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TO: Colorado Water Conservation Board Members**FROM:** Lauren Ris, Deputy Director**DATE:** May 15-16, 2019**AGENDA ITEM:** 29. Water Plan Grants Overview**Introduction:**

This agenda item will provide the Board with an overview of the Water Plan Grant approval process and timeline. The Water Plan Grant (WPGrant) applications reviewed at this Board meeting were received by the February 1, 2019 deadline and will be considered at this meeting for final approval. Project managers for each grant category will provide an overview of their recommendations and ask the Board to take action on the recommendations for the category as a whole, unless otherwise requested by the Board.

Background:

The 2018 Projects Bill (SB18-218) included \$7 million for projects or activities that aim to make progress on the measureable objectives identified in Colorado's Water Plan. The funds were divided into five project categories. Table 1 provides a summary of the WPGrant categories, including the appropriated funding, the total demand on each of the categories, and the unreserved balance including any carryover funds from FY 2017-2018.

This is the program's second year of funding, which included two grant rounds this fiscal year. Applications were due August 1, 2018 and February 1, 2019 with final Board review at the November 2018 and May 2019 Board meetings. Grants that receive final approval will begin the contracting process. Applicants are expected to enter into a contract within six months of approval.

Table 1. Funding Summary FY18-19

| WPGrant Category | HB18-1322 | Carry Over | FY 18/19 Beginning Balance | Total Requested October 2018 | Total Recommended October 2018 | Total Requested February 2019 | Total Recommended February 2019 | Remaining Balance |
|--------------------------|--------------|------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| Agriculture | \$ 1,000,000 | \$116,042 | \$1,116,042 | \$1,240,919 | \$514,250 | \$1,772,956 | \$599,194 | \$2,598 |
| Engagement & Innovation | \$ 500,000 | \$196 | \$500,196 | \$188,523 | \$188,523 | \$304,080 | \$304,080 | \$7,593 |
| Environment & Recreation | \$ 1,500,000 | \$1,000 | \$1,501,000 | \$1,805,420 | \$554,711 | \$1,312,716 | \$945,364 | \$925 |
| Conservation & Land Use | \$ 1,000,000 | \$2,200 | \$1,002,200 | \$476,711 | \$476,711 | \$1,138,822 | \$295,598 | \$229,891 |
| Water Storage & Supply | \$ 3,000,000 | \$52,900 | \$3,052,900 | \$445,000 | \$350,000 | \$3,075,670 | \$1,649,786 | \$1,053,114 |
| Totals | | | | \$4,156,573 | \$2,084,195 | \$7,604,244 | \$3,794,022 | \$1,294,121 |

