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TO: Colorado Water Conservation Board Members

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DATE: November 21, 2019

AGENDA ITEM: 18 - Water Efficiency Grant Fund - Application from Western
Resource Advocates

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends the Board approve a Water Efficiency Grant to Western Resource Advocates for up to \$105,427 for the project titled, “Removing Barriers: Building Capacity to Implement Critical Water Conservation and Efficiency”

Background: Western Resource Advocates (WRA) is a 501c(3) non-profit that works to encourage urban water providers to use existing water supplies more efficiently. WRA has received grant funding in the past including offering workshops to water utilities about using tap fees as a water efficiency tool.

The current proposal is to provide technical assistance to many municipalities and water providers who face various barriers, due to limited funding and resource capacity, and incomplete knowledge of the opportunities available, to implement meaningful water conservation and efficiency strategies to meet the Water Plan goals. Providing this education and outreach effort will help communities to overcome these barriers in order to meet their water demands without increasing supplies, while protecting river flows and promoting continued economic development.

WRA proposes to target mid-sized providers who are forecasted to grow in population over the next several years. WRA will host three educational webinars as well as three in-person workshops throughout the state. WRA will also help track data and the success of program implementation.

WRA will provide information, education, outreach, and training opportunities to support communities applying for CWCB and other grants in order to advance the implementation of urban water conservation and efficiency strategies and, as such, make impactful progress on the critical actions and measurable objectives identified in the Water Plan. This proposal also meets the Intent of the Board to increase the amount of technical assistance provided to local entities, and improve the nature and breadth of water conservation practices at the local level.



Applicant: Western Resource Advocates

Date: 10/1/2019

Grant Amount: \$105,427

HB 05-1254: Evaluation checklist for Agencies

For Agency Applicant:	Yes	No	Comments:
Is the applicant a public or private agency whose primary purpose is the promotion of water resource conservation?	x		
Did the applicant provide a charter and/or have they defined their operation principles?	x		WRA is a Non-profit Org
Did the applicant provide a written statement from the agency's governing board, stating the agency's commitment to the project and the implementation of long-term water savings measures and programs (w/authorized signature)?	x		
Did the applicant provide a <u>cover letter with the agency's</u> name, contact information, and a signature of an individual with the authority to commit the resources of the agency?	x		
Did the agency state/identify who will be included in the education and outreach efforts of the project?	x		Water providers in fast growing population areas
Description of Project:	-----	-----	-----
Did the agency identify specific goals of the project?	x		
Did the agency identify: their target audience(s) to reach, possible policy changes, and/or outcomes of educational efforts? (with respects to promoting the benefits of water resource conservation and water efficiency through education and outreach activities)	x		
Did the agency make a note of how the "goals" of their proposed project tie to the mission and objectives of the CWCB and its programs?	x		
Did the agency provide a detailed narrative (scope of work) of specific tasks to be performed with grant monies (stating how grant money will be used to achieve project goals) Including <u>ALL</u> meetings, workshops, fairs, printings, mailings, etc.?	x		
Did the agency provide a "project" timeline, stating milestones with dates and end products with dates; also state the estimated dates when progress reports will be submitted to OWCDP staff (50% & 75% completion)?	x		
Did the applicant present a project budget overview, breaking down tasks by labor hours and costs also including all other direct costs such as travel per diem associated to the tasks?	x		
Did the applicant provide a list of people and/or organizations that will be involved in assisting with the grant project (list of who will be utilizing the grant money)?	x		
Does the applicant demonstrate 25% matching funds? Listing all funding sources to complete the "project"? In cash, in-kind services, or through payment of consulting fees or a combination thereof?	x		Total cost = \$230,827 Cash Match = \$55,000 In-Kind Match = \$70,400 Match ~ 55%



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Final Summary Minutes and Record of Decisions November 20 & 21, 2019 Board Meeting

A regular meeting of the Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB) convened at Doubletree hotel 3203 Quebec St. Denver. The meeting was called to order by Chair Heather Dutton. Eight voting members were present at the call to order, so a quorum was present (at least 6 required). Voting members present were: Jim Yahn, Jack Goble, Heather Dutton, Celene Hawkins, Steven Anderson, Jaclyn Brown, Gail Schwartz, Jessica Brody (arrived after 11a.m.), and Curran Trick, and ex-officio voting member Dan Gibbs, Executive Director of the Department of Natural Resources was absent, Amy Moyer attended in his place. Non-voting ex officio members present or represented were; Dan Prenzlowl, Colorado Parks and Wildlife; Kate Greenberg, Department of Agriculture Commissioner; Kevin Rein, State Engineer; Russell George, Director of Compact Negotiations; and Rebecca Mitchell, Colorado Water Conservation Board Director. Counsel to the Board, Deputy Attorney General Amy Beatie, was also in attendance.

On the second day, the meeting was called to order by Chair Heather Dutton. Nine voting members were present at the call to order, so a quorum was present (at least 6 required). The voting members present were: Jaclyn Brown, Gail Schwartz, Jessica Brody, Steven Anderson, Curran Trick, Jim Yahn, Jack Goble, Heather Dutton, and ex-officio voting member Dan Gibbs, Executive Director of the Department of Natural Resources was absent, Amy Moyer attended in his place. Non-voting ex officio members present or represented were; Phil Weiser, Attorney General; Dan Prenzlowl, Colorado Parks and Wildlife; Kevin Rein, State Engineer; Russell George, Director of Compact Negotiations; and Rebecca Mitchell, Colorado Water Conservation Board Director. Counsel to the Board, Deputy Attorney General Amy Beatie, was also in attendance.



16. Report from Executive Session

Action: Report by Deputy Attorney General Amy Beatie. A motion to go out of Executive Session was made by Jim Yahn, which was seconded by Jack Goble. The motion was approved unanimously (9-0).

17. WSRF Grant Applications

Water Supply Reserve Fund Application Grants at the November 2019 CWCB Board Meeting

Agenda Item	Basin	Applicant	Name of Water Activity
a.	Yampa/White/Green	Yampatika Outdoor Awareness Association	Yampa White Green Rivers K-12 Curriculum

Action: Report by CWCB staff member Greg Johnson. A motion to approve the staff recommendation was made by Jaclyn Brown, which was seconded by Curran Trick. The motion was approved unanimously (9-0).

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Board approve up to \$99,053 from the Yampa/White/Green Basin Account to help fund the project titled: Yampa White Green Youth Water Education.

b.	Colorado	Roy and Shawna Fazzi	Fazzi Washout Pipeline
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Action: Report by CWCB staff member Greg Johnson. A motion to approve the staff recommendation was made by Gail Schwartz, which was seconded by Jaclyn Brown. The motion was approved unanimously (9-0).

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Board approve up to \$20,000 from the Colorado Basin Account to help fund the project titled: Fazzi Washout Pipeline.

c.	Colorado	Missouri Heights Mountain Meadow Ditch Company	Irrigation Pipeline Final Phase B2
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Action: Report by CWCB staff member Greg Johnson. A motion to approve the staff recommendation was made by Gail Schwartz, which was seconded by Jim Yahn. The motion was approved unanimously (9-0).

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Board approve up to \$40,000 from the Colorado Basin Account to help fund the project titled: Irrigation Pipeline Final Phase B2.

18. Water Efficiency Grant Fund - Application from Western

Resource Advocates

Water Supply Planning Section

Action: Report by CWCB staff member Ben Wade, Charlotte Reem with Western Resource Advocates. A motion to approve the staff recommendation was made by Jessica Brody, which was seconded by Jack Goble. The motion was approved unanimously (9-0).

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Board approve a Water Efficiency Grant to Western Resource Advocates for up to \$105,427 for the project titled, "Removing Barriers: Building Capacity to Implement Critical Water Conservation and Efficiency".

19. Weather Modification Update

Interstate, Federal, and Water Section