

**Water Supply Reserve Fund
Water Activity Summary Sheet
March 11-12, 2020
Agenda Item 23(s)**

Applicant & Grantee: Southwest Conservation Corps

Water Activity Name: Dolores River Restoration Partnership Revegetation and Outreach

Water Activity Purpose: Multi-Purpose - Implementation

County: Mesa, San Miguel & Dolores

Drainage Basin: Southwest

Water Source: Dolores River

Amount Requested: \$25,000 Southwest Basin Account

Matching Funds: Applicant Match & 3rd Parties = \$26,483

- 185% of the Basin Account request (meets 10% min)

Staff Recommendation:
Staff recommends approval of up to \$25,000 from the Southwest Basin Account to help fund the project: Dolores River Restoration Partnership Revegetation and Outreach.

Water Activity Summary: WSRF Funds, if approved will assist the Southwest Conservation Corps to restore the Dolores River corridor that has been impaired by invasive plants. The DRRP seeks funds for the following three water activities to help maintain efficacy on over 1,900 acres of tamarisk treatments conducted to date:

- A volunteer active revegetation event along the Dolores in fall of 2020 with the Wildland Restoration Volunteers (WRV). Active revegetation (i.e. seeding or planting native riparian vegetation) is a critical activity on certain restoration sites to ensure establishment of native plants. The DRRP has worked with the WRV every year since 2015 on projects including tamarisk re-sprout treatments, baffle construction, and cottonwood planting. The 2020 revegetation event will be held along the Dolores River near Gateway, CO and effect approximately 8 acres of riparian land managed by the Grand Junction BLM Field Office and/or the Gateway Canyons Resort.
- An annual partnership meeting for DRRP partners in Dolores, Colorado. Traditionally, these day-long meetings are very well attended and remain the best platform for information sharing, goal-setting, and large-scale coordination between the DRRP's myriad of partners in Southwest Colorado and Utah.
- Project and event coordination by Southwest Conservation Corps (SCC) and RiversEdge West staff.

Discussion: This effort will assist the Southwest Basin Roundtable meet the Goals and Measurable Outcomes A4, A5, D1, E1, and E2 as described in their Basin Implementation Plan and the SWBRT Chair's Recommendation Letter.

Issues/Additional Needs: The applicant shall provide all outstanding letter of matching commitment prior to entering into a grant contract with the state, otherwise there are no issues or additional needs.

Eligibility Requirements: The application meets requirements of all eligibility components.

Evaluation Criteria: Staff has determined this activity satisfies the Evaluation Criteria.

Funding Sources/Match	Cash	In-kind	Total	Status
Wilderness Restoration Volunteers	\$0	\$12,200	\$12,200	Pending
BLM	\$6,620	\$0	\$6,620	Pending
BLM SCC Assistance Agreement	\$2,663	\$0	\$2,663	Pending
DRRP Restore Our Rivers	\$5,000	\$0	\$5,000	Secured
Sub-total	\$14,283	\$12,200	\$26,483	
WSRF Southwest Basin Account	\$25,000	\$0	\$25,000	Secured
Total Project Costs	\$39,283	\$12,200	\$51,483	

CWCB Project Manager: Craig Godbout

SOUTHWEST BASINS ROUNDTABLE

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Craig Godbout

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SUBJECT: Dolores River Restoration Partnership Revegetation and Outreach, \$25,000
from the Basin Account

Dear Craig:

The Southwest Basin Roundtable (SWBRT) approved funding for the Dolores River Restoration Partnership Revegetation and Outreach in the amount of \$25,000 from the Basin Fund at our January 15, 2015 Roundtable meeting. A quorum of Roundtable members was present.

The Project conforms with the Colorado Water Plan Environmental and Recreational Projects Goals (p. 6-157) including "Promote restoration, Protect and enhance economic values; Support multi-purpose projects; Protect, maintain, improve, conditions of streams, wetlands, riparian areas. The project also conforms with the Southwest BIP Goals A4: Promote dialogue, foster cooperation; A5: Maintain watershed health in critical recreation areas; D1: Maintain, enhance recreational and economic values; E1: Monitor and improve imperiled aquatic and riparian species; E2: Maintain, monitor, improve natural function of streams, support native species.

The completed Grant Application will be forwarded directly to you by the applicant. Please contact the applicant directly or me at 970-739-4181, or mpreston@frontier.net, if you have questions or wish to discuss this application in more detail.

Sincerely,



Michael Preston

Southwest Basin Roundtable Chair



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**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:

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WSRF Submittal Checklist (Required)

x	I acknowledge this request was recommended for CWCB approval by the sponsoring roundtable.
x	I acknowledge I have read and understand the 2016 WSRF Criteria and Guidelines .
x	I acknowledge the Grantee will be able to contract with CWCB using the Standard Contract . ⁽¹⁾
Application Documents	
x	Exhibit A: Statement of Work ⁽²⁾ (<i>Word – see Template</i>)
x	Exhibit B: Budget & Schedule ⁽²⁾ (<i>Excel Spreadsheet – see Template</i>)
x	Letters of Matching and/or Pending 3 rd Party Commitments ⁽²⁾
x	Map ⁽²⁾
x	Photos/Drawings/Reports
x	Letters of Support
Contracting Documents ⁽³⁾	
	Detailed/Itemized Budget ⁽³⁾ (<i>Excel Spreadsheet – see Template</i>)
	Certificate of Insurance ⁽⁴⁾ (<i>General, Auto, & Workers' Comp.</i>)
	Certificate of Good Standing ⁽⁴⁾
	W-9 Form ⁽⁴⁾
	Independent Contractor Form ⁽⁴⁾ (<i>If applicant is individual, not company/organization</i>)
	Electronic Funds Transfer (ETF) Form ⁽⁴⁾

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

(2) Required with application if applicable.

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(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, 2020
Desired Notice to Proceed Date:	February, 2020

Water Activity Summary		
Name of Applicant	The Southwest Conservation Corps/Dolores River Restoration Partnership	
Name of Water Activity	Dolores River Restoration Partnership Revegetation and Outreach	
Approving Roundtable(s)	Basin Account Request(s) ⁽¹⁾	
Southwest Basin Roundtable	\$25,000	
Basin Account Request Subtotal	\$25,000	
Statewide Account Request ⁽¹⁾	\$0	
Total WSRF Funds Requested (Basin & Statewide)	\$25,000	



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Water Activity Summary

Total Project Costs	\$51,483.00
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(1) Please indicate the amount recommended for approval by the Roundtable(s)

Grantee and Applicant Information

Name of Grantee(s)	Conservation Legacy/Southwest Conservation Corps
Mailing Address	701 Camino Del Rio Ste. 101
FEIN	84-1450808
Grantee's Organization Contact ⁽¹⁾	Kevin Heiner
Position/Title	SCC Corps Director
Email	kevin@conservationlegacy.org
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Grant Management Contact ⁽²⁾	Emily Kasyon
Position/Title	Watershed Programs Coordinator
Email	ekasyon@conservationlegacy.org
Phone	970-903-0839
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).

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The Southwest Conservation Corps (SCC) is a program of Conservation Legacy, a 501(c)(3) non-profit based in Durango, CO. Conservation Legacy is a national organization that supports locally based conservation corps programs. SCC operates conservation service programs that encourage environmental stewardship, foster community partnerships, emphasize experiential learning, and serve a diverse population that is representative of the Southwest; including youth, graduates, veterans, and a cross-section of ethnicities and income levels. SCC is a critical partner in the Dolores River Restoration Partnership (DRRP), which is a public-private collaborative working to remove invasive plants and restore ecological function along the Dolores River.

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.
x	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)	
	Study
x	Implementation

Category of Water Activity (check all that apply)		
x	Nonconsumptive (Environmental)	
x	Nonconsumptive (Recreational)	
	Agricultural	
	Municipal/Industrial	
	Needs Assessment	
x	Education & Outreach	
	Other	Explain:

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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/Countries	Mesa, San Miguel, Dolores
Latitude	
Longitude	

Water Activity Overview
<p>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.</p>
<p>Since 2009, the DRRP has been working to restore the Dolores River corridor that has been impaired by invasive plants. The DRRP seeks funds for the following three water activities to help maintain efficacy on over 1,900 acres of tamarisk treatments conducted to date:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A volunteer active revegetation event along the Dolores in fall of 2020 with the Wildland Restoration Volunteers (WRV). Active revegetation (i.e. seeding or planting native riparian vegetation) is a critical activity on certain restoration sites to ensure establishment of native plants. The DRRP has worked with the WRV every year since 2015 on projects including tamarisk re-sprout treatments, baffle construction, and cottonwood planting. The 2020 revegetation event will be held along the Dolores River near Gateway, CO and effect approximately 8 acres of riparian land managed by the Grand Junction BLM Field Office and/or the Gateway Canyons Resort. • An annual partnership meeting for DRRP partners in Dolores, Colorado. Traditionally, these day-long meetings are very well attended and remain the best platform for information sharing, goal-setting, and large-scale coordination between the DRRP's myriad of partners in Southwest Colorado and Utah. • Project and event coordination by Southwest Conservation Corps (SCC) and RiversEdge West staff.

Measurable Results

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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)
x	Area of Restored or Preserved Habitat (acres)
	Length of Pipe/Canal Built or Improved
	Other Explain:

Water Activity Justification
<p>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 ⁽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).</p> <p>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).</p>



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Water Activity Justification

Section 6.6 of the Colorado Water Plan states: “the policy of the State of Colorado is to identify and implement environmental and recreational projects and methods to achieve the following statewide long-term goals:

- Promote restoration, recovery, sustainability, and resiliency of endangered, threatened, and imperiled aquatic- and riparian-dependent species and plant communities.
- Protect and enhance economic values to local and statewide economies that rely on environmental and recreational water uses, such as fishing, boating, waterfowl hunting, wildlife watching, camping, and hiking.
- Support the development of multipurpose projects and methods that benefit environmental and recreational water needs as well as water needs for communities or agriculture.
- Understand, protect, maintain, and improve conditions of streams, lakes, wetlands, and riparian areas to promote self-sustaining fisheries and functional riparian and wetland habitat to promote long-term sustainability and resiliency.
- Maintain watershed health by protecting or restoring watersheds that could affect critical infrastructure and/or environmental and recreational areas.”

Furthermore, the Southwest Basin Implementation Plan (SWBIP) supports the State Water Plan by promoting key goals including Goals **A.4**: “Promote dialogue, foster cooperation and resolve conflict among water interests in every basin and between basins...;” **A.5**: “Maintain watershed health by restoring watersheds that could affect critical infrastructure and/or environmental and recreational areas;” **D.1** “Maintain and enhance recreational and economic values of local and statewide economies derived from recreational water uses;” **E1**: “Encourage and support restoration, recovery, and sustainability of endangered, threatened, and imperiled aquatic and riparian dependent species and plant communities;” **E2**: “Protect, maintain, monitor and improve the condition and natural function of streams, lakes, wetlands, and riparian areas to promote self-sustaining fisheries, and to support native species and functional habitat in the long term, and adapt to changing conditions.”

The work of the Dolores River Restoration Partnership directly advances the policies and goals stated above by working to remove invasive plants and restore native fish and wildlife habitat along the imperiled Dolores River. The Partnership is explicitly identified an active IPP in the SWBIP (ID# 20-DM, pg. 89.)

The DRRP has been very successful in major phreatophyte removal along the lower Dolores, and in recent years has been transitioning into monitoring, maintenance, and revegetation activities along many areas in the watershed. Invasive woody species, namely tamarisk, displace native plants, impair wildlife habitat, diminish recreational opportunities, contribute additional salt, and consume mass amounts of water.

Furthermore, by connecting partners via plant identification workshops, partnership meetings, volunteer opportunities, and other structured events, diverse stakeholders have been connected with a shared goal of a healthy Dolores River. Given the remote nature of the Dolores River Basin, consistent information-sharing and collaborative decision making can be challenging, and the DRRP has proven to be a reliable platform to implement restoration goals.

The Dolores River is designated as a Bird Habitat Conservation Area by the Intermountain West Joint Venture, providing important habitat for a variety of resident and migratory bird species. Additionally, three Colorado State Species of Concern (the flannel mouth sucker, bluehead sucker, and roundtail chub) depend on the health of the Dolores River and healthy streamside vegetation. Beyond wildlife, the river corridor is prized for its scenic vistas, unique geology, archaeology, and history - more than 30 miles of the river is traced by the Unaweep-Tabeguache Scenic and Historic Byway. Historic land use such as grazing and ranching are still mainstays for many families that reside within the watershed. Finally, the river is valued for recreational opportunities, notably camping, hiking, hunting, and rafting.

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Water Activity Justification

Some of the driving goals of the DRRP include increasing the amount of sustainable, healthy riparian and floodplain plant communities, supporting ecological monitoring activities, reducing tamarisk and secondary weeds species. Several ecological metrics (e.g. tamarisk will be reduced to less than 5 percent of the vegetation cover within riparian areas) not only provide important milestones for guiding restoration work, but also shape the monitoring protocols that track impacts of on-the-ground restoration work. In an effort to ensure the recovery of almost 2,000 acres of treated sites and provide optimal conditions for native plant growth, DRRP follows rapid monitoring protocols and carries out site specific maintenance such as secondary weed treatment and revegetation. This proposal requests funding to carry out this revegetation work by utilizing Wildland Restoration Volunteers, conduct an annual DRRP meeting, and cover coordination costs of these activities.

(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	Amount and Form of Match (note cash or in-kind)
WRV (20 volunteers, 480 hours @ a rate of \$25.43 from Independent Sector)	\$12,200 (in-kind)

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Matching Requirements: Basin Account Requests	
Bureau of Land Management	\$6,620 (cash)
SCC BLM Assistance Agreement	\$2,663 (cash)
DRRP Restore Our Rivers	\$5,000 (cash)
Total Match	\$26,483
If you requested a Waiver to the Basin Account matching requirements, indicate the percentage you wish waived.	

Related Studies
<p>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.</p> <p>The work of the DRRP is guided by a scientifically rigorous restoration plan; the Dolores River Restoration Action Plan (DR-RAP), which outlines four shared goals: ecological, social, economic, and adaptive management. One of DR-RAP's guiding principles is to minimize harm to wildlife species. Through collaborative planning that engages partners with a variety of skills and professional backgrounds, use of best available science as well as best-management practices, the DRRP is ensuring the protection of a healthy, viable riparian corridor.</p> <p>The DRRP Transition Plan for Monitoring and Maintenance outlines the activities that need to take place over the next five years (2015-2020) to ensure this project meets the goals set out in DR-RAP. This guiding document identifies prioritized actions needed (in terms of capacity, governance, funding, communications, and project monitoring and maintenance) to protect the investments in the Dolores River Watershed and continue building towards its shared goals in the next five years. As part of the Transition Plan, members of the DRRP are signing a new five-year MOU to confirm their commitment to the project and ensure the appropriate human and financial resources are procured to sustain the work of the partnership.</p>

Previous CWCB Grants
<p>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</p>



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Previous CWCB Grants

Riversedge West on behalf of DRRP:

- 2019 WR Grant, Collaborative Riparian Restoration; POGG1, PDAA, 201900002770
- 2019 WSRF, Dolores River Restoration Partnership Maintenance and Monitoring; Southwest Basin Rountable; POGG1,PDAA,201900002469
- 2011 CHRF; Ecotype Specific Riparian restoration Plant materials Project; OD PDA 10000000039

Southwest Conservation Corps on behalf of DRRP:

- 2016 CWCB IPCP, Riparian Restoration Projects along the Dolores River & Disappointment Creek in Southwestern Colorado; POGG1 PDAA 201700000358
- 2018 CWCB CWRP, Dolores River Restoration Partnership (DRRP) – Ensuring Riparian Restoration following 8 years of accomplishments in Southwestern Colorado; CTGGI PDAA 2019*00196

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.

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Photos



Figure 2: WRV Volunteers caging cottonwoods during the 2019 DRRP event along the Dolores River



Figure 1: WRV Volunteers in Paradox valley during the 2019 DRRP volunteer event

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Figure 3: WRV Volunteers and conservation corps members planting cottonwoods in Big Gypsum Valley in 2018



Figure 4: 2019 DRRP Annual Partnership Meeting in Moab, Utah



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<u>Exhibit A - Statement of Work</u>	
Date:	November, 2019
Water Activity Name:	Dolores River Restoration Revegetation and Outreach
Grant Recipient:	Southwest Conservation Corps
Funding Source:	Southwest Basin Roundtable
Water Activity Overview: (Please provide brief description of the proposed water activity (no more than 200 words). Include a description of the overall water activity and specifically what the WSRF funding will be used for.	
<p>The Dolores River Restoration Partnership (DRRP) is requesting \$25,000 for two specific activities: 1) to plan, organize, and implement an active revegetation volunteer project with Wildland Restoration Volunteers (WRV) along the Dolores River in the Grand Junction Bureau of Land Management Field Office area and; 2) coordinate an annual DRRP Partner Meeting in Dolores, Colorado to present restoration work to stakeholders along the Dolores River, set goals for the DRRP, and share 2019 DRRP work. Both activities require ongoing coordination by SCC and REW staff, which is the third component of this request.</p> <p>WSRF funds will be used to pay for the Colorado-based WRV volunteer group, revegetation supplies (native seed, containerized plants, caging materials, etc.) associated with the volunteer project; to support the 2020 DRRP annual partnership meeting (facilitator, venue, catered food, travel for some participants, etc.); and project coordination costs associated with the two activities.</p>	
Objectives: (List the objectives of the project)	
<p>Objectives of the Dolores River Restoration Partnership Revegetation and Outreach Project are as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Engage 20-25 WRV volunteers in an effort to revegetate 8 acres of riparian land along the Dolores River to build on past restoration work.2. Organize, coordinate, and implement a 2020 DRRP annual meeting to facilitate information sharing, coordinate goal setting, and update partners on riparian restoration activities along the Dolores River. <p>Overall, this project will engage volunteers and partners in education and outreach, solicit input for additional guidance for DRRP priorities, and actively revegetate ideal areas along the Dolores River on BLM and Gateway Canyons Resort Lands near the town of Gateway.</p>	

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Tasks
Provide a detailed description of each task using the following format:
<u>Task 1 – Wildland Restoration Volunteers Dolores River Revegetation</u>
<p>Description of Task:</p> <p>The DRRP has diligently performed restoration activities on around 1,900 acres of riparian lands in the Dolores River Basin by leveraging resources from over 20 different partners and removing invasive tamarisk and treating secondary weeds such as Russian knapweed. Sites that have had initial tamarisk removal and adequate secondary weed treatments but have a low potential for passive recruitment of native species are ideal candidates for active revegetation. Establishing native species helps alleviate the concern of re-encroachment of weeds and invasive tamarisk. Various sites in the Grand Junction Field Office jurisdiction are appropriate for active revegetation (see Project Map.)</p> <p>Active revegetation is great for volunteer groups due to high numbers of participants and the rewarding nature of the work. The Wildlands Restoration Volunteers have worked with the DRRP for the past three seasons, participating in tamarisk treatment, revegetation projects, and helping build a holistic baffle structure on East Paradox Creek near Bedrock, an ephemeral tributary to the Dolores River responsible for watering a large cottonwood gallery. These volunteer events are designed to be service-learning projects where volunteers perform valuable work while learning about the river ecosystem, impacts of invasive species, and restoration processes.</p>
<p>Method/Procedure:</p> <p>With the support of the SCC Watershed Programs Coordinator and REW's DRRP Restoration Coordinator, volunteers will spend 3 days distributing native grass seed; planting locally sourced containerized native shrub species such as New Mexico privet, and three leaf sumac; and planting cottonwood and box elder trees. This project will take place along the Dolores River near Gateway, Colorado in the Grand Junction BLM Field Office and/or on Gateway Canyons Resort lands. Supplies associated with this task include containerized plants, root stimulant, and caging materials.</p>
<p>Grantee Deliverable: (Describe the deliverable the grantee expects from this task)</p> <p>At least 8 acres of improved riparian corridor through active revegetation and over 20 volunteers engaged in the DRRP.</p>
<p>CWCB Deliverable: (Describe the deliverable the grantee will provide CWCB documenting the completion of this task)</p> <p>Final report including numbers of volunteers engaged, at least 2 pictures from the event, and a map with a polygon of the active revegetation area.</p>



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Tasks
Provide a detailed description of each task using the following format:
<u>Task 2 – Dolores River Restoration Annual Partnership Meeting</u>
Description of Task: Each year, the DRRP hosts an annual partnership meeting in the Dolores River watershed. Partnership meetings are critical for sharing information regarding restoration studies, collectively updating partnership implementation priorities, discuss funding strategies, and updating guiding documents and Memorandum of Understandings. Approximately 40 people have historically attended these meetings, including state and federal employees, private landowners, non-profits, scientists, academics, youth conservation corps, and others.
Method/Procedure: DRRP coordinators will organize an approximately six-hour meeting in Dolores, Colorado; contact a facilitator from <i>Strategic by Nature</i> to ensure an effective, productive meeting, solicit additional agenda items and workshop topics, solidify a venue and catering, and invite new and old DRRP members. Subsequent follow-up from the annual meeting is also required, including documenting attendees, and posting presentations online for interested parties unable to attend.
Grantee Deliverable: (Describe the deliverable the grantee expects from this task) An engaging and thoughtful meeting of DRRP partners discussing ecological, social, and economic implications of riparian restoration along the Dolores River, as well as goal setting and scoping for future priorities and projects.
CWCB Deliverable: (Describe the deliverable the grantee will provide CWCB documenting the completion of this task) A report of the meeting, at least two pictures, agenda, total attendee count, and takeaways from the discussions at the meeting.



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Tasks
Provide a detailed description of each task using the following format:
<u>Task 3 – Project Coordination</u>
Description of Task: Project coordination through staff at Southwest Conservation Corps (SCC) and RiversEdge West (REW) includes: project planning for WRV; acquiring additional funding; managing volunteer work logistics; scheduling project work; reporting; coordinating with pertinent BLM land managers and private landowners; and follow-up monitoring and maintenance needs. Planning, coordination, and implementation for the 6-hour DRRP annual meeting with require weeks of detailed coordination developing the agenda, coordination with a facilitator, developing presentations, organizing food and venues, and lengthy follow-up work.
Method/Procedure: SCC's Watershed Programs Coordinator will plan the WRV volunteer event, coordinate necessary materials, compile the deliverables from the WRV event, organize speakers at the DRRP annual meeting, schedule a meeting venue, and work with a facilitator on materials. REW's DRRP Restoration Coordinator will work with the Grand Junction BLM Field Office, coordinate with WRV, develop agenda for DRRP annual meeting, acquire additional funding sources, and other coordination needs. Also, REW's Funding Coordinator and Associate Director will help organize DRRP Annual Meeting, leverage additional funding, and help with reporting. Project planning will take place prior to the WRV volunteer project in collaboration with BLM land managers to figure out project details such as specific appropriate planting locations. The Watershed Programs Coordinator will also be onsite providing support for the entire WRV volunteer event. The DRRP will coordinate watering efforts after completion of the project to increase establishment success.
Grantee Deliverable: (Describe the deliverable the grantee expects from this task) Project work development and support for WRV groups and the coordination, organization, and implementation of a 2020 DRRP annual meeting.
CWCB Deliverable: (Describe the deliverable the grantee will provide CWCB documenting the completion of this task) The deliverable for this task will be hours worked, detailed reports of projects and events and any relevant materials stemming from these tasks.



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Budget and Schedule

Exhibit B - Budget and Schedule: This Statement of Work shall be accompanied by a combined [Budget and Schedule](#) that reflects the Tasks identified in the Statement of Work and shall be submitted to CWCB in excel format. A separate excel formatted Budget is required for engineering costs to include rate and unit costs.

Reporting Requirements

Progress Reports: The grantee shall provide the CWCB a progress report every 6 months, beginning from the date of issuance of a purchase order, or the execution of a contract. The progress report shall describe the status of the tasks identified in the statement of work, including a description of any major issues that have occurred and any corrective action taken to address these issues. The CWCB may withhold reimbursement until satisfactory progress reports have been submitted.

Final Report: At completion of the project, the grantee shall provide the CWCB a Final Report on the grantee's letterhead that:

- Summarizes the project and how the project was completed.
- Describes any obstacles encountered, and how these obstacles were overcome.
- Confirms that all matching commitments have been fulfilled.
- Includes photographs, summaries of meetings and engineering reports/designs.

Payments

Payment will be made based on actual expenditures, must include invoices for all work completed and must be on grantee's letterhead. The request for payment must include a description of the work accomplished by task, an estimate of the percent completion for individual tasks and the entire Project in relation to the percentage of budget spent, identification of any major issues, and proposed or implemented corrective actions.

The CWCB will pay the last 10% of the entire water activity budget when the Final Report is completed to the satisfaction of CWCB staff. Once the Final Report has been accepted, and final payment has been issued, the water activity and purchase order or contract will be closed without any further payment. Any entity that fails to complete a satisfactory Final Report and submit to CWCB within 90 days of the expiration of a purchase order or contract may be denied consideration for future funding of any type from CWCB.

Performance Requirements

Performance measures for this contract shall include the following:

(a) Performance standards and evaluation: Grantee will produce detailed deliverables for each task as specified. Grantee shall maintain receipts for all project expenses and documentation of the minimum in-kind contributions (if applicable) per the budget in Exhibit B. Per Grant Guidelines, the CWCB will pay out the last 10% of the budget when the final deliverable is completed to the satisfaction of CWCB staff. Once the final deliverable has been accepted, and final payment has been issued, the purchase order or grant will be closed without any further payment.

(b) Accountability: Per the Grant Guidelines full documentation of project progress must be submitted with each invoice for reimbursement. Grantee must confirm that all grant conditions have been complied with on each invoice. In addition, per the Grant Guidelines, Progress Reports must be submitted at least once every 6 months. A Final Report must be submitted and approved before final project payment.

(c) Monitoring Requirements: Grantee is responsible for ongoing monitoring of project progress per Exhibit A. Progress shall be detailed in each invoice and in each Progress Report, as detailed above. Additional inspections or field consultations will be arranged as may be necessary.

(d) Noncompliance Resolution: Payment will be withheld if grantee is not current on all grant conditions. Flagrant disregard for grant conditions will result in a stop work order and cancellation of the Grant Agreement.

Last Update: January 9, 2018

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Colorado Water Conservation Board**Water Supply Reserve Fund****EXHIBIT B - BUDGET AND SCHEDULE - Direct & Indirect (Administrative) Costs****Date:** Spring -Fall 2020**Water Activity Name:** Dolores River Restoration Partnership Revegetation and Outreach**Grantee Name:** Conservation Legacy, Southwest Conservation Corps

Task No. ⁽¹⁾	Description	Start Date ⁽²⁾	End Date	Matching Funds (cash & in-kind) ⁽³⁾	WSRF Funds (Basin & Statewide combined) ⁽³⁾	Total
1	Wildland Restoration Volunteers Event - \$11,000 per 3-day event, \$1,800 supplies and materials	August, 2020	October, 2020	\$12,200	\$12,800.00	\$25,000
2	DRRP Annual Partnership Meeting - \$3,000 facilitator; \$700 venue and materials	March, 2020	May, 2020	\$2,500	\$3,700.00	\$6,200
3	Project and Event Coordination - \$4,500 SCC Watershed Coordinator, \$2,000 DRRP Restoration Coordinator, \$1,500 REW Funding Program Coordinator; \$500 REW Associate Director	March, 2020	March, 2021	\$11,783	\$8,500.00	\$20,283
Total				\$26,483	\$25,000.00	\$51,483

(1) The single task that include costs for Grant Administration must provide a labor breakdown (see Indirect Costs tab below) where the total WSRF Grant contribution towards that task does not exceed 15% of the total WSRF Grant amount.

(2) Start Date for funding under \$100K - 45 Days from Board Approval; Start Date for funding over \$100K - 90 Days from Board Approval.

(3) Round values up to the nearest hundred dollars.

- Additional documentation providing a Detailed/Itemized Budget may be required for contracting. Applicants are encouraged to coordinate with the CWCB Project Manager to determine specifics.

- Reimbursement eligibility commences upon the grantee's receipt of a Notice to Proceed (NTP)

- NTP will not be accepted as a start date. Project activities may commence as soon as the grantee enters contract and receives formal signed State Agreement.

The CWCB will pay the last 10% of the entire water activity budget when the Final Report is completed to the satisfaction of the CWCB staff project manager. Once the Final Report has been accepted, the final payment has been issued, the water activity and purchase order (PO) or contract will be closed without any further payment. Any entity that fails to complete a satisfactory Final Report and submit to the CWCB with 90 days of the expiration of the PO or contract may be denied consideration for future funding of any type from the CWCB.

- Additionally, the applicant shall provide a progress report every 6 months, beginning from the date of contract execution

- Standard contracting procedures dictate that the Expiration Date of the contract shall be 5 years from the Effective Date.

Fall 2020 Wildland Restoration Volunteers Revegetation Event Sites Grand Junction BLM Field Office



Gateway

Dolores River

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Legend



Revegetation Sites



State Line

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

11/13/19

RE: Southwest Conservation Corps application to the Colorado Water Supply and Reserve Southwest Basin Fund

Dear Ms. Holcomb and Craig Godbout,

RiversEdge West enthusiastically supports Conservation Legacy's Southwest Conservation Corps application to Colorado Water Conservation Board's Water Supply Reserve Southwest Basin Funds for restoration and monitoring efforts in the Dolores Watershed on behalf of the Dolores River Restoration Partnership (DRRP).

I am writing to confirm RiversEdge West's (REW) financial commitment of \$5,000 from DRRP's Restore our Rivers (ROR) funds managed by REW, as well as \$6,620 from REW's Bureau of Land Management (BLM) DRRP Assistance Agreement to support riparian restoration along the Dolores River and the activities in this proposal. These efforts further the work of the Dolores River Restoration Partnership (DRRP) to improve and maintain healthy riverine ecosystems, reduce wildfire risk and impacts, minimize the spread of invasive phreatophyte vegetation, enhance water quality and quantity, and create local jobs. We point to the successful past collaborative work with WRV and the DRRP as evidence of riparian restoration, educational outreach, and actively help coordinate volunteer events. DRRP annual meetings are necessary to ensure that DRRP is aware of all restoration and ecological monitoring activities and utilizes the opportunity to solicit direction for the partners to direct resources and restoration priorities.

The long-term commitment to support the restoration efforts of the DRRP is clearly outlined in our [strategic plan](#). One of our highest values is to protect the quality and ecological integrity of riparian lands as a means to promote the economic, social and cultural wellbeing of communities in Colorado. The DRRP maintains broad-based support from local and regional interests, ranging from local nonprofits to state governments and federal agencies. The various tasks proposed in this grant application exemplify a commitment to collaboration, as evidenced by the myriad partners involved in project planning and implementation.

REW is committed to supporting the strategies and tasks outlined in the application. Funds from ROR will be used towards DRRP's annual meeting as well as staff time for REW's Funding program Coordinator and Associate Director. Funds from the BLM AA will be used for materials for the WRV planting event as well as capacity for REW's Restoration Coordinator.

Sincerely,

Rusty Lloyd, Executive Director
RiversEdge West

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Advancing the restoration of riparian lands through collaboration, education, and technical assistance.



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November 21, 2019

Megan Holcomb & Craig Godbout
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1313 Sherman Street, Room 721
Denver, CO 80203

Dear Ms. Holcomb and Mr. Godbout,

I am writing to express the support of Wildlands Restoration Volunteers, for Conservation Legacy's Southwest Conservation Corps' application to Colorado Water Conservation Board's Water Supply Reserve Fund for restoration and monitoring efforts in the Dolores River Watershed.

This application, submitted on behalf of the Dolores River Restoration Partnership (DRRP), would provide continued support for the partnership's work to replace invasive tamarisk with native cottonwoods along the Dolores River. WRV has partnered with the Dolores River Restoration Partnership on these efforts since 2015 thanks to previous support from a CWCB ICPC grant.

WRV volunteers have contributed their time and expertise to this partnership over the past four years and are poised to continue these efforts. Our organization intends to stay involved in these restoration efforts and supports DRRP's efforts to bring together partners to coordinate watershed management. WRV strongly supports a collaborative approach to achieving long-term conservation goals. Your support would facilitate our continued involvement with this inspiring partnership. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "K. Thompson", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

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RE: **POGG1,PDAA,201900002469**

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Dear Ms. Holcomb and Mr. Godbout,

I am writing to support and express commitment towards the Southwest Conservation Corps WSRF grant proposal for riparian restoration work along the Dolores River in the Grand Junction Field Office. The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) in three field offices in Colorado and one in Utah are important partners in the Dolores River Restoration Partnership (DRRP). Southwest Conservation Corps plays a critical role coordinating and implementing DRRP work, and we value the leadership and passion they bring to the DRRP. Together, we have leveraged federal, private, and state funding to develop and implement some very hard-earned and strategized goals for tamarisk and herbaceous weed treatments combined with restoring native vegetation along the Dolores River.

We support the specific initiatives in this grant including engaging Wildland Restoration Volunteers; as in the past they have proven to be positive and effective partners in a variety of restoration activities. Following, we strongly back the organization of the next annual DRRP meeting as these have always provided guidance and invaluable resource sharing platforms that are essential to the direction of the DRRP. Through creative and collaborative problem solving, the BLM has worked with the DRRP to manage, train, and support mechanical contractors, youth conservation corps and "strike teams," conduction initial tamarisk removal, follow-up weed treatments, and monitoring, which has effectively led to restoration success in the Dolores River corridor. The BLM will provide guidance for DRRP activities in the form of technical advice and direction.

BLM staff plays important roles in implementation, funding, science, and monitoring to identify and manage priority projects throughout the watershed. Our great relationship with SCC and the DRRP allows us to complete work that would otherwise be prohibitive. Visitors from near and far come to the Dolores River and become our present and future stewards of our public lands.

Sincerely,

Wayne Werkmeister
Assistant Field Manager