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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

Ben Wade  
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#### Colorado | Metro | Rio Grande | Southwest

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#### WSRF Submittal Checklist (Required)

X	I acknowledge this request for funding was recommended for CWCB approval by the sponsoring Basin Roundtable(s).
X	I acknowledge I have read and understand the <a href="#">2016 WSRF Criteria and Guidelines</a> .
X	I acknowledge the Grantee will be able to contract with CWCB using the <a href="#">Standard Contract</a> . <sup>(1)</sup>
Exhibit A	
X	<a href="#">Statement of Work</a> <sup>(2)</sup> (Word – see Exhibit A Template)
X	<a href="#">Budget &amp; Schedule</a> <sup>(2)</sup> (Excel Spreadsheet – see Exhibit A Template)
X	Letters of Matching and/or Pending 3 <sup>rd</sup> Party Commitments <sup>(2)</sup>
Exhibit C	
X	Map <sup>(2)</sup> (in scope of work)
	Photos/Drawings/Reports
	Letters of Support
	Certificate of Insurance <sup>(3)</sup> (General, Auto, & Workers' Comp.)
Contracting Documents	
	Certificate of Good Standing <sup>(3)</sup>
	W-9 <sup>(3)</sup>
	Independent Contractor Form <sup>(3)</sup> (If applicant is individual, not company/organization)
	Electronic Funds Transfer (ETF) Form <sup>(3)</sup>

(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:	March 2019
Desired Notice to Proceed Date:	June 2019

Water Activity Summary	
Name of Applicant	YWG Basin Roundtable
Name of Water Activity	Yampa River Basin Integrated Water Management Project
Approving Roundtable(s)	Basin Account Request(s) <sup>(1)</sup>
Yampa White Green	\$154,524
Basin Account Request Subtotal	\$154,524
Statewide Account Request <sup>(1)</sup>	\$
Total WSRF Funds Requested (Basin & Statewide)	\$154,524
Total Project Costs	\$682,524

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



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Grantee and Applicant Information	
Name of Grantee(s)	Colorado River Water Conservation District
FEIN	84-6000156
Grantee's Organization Contact <sup>(1)</sup>	Andy Mueller
Position/Title	General Manager
Email	hcausey@crwcd.org
Phone	970-945-8522
Grant Management Contact <sup>(2)</sup>	Hunter Causey
Position/Title	Senior Water Resource Engineer
Email	<a href="mailto:hcausey@crwcd.org">hcausey@crwcd.org</a>
Phone	970-945-8522
Name of Applicant (if different than grantee)	Yampa White Green Basin Roundtable
Mailing Address	PO Box 115 Maybell, CO 81640
Position/Title	April McIntyre, Recorder
Email	yampawhitegreen@gmail.com
Phone	970-985-9924

**(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).
<p>The YWG BRT is one of nine grassroots water policy forums created by HB05-1177. It adopted its Basin Implementation Plan and accompanying basin goals in 2015. The BIP seeks to embody the intent of the legislation to “encourage locally driven collaborative solutions to water supply challenges.” The YWG BRT serves as a venue for coordinating and supporting the most effective water supply solutions in the YWG Basin. The BRT is made up of 26 voting members that seek to represent the diversity of views on water management in the basin.</p>



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

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

Category of Water Activity (check all that apply)		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Nonconsumptive (Environmental)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Nonconsumptive (Recreational)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Agricultural	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Municipal/Industrial	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Needs Assessment	
<input checked="" 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 <b>decimal degrees</b> . The Applicant shall also provide, in Exhibit C, a site map if applicable.	
County/Counties	Routt, Moffat
Latitude	Basinwide
Longitude	Basinwide

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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.

The Yampa/White/Green Basin Roundtable (BRT) is committed to protecting and enhancing the Yampa River for agricultural, municipal, industrial, environmental and recreational users, as expressed in the 2015 Basin Implementation Plan and its eight goals. The BRT continued planning efforts in 2016-17 by creating a sophisticated hydrology model of the Yampa and White river systems. This proposal continues progress on the BIP through an Integrated Water Management Plan (IWMP).

This IWMP proposal provides a roadmap to collaboratively identify and support actions that help implement the basin goals. It was crafted through extensive stakeholder outreach in 2018. This project charts a path forward for the BRT to progress on BIP goals while also building relationships with water users in the basin and responding to their needs; both were key needs found in the scoping process. It will combine stakeholder input with science and engineering assessments to identify actions that users can take to protect existing and future water uses in the Yampa River basin and support healthy river ecosystems in the face of growing population, changing land uses and climate uncertainty.

### 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)	
	Length of Pipe/Canal Built or Improved	
	Other	Explain:

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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](#) <sup>(1)</sup>. 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 calls for 80 percent of locally prioritized rivers to be covered by Stream Management Plans by 2030 (page 6-178). The Yampa IWMP will serve to advance the state's goals by conducting integrated planning (which includes the elements of SMPs) on four segments in the Yampa River Basin, a critical and highly prioritized section of river within the Colorado River Basin. The CWP also calls for the encouragement of ditch-wide and regional planning to explore system-wide conservation and efficiency opportunities and tradeoffs, the potential for water sharing, and long-term infrastructure maintenance needs. The Yampa IWMP includes a regional irrigation infrastructure needs assessment to identify high priority improvements that will also have environmental benefit. The integrated approach that the planning effort proposes speaks directly to the Colorado Water Plan's call to "set forth a water management roadmap to achieve a productive economy, vibrant and sustainable cities, productive agriculture, a strong environment, and a robust recreation industry."

The IWMP seeks to make progress on all of the basin's goals laid out on page 1-7 of the Basin Implementation Plan. It will most specifically focus on the following goals through answering these key questions:

BIP Goal(s)	Key Questions
Protect and encourage agricultural uses of water in the YWG Basin within the context of private property rights. AND Improve agricultural water supplies to increase irrigated land and reduce shortages.	What are the needs for upgrading river infrastructure, how can those be met, and where are opportunities for diversion infrastructure projects that have multi-purpose benefits?
Quantify and protect non-consumptive water uses. AND Maintain and consider the existing natural range of water quality that is necessary for current and anticipated water uses.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What do we already know about trends in river corridor health (flow, stream structure, habitat, riparian condition) and where do we need more information?</li> </ul>



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Water Activity Justification	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• How can the stakeholders protect or enhance river corridor health, while securing water needs for the future given future challenges of water availability, population growth and climate uncertainty?</li><li>• How can local stakeholders help address the needs of the endangered fish as per the Upper Colorado Endangered Fish Recovery Program post 2023?</li><li>• What are opportunities for improving public river access, protecting open space and other recreation projects that will have positive economic impacts to landowners and Yampa basin communities?</li></ul>
Develop an integrated system of water use, storage, administration and delivery to reduce water shortages and meet environmental and recreational needs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Using existing hydrology models, how might river operations change in the future (new storage, conversion to sprinklers, changes in return flow patterns, etc.), and how would such changes impact the river compared to current operations?</li><li>• Is there a collaborative opportunity for an integrated system of existing/new storage and releases that could improve river operations?</li></ul>

(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<sup>rd</sup> 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)
TNC	\$60,000 (cash) \$20,000 (ik)
TU	\$15,000 (cash) \$18,000 (ik)
River Network	\$10,000 (cash) \$60,000 (ik)
DWR	\$10,000 (ik)
Ag Alliance	\$50,000 (ik)
FOTY	\$20,000 (ik)
Upper Yampa WCD	\$30,000 (cash)
CWCB Watershed Restoration Grant	\$235,000 (cash)
Total Match	\$528,000
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 3<sup>rd</sup> party (cash, in-kind, or combination). The remaining 30% of the required match may be provided from any other source (Basin, applicant, or 3<sup>rd</sup> 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):
Total Match	\$
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.

The YWG BRT has completed numerous planning studies, assessments, stakeholder engagement processes and water projects in the basin in its 13 year history. It has funded an array of local projects ranging from feasibility studies for new storage to diversion reconstruction to a Stream Management Plan through Steamboat Springs. A full list of funded projects is available at <https://www.yampawhitegreen.com/projects>.

The YWG BRT also oversees a basin-wide water education effort in partnership with the Community Agriculture Alliance and Yampatika. The effort involves regular opinion pieces in local newspapers, radio PSAs, youth education programs, ranch tours and more. Examples of the work can be found at:

<https://www.yampawhitegreen.com/education/#pepo>

To scope the IWMP in 2018, the YWG BRT contracted with CBI Inc, Wilson Water Group, Community Agriculture Alliance and The Nature Conservancy to interview water users, water managers, basin roundtable members and compile existing information. From this process we discovered a need for identification, prioritization and support of on-the-ground projects, as well as a desire for stronger relationships between water management organizations (including the YWG BRT) and local water users. Memos from the scoping tasks can be found at:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1keUgzsGAe3HICK52ValYJq2piH1DppZh?usp=sharing>

Water planning is at the heart of the YWG BRT's activities. Most recently, it completed an 18-month update to the baseline CDSS Yampa model so it accurately represents current administration and can predict future demands, implementation of IPPs, and possible shortages to junior water rights, consumptive needs and environmental/recreational flows. In addition to modeling, this project required extensive interviews with area water management organizations (Colorado River District, Upper Yampa Water Conservancy District, City of Steamboat Springs, Colorado Parks and Wildlife, Mt. Werner Water and Sanitation District, Rio Blanco Water Conservancy District, etc) to understand their operations and IPPs.

In 2015, the YWG BRT completed its Basin Implementation Plan which identified initial measures to meet YWG basin goals to firm up supplies for existing uses and for future growth, while meeting recreational and environmental needs. All BRT recreational, environmental, agricultural, municipal and industrial stakeholders unanimously adopted the BIP's eight goals and their associated measurable outcomes.



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### Related Studies

Prior to 2015, the YWG BRT performed the following assessments:

- Nonconsumptive Needs Focus Mapping Report and Watershed Flow Evaluation Tool (2010)
- Energy Development Water Needs Assessment (2011)
- Agricultural Water Needs Assessment (2011)

Individual organizations that are members of the YWG BRT, who will oversee implementation of its recommendations, also have a long history of completing projects in the basin. Below is a small sampling of the projects undertaken by BRT member organizations:

- Stagecoach Reservoir expansion, Upper Yampa Water Conservancy District, 2010
- Dry-year water leases to improve Yampa River flows, Upper Yampa Water Conservancy District, City of Steamboat Springs and Colorado Water Trust, 2012-2013, 2015-2018
- Upper Elkhead Creek river restoration projects, Trout Unlimited, 2011-current
- Little Yampa Canyon riverside campsite development, Friends of the Yampa and US Bureau of Land Management, 2018
- Walker Ditch diversion improvement, The Nature Conservancy, 2018
- Leafy Spurge mapping and pilot eradication projects, National Park Service and Yampa River Leafy Spurge Group, 2015-current

### 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

Applicant (YWG BRT):  
None

Grantee (CRWCD):

Applicant	Water Activity	CWCB board meeting date	Contract or PO number
Colorado River Water Conservation District	Upper Colorado Endangered Fish Recovery Alternatives Analysis	3/13/2007	C150404
Colorado River Water Conservation District	Yellow Jacket Water Storage Feasibility Study	1/26/2010	C150472
Colorado River Water Conservation District	BIP- Colorado Basin Implementation Plan	9/24/2013	CTGG1 2015-546



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Previous CWCB Grants			
Colorado River Water Conservation District	Yampa/White Basin Implementation Plan	11/20/2013	C150547
Colorado River Water Conservation District	No Chico Brush Agricultural Water Research Project	3/18/2014	POGG1 2015-124
Colorado River Water Conservation District	Kendig Reservoir Feasibility Evaluation	7/15/2015	POGG1 2016-208
Colorado River Water Conservation District	Colorado River Development & Curtailment Risk Study	3/16/2016	POGG1 2016-828
Colorado River Water Conservation District	BIP - Yampa/White/Green Basin Implementation Plan Modeling	5/19/2016	CTGG1 2017-520 POGG1 2019-2162
Colorado River Water Conservation District	Basin Roundtable Technical Study on Colorado River Risk Response Options - Phase	3/23/2017	POGG1 2017-878

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.
Under the state constitution, TABOR limits the amount of state grants received into our Enterprise fund, to no more than 10% of annual revenue. Accepting more than 10% of annual revenue in the form of grants would jeopardize the River District Enterprise's standing. River District TABOR capacity is currently projected to be sufficient to accept funds for this grant but that status could change.



Rebecca Mitchell, Director  
Colorado Water Conservation Board  
1313 Sherman St., Room 718  
Denver, CO 80203

February 21, 2019

Dear Ms. Mitchell,

During its January 2019 meeting, the Yampa White Green Basin Roundtable (the Basin Roundtable) membership recommended approval of the expenditure of \$154, 524 from Basin Funds, for the Yampa River Integrated Water Management Plan. The motion was made with a contingency clause that the Colorado River District must agree to serving as the Roundtable's fiscal agent for the project, which they did unanimously at their January 2019 meeting. The Colorado Water Conservation Board approved the Basin Roundtable's request for \$235,000 of Stream Management Plan funding during the January 2019 meeting.

One member of the Basin Roundtable, Steve Hinkemeyer, expressed a vote in opposition, stating that he was against allocating additional funds prior to the Colorado River District's approval, and that he would have felt more comfortable coming back to the Basin Roundtable to ask for additional funds once the fiscal agent was in place.

On behalf of the membership and the over fifty individuals that have participated in the 2 years of planning and designing the Yampa River Integrated Water Management Plan, thank you for considering this additional expenditure of Basin funds.

Please don't hesitate to contact me at (970) 819-2484 with questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'JB', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Jackie Brown

Yampa White Green Basin Roundtable, Chair

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**Water Supply Reserve Fund – Grant and Loan Program**  
**Water Activity Summary Sheet**  
**March 20-21, 2019**  
**Agenda Item 24(I)**

**Applicant & Grantee:** Colorado River Water Conservation District  
**Water Activity Name:** Yampa River Basin Integrated Water Management Project  
**Water Activity Purpose:** Multipurpose (Ag/Env/M&I/Ed & Outreach)  
**County:** Routt & Moffat  
**Drainage Basin:** Yampa  
**Water Source:** Yampa River  
**Amount Requested:** \$154,524 Yampa/White/Green Basin Account  
**Matching Funds:** Applicant Match & 3<sup>rd</sup> party (cash & in-kind) = \$528,000  
• 341% of the Basin Account request (meets 10% min)

<b>Staff Recommendation:</b>
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Staff recommends approval of up to \$154,524 from the Yampa/White/Green Basin Account to help fund the project titled: Yampa River Basin Integrated Water Management Project.
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**Water Activity Summary:** WSRF grant funds, if approved, will assist the Yampa/White/Green Basin Roundtable provide a roadmap to collaboratively identify and support actions that help implement the basin goals. This process was crafted through extensive stakeholder outreach in 2018. This project charts a path forward for the BRT to progress on BIP goals while also building relationships with water users in the basin and responding to their needs; both were key needs found in the scoping process. It will combine stakeholder input with science and engineering assessments to identify actions that users can take to protect existing and future water uses in the Yampa River basin and support healthy river ecosystems in the face of growing population, changing land uses and climate uncertainty.

**Discussion:** This effort will assist the Yampa/White/Green Basin Roundtable achieve the goals of: Protect and encourage agricultural uses of water in the YWG Basin within the context of private property rights; Improve agricultural water supplies to increase irrigated land and reduce shortages; Quantify and protect non-consumptive water uses, and maintain and consider the existing natural range of water quality that is necessary for current and anticipated water uses; Develop an integrated system of water use, storage, administration and delivery to reduce water shortages and meet environmental and recreational needs.

In addition, this effort assists the state achieve the measurable objective of covering 80% of locally prioritized list of rivers with stream management plans as called for in Chapter 10, Section 10.3 of Colorado's Water Plan.

**Issues/Additional Needs:** The applicant/grantee needs to secure to additional grant awards and provide documentation of these awards prior to entering into a grant contract with the state, otherwise no issues or additional needs have been identified.

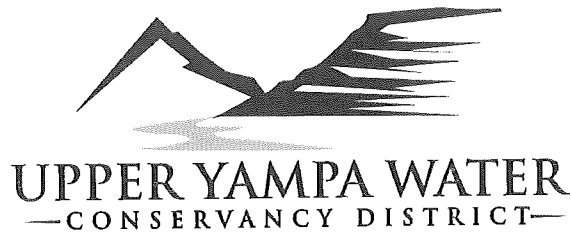
**Eligibility Requirements:** The application meets requirements of all eligibility components: General Eligibility, Entity Eligibility, Water Activity Eligibility, and Eligibility Based on Match Requirements.

**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:**

<b><u>Funding Source</u></b>	<b><u>Cash</u></b>	<b><u>In-kind</u></b>	<b><u>Total</u></b>	<b><u>Status</u></b>
The Nature Conservancy	\$60,000	\$20,000	\$80,000	Pending
Trout Unlimited	\$15,000	\$18,000	\$33,000	Secured
River Network	\$10,000	\$60,000	\$70,000	Pending
Colorado Dept. of Water Resources	\$0	\$10,000	\$10,000	Pending
Ag Alliance	\$0	\$50,000	\$50,000	Pending
Friends of the Yampa	\$0	\$20,000	\$20,000	Pending
Upper Yampa Water Conservancy District	\$30,000	\$0	\$30,000	Pending
CWCB Watershed Restoration grant	\$235,000	\$0	\$235,000	Pending
Sub-total	\$350,000	\$178,000	\$528,000	
WSRF Yampa/White/Green Basin Account	\$154,524	\$0	\$154,524	Secured
<b>Total Project Costs</b>	<b>\$504,524</b>	<b>\$178,000</b>	<b>\$682,524</b>	

**CWCB Project Manager:** Chris Sturm



October 2, 2018

Chris Strum  
Colorado Water Conservation Board  
1313 Sherman St., Room 718  
Denver, CO 80203

Dear Chris Strum,

The Upper Yampa Water Conservancy District (UYWCD) is writing in support of the Yampa/White/Green Basin Roundtable (BRT) Yampa River Integrated Water Management Planning (IWMP) grant request to the Colorado Water Conservation Board's Stream Management Plan grant program.

The Yampa/White/Green Basin Roundtable is committed to protecting and enhancing the Yampa River for agricultural, municipal, industrial, environmental and recreational users, as expressed in the 2015 Basin Implementation Plan (BIP) and its eight goals. Like all nine Basin Roundtables, the Yampa/White/Green Basin Roundtable was legislatively created and funded to facilitate discussions on water management and encourage locally-driven collaborative solutions. This IWMP scope of work provides a roadmap to collaboratively identify and support actions that help implement the basin goals.

The UYWCD has been involved in the Roundtable process, development of the BIP, and the IWMP since their inception. Importantly, the UYWCD has been, and will continue to be, a leader in the water resource management within its boundaries. We are most encouraged about the IWMP being a continuation of the work the Roundtable has done in its BIP and identifying IPP's to address them. Integration of water management efforts has been important to the Roundtable as evidenced by the goal to "develop an integrated system of water use, storage, administration, and delivery..." The UYWCD will continue its involvement with this important planning process.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions and thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Kevin McBride, P.E.  
General Manager  
Upper Yampa Water Conservancy District  
P.O. Box 775529  
Steamboat Springs, CO 80477  
kmcbride@upperyampawater.com  
970-871-1035

Mailing Address  
P.O. Box 775529  
Steamboat Springs, CO 80477-5529

Location  
Fish Creek Filtration Plant  
3310 Clear Water Trail

Telephone  
(970) 871-1035  
Fax (888) 519-3464

October 26, 2018

Chris Sturm  
Colorado Water Conservation Board  
1313 Sherman St., Room 718  
Denver, CO 80203

Dear Chris and CWCB Members,

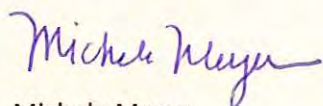
On behalf of Community Agriculture Alliance, I am writing to express our support for the Yampa/White/Green Basin Roundtable (BRT) Yampa River Integrated Water Management Planning (IWMP) grant request to the Colorado Water Conservation Board's Stream Management Plan grant program.

The Yampa/White/Green Basin Roundtable is committed to protecting and enhancing the Yampa River for agricultural, municipal, industrial, environmental and recreational users, as expressed in the 2015 Basin Implementation Plan (BIP) and its eight goals. Like all nine Basin Roundtables, the Yampa, White, Green was legislatively created and funded to facilitate discussions on water management and encourage locally-driven collaborative solutions. This IWMP scope of work provides a roadmap to collaboratively identify and support actions that help implement the basin goals.

Community Agriculture Alliance (CAA) has worked in partnership with YWG BRT for several years and serves as the liaison and fiscal agent for the Public Education Participation and Outreach Committee. As a local nonprofit organization, CAA's strength is our connection to local agriculture. Since 1999, CAA has worked to promote and support ag in the Yampa River Valley. As a part of the scoping process for this grant application CAA conducted a series of stakeholder meetings seeking feedback and input from agriculture water users in the region. We heard directly from our ag producers that there is a need for improved coordination, education and communication. CAA is committed to providing resources and connections for agriculture, especially as it related to water. We cannot do this work alone and are proud to partner with the YWG BRT on their goals and as a part of this grant program. CAA will provide in-kind support for the IWMP process with staff time dedicated to connecting with local agriculture water users.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with questions. Thank you for your consideration of this request. It will truly make a difference in the NW Colorado community.

Sincerely,



Michele Meyer  
Executive Director, Community Ag Alliance



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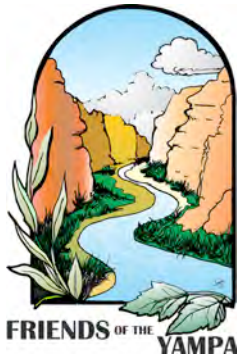
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## Friends of the Yampa

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*Mission: To protect and enhance the environmental and recreational integrity of the Yampa River and its tributaries thru stewardship, advocacy, education and partnerships.*

October 25, 2018

Attn: Chris Sturm  
Colorado Water Conservation Board  
1313 Sherman Street, Room 721  
Denver, CO 80203

RE: Letter of Support for the Yampa River Integrated Water Management Planning grant

Hello Chris,

We at Friends of the Yampa (FOTY) are writing in support of the Yampa/White/Green Basin Roundtable's Yampa River Integrated Water Management Planning (IWMP) grant request to the Colorado Water Conservation Board's Stream Management Plan grant program.

As you know, our roundtable and FOTY are committed to protecting and enhancing the Yampa River for all its major water uses. Our existing planning efforts via the roundtable have done a great job in laying the foundation for this future IWMP process to be a major success for this basin.

FOTY has been involved in this IWMP process from the beginning through my representation on the roundtable and our board members and our Friends helping to support this IWMP process. FOTY is committed to continue to be a partner in this process and have allocated future in-kind time to help involve the recreational and environmental community around this process. We feel that FOTY can also help bring together and share our commonalities with the agriculture community, and other water users, so that this future IWMP will be a gateway for win-win projects for all.

Let me know if you need anything else from FOTY. Call me to chat about this and any other Yampa basin related needs.

Sincerely yours,

Kent Vertrees  
President  
Friends of the Yampa  
970-846-7933

October 29, 2018  
Chris Sturm  
Colorado Water Conservation Board  
1313 Sherman St., Room 718  
Denver, CO 80203

Dear Chris Sturm,

I am writing on behalf of The Nature Conservancy in support of the Yampa/White/Green Basin Roundtable (BRT) Yampa River Integrated Water Management Planning (IWMP) grant request to the Colorado Water Conservation Board's Stream Management Plan grant program.

The Yampa/White/Green Basin Roundtable is committed to protecting and enhancing the Yampa River for agricultural, municipal, industrial, environmental and recreational users, as expressed in the 2015 Basin Implementation Plan (BIP) and its eight goals. Like all nine Basin Roundtables, the Yampa, White, Green was legislatively created and funded to facilitate discussions on water management and encourage locally-driven collaborative solutions. This IWMP scope of work provides a roadmap to collaboratively identify and support actions that help implement the basin goals.

The Nature Conservancy has been involved in the scoping process in 2018. We see the IWMP by the Basin Roundtable as a grass roots commitment to examine and address environmental/Recreational flow needs in concert with meeting all other water needs that are important to people. My organization has contributed financially to the early scoping and will continue to provide ongoing support of this planning process.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions, and thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Geoff Blakeslee  
Yampa River Project Director  
The Nature Conservancy



Brian Hodge, Northwest Colorado Director

October 30, 2018

Chris Sturm  
Colorado Water Conservation Board  
1313 Sherman Street, Room 718  
Denver, CO 80203

Dear Mr. Sturm:

I write to on behalf of Trout Unlimited to express our support for The Yampa-White-Green Basin Roundtable's (BRT) Yampa River Integrated Water Management Planning (IWMP) grant request to the CWCBC's Stream Management Plan grant program.

The Yampa-White-Green Basin Roundtable is committed to protecting and enhancing the Yampa River for agricultural, municipal, industrial, environmental, and recreational users, as expressed in the 2015 Basin Implementation Plan (BIP) and eight goals therein. Like all other Basin Roundtables, the Yampa-White-Green was legislatively created and funded to facilitate discussions on water management and encourage locally-driven collaborative solutions. This IWMP scope of work provides a roadmap to collaboratively identify and support actions that help implement the basin goals.

Trout Unlimited has been involved in the scoping process for the IWMP and we are most encouraged by the integration of consumptive and non-consumptive needs in the planning process. We are also encouraged by local interest in the concept of an IWMP. Trout Unlimited has already pledged to contribute both cash and staff time (i.e., in-kind) towards the planning process.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Brian Hodge