

#### Colorad o Water Conserv ation 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) <u>AND</u> 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   South Platte   Yampa/White		Colorado   Metro   Rio Grande   Southwest
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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.			
х	I acknowledge the Grantee will be able to contract with CWCB using the Standard Contract. <sup>(1)</sup>			
Appli	Application Documents			
х	Exhibit A: Statement of Work <sup>(2)</sup> (Word – see Template)			
х	Exhibit B: Budget & Schedule <sup>(2)</sup> (Excel Spreadsheet – see Template)			
х	Letters of Matching and/or Pending 3 <sup>rd</sup> Party Commitments <sup>(2)</sup>			
х	Map <sup>(2)</sup>			
х	Photos/Drawings/Reports			
х	Letters of Support			
Contr	racting Documents <sup>(3)</sup>			
	Detailed/Itemized Budget <sup>(3)</sup> (Excel Spreadsheet – see Template)			
	Certificate of Insurance <sup>(4)</sup> (General, Auto, & Workers' Comp.)			
	Certificate of Good Standing <sup>(4)</sup>			
	W-9 Form <sup>(4)</sup>			
	Independent Contractor Form <sup>(4)</sup> (If applicant is individual, not company/organization)			
	Electronic Funds Transfer (ETF) Form <sup>(4)</sup>			
(1) CI	1) Click "Grant Agreements". For reference only/do not fill out or submit/required for contracting			

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(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	
Мау	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	e(s)	Basin Account Request(s) <sup>(1)</sup>	
Southwest Basin Roundtable		\$25,000	
Basin Account Request Subtotal		\$25,000	
Statewide Account Request (1)		\$0	
Total WSRF Funds Requested (Basin & Statewide)		\$25,000	



## Water Activity Summary

Total Project Costs

\$51,483.00

(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 <sup>(1)</sup>	Kevin Heiner		
Position/Title	SCC Corps Director		
Email	kevin@conservationlegacy.org		
Phone	970.759.3935		
Grant Management Contact	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).



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)			
	<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.			
	<b>Public (Districts):</b> authorities, Title 32/special districts (conservancy, conservation, and irrigation districts), and water activity enterprises			
	Private Incorporated: mutual ditch companies, homeowners' associations, corporations			
	<b>Private Individuals, Partnerships, and Sole Proprietors:</b> 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)			
	Study			
х	Implementation			

Category of Water Activity (check all that apply)				
х	Nonconsur	Nonconsumptive (Environmental)		
х	Nonconsumptive (Recreational)			
	Agricultural			
	Municipal/Industrial			
	Needs Assessment			
х	Education & Outreach			
	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 Mesa, San Miguel, Dolores			
Latitude			
Longitude			

## 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.

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:

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

## 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</u> and <u>Education Action Plan</u><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 <u>2016 WSRF</u> <u>Criteria and Guidelines</u>).



## 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, parternship 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.



## 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 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)
WRV (20 volunteers, 480 hours @ a rate of \$25.43 from Independent Sector)	\$12,200 (in-kind)



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**

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 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.

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.

## **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



## 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 1000000039

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.



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





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

## 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 Revegitation 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:	<ul> <li>Applicant Match &amp; 3<sup>rd</sup> Parties = \$26,483</li> <li>185% of the Basin Account request (meets 10% min)</li> </ul>

## **Staff Recommendation:**

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

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• 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	<u>Status</u>
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 Michael Preston, Chair c/o Dolores Water Conservancy District P.O. Box 1150 Cortez, Colorado 81321 970-565-7562

January 17, 2020

Craig Godbout Water Supply Management Section Colorado Water Conservation Board 1580 Logan Street, Suite 600 Denver, Colorado 80203

# 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 <u>mpreston@frontier.net</u>, if you have questions or wish to discuss this application in more detail.

Sincerely,

Michael Preston Southwest Basin Roundtable Chair



November 21, 2019

Healing the Land Building Community oveniber 21, 2019

Megan Holcomb & Craig Godbout Colorado Water Conservation Board 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,

K. Thompson

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

RE: POGG1,PDAA,201900002469

NOV 18 2019

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