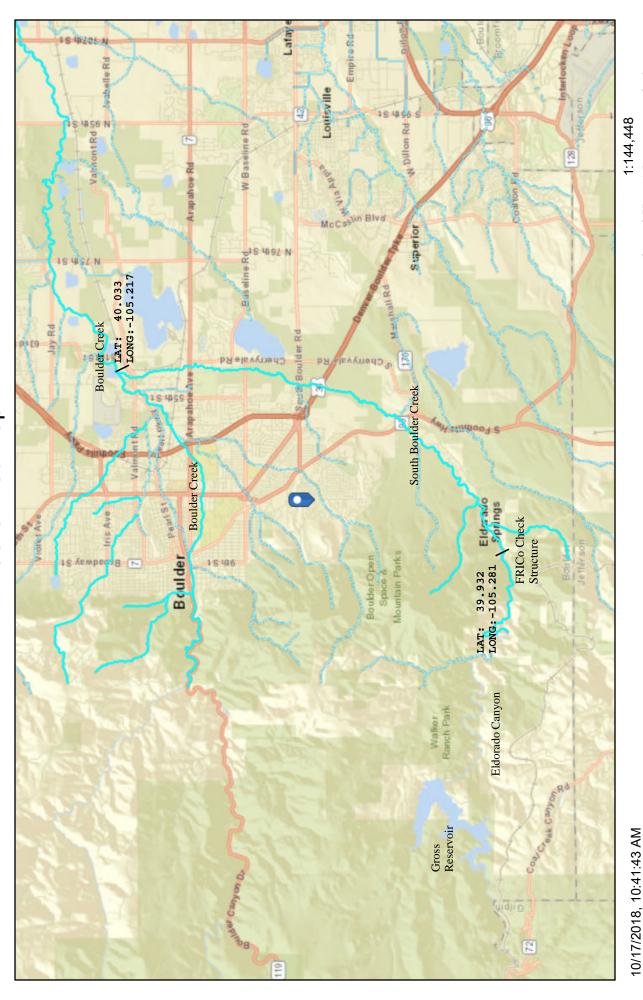
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Most significantly for our roundtable, the project addresses multiple objectives from our Basin Implementation Plan. It promotes environmental and recreational attributes on a significant stream reach for the basin. By supporting implementation of the Environmental Pool, part of the mitigation on the proposed expansion of Gross Reservoir, the SMP promotes successful completion of multi-purpose storage with one of our region's identified projects and processes (IPP). Finally, the public outreach components of the SMP process advance our goals for community outreach and education on water matters within the South Platte watershed.

Through this letter, I convey our recommendation for approval and ask CWCB to advance its consideration and approval for the South Boulder Creek SMP funding through our basin account of the Water Supply Reserve Fund. We look forward to working with Trout Unlimited to create an improved plan for lower South Boulder Creek's health that also helps advance successful completion of a key IPP for multi-purpose water supply.

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