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<b>Colorado Water Conservation Board</b>
<b>Water Supply Reserve Fund Grant Application</b>

<b>Instructions</b>
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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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<b>WSRF Submittal Checklist (Required)</b>
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X	I acknowledge this request was recommended for CWCB approval by the sponsoring roundtable.
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>
<b>Application Documents</b>	
X	Exhibit A: Statement of Work <sup>(2)</sup> ( <i>Word – see Template</i> )
X	Exhibit B: Budget & Schedule <sup>(2)</sup> ( <i>Excel Spreadsheet – see Template</i> )
X	Letters of Matching and/or Pending 3 <sup>rd</sup> Party Commitments <sup>(2)</sup>
	Map <sup>(2)</sup>
	Photos/Drawings/Reports
	Letters of Support
<b>Contracting Documents<sup>(3)</sup></b>	
X	Detailed/Itemized Budget <sup>(3)</sup> ( <i>Excel Spreadsheet – see Template</i> )
	Certificate of Insurance <sup>(4)</sup> ( <i>General, Auto, &amp; Workers' Comp.</i> )
	Certificate of Good Standing <sup>(4)</sup>
	W-9 Form <sup>(4)</sup>
	Independent Contractor Form <sup>(4)</sup> ( <i>If applicant is individual, not company/organization</i> )
	Electronic Funds Transfer (ETF) Form <sup>(4)</sup>

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

(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.

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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:	May 2020
Desired Notice to Proceed Date:	June 15, 2020

Water Activity Summary		
Name of Applicant	Colorado Ag Water Alliance	
Name of Water Activity	Outreach and Capacity Building for Ag Water Projects	
Approving Roundtable(s)	Basin Account Request(s) <sup>(1)</sup>	
South Platte Basin	17,750.00	
Basin Account Request Subtotal	\$17,750.00	
Statewide Account Request <sup>(1)</sup>		
Total WSRF Funds Requested (Basin & Statewide)	\$17,750.00	
Total Project Costs	\$49,984.00	

(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 Ag Water Alliance
Mailing Address	10440 W. Fair Ave. Unit C, Littleton, CO 80127
FEIN	83-2969510
Grantee's Organization Contact <sup>(1)</sup>	Greg Peterson
Position/Title	Executive Director
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Phone	720-244-4629
Grant Management Contact <sup>(2)</sup>	Greg Peterson
Position/Title	Executive Director
Email	petersongap@comcast.net
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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 Colorado Ag Water Alliance (CAWA) is an association of agricultural organizations that have aligned to disseminate information to producers so they can make informed choices about their water rights. We also help educate non-producers about how water is used in agriculture through farm tours, which demonstrate irrigation methods and agricultural water use and administration.



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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
	<b>Private Incorporated:</b> 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.
X	<b>Non-governmental organizations:</b> broadly, any organization that is not part of the government
	<b>Covered Entity:</b> as defined in <a href="#">Section 37-60-126 Colorado Revised Statutes</a>

Type of Water Activity (check one)	
	Study
X	Implementation

Category of Water Activity (check all that apply)		
	Nonconsumptive (Environmental)	
	Nonconsumptive (Recreational)	
	Agricultural	
	Municipal/Industrial	
	Needs Assessment	
x	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	Weld, Morgan, Logan, Washington, Larimer, Boulder, Yuma, Phillips, Sedgewick
Latitude	
Longitude	

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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.

From July 2020 to April 2021, we will be conducting outreach to farmers and ranchers throughout the state. The WSRF funding, will go to cover part of the costs for our outreach in the South Platte and Republican River Basins. This outreach includes three components:

- 1) 3 regional workshops that involve 50-100 attendees with an agenda of speakers. The subject matter covers water quality issues, ditch inventories, and how to find and secure grants for irrigation projects.
- 2) At least 20 presentations to ditch companies on Regulation 85 and water quality issues impacting agriculture in the basin.
- 3) Presenting at 4 meetings for agricultural organizations

### 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	
X	Other	Number of Coloradans Impacted by Engagement Activity

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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 Education and Outreach section of the Water Plan calls for "education for farmers on available incentives for on-farm implementation of agricultural conservation measures, water sharing opportunities, and other tools available to growers" (Section 9.5). The Statewide Water Supply Initiative (SWSI) 2010 also call for efforts to educate and promote stewardship of water resources that recognizes water's critical role in supporting the quality of life and economic prosperity of all Coloradoans (SWSI, 8-2). The Colorado Water Education Task Force (2008) also emphasizes the need for education programs "beyond information transfer through printed or other media informational campaigns" (Final Report, 3).

Education toward and support for the agricultural community is emphasized in the majority of Basin Implementation Plans (BIPs) and Education Action Plans. The South Platte Basin Roundtable and Metro Roundtable Education Action Plan 2016-2018 calls for the long-term goal of hosting events focused on agriculture (page 1) and the South Platte BIP calls for "Improving public understanding about the goals, needs, and plans of the state and the South Platte Basin will help to improve public acceptance of the need for innovative water rate structures, energetic conservation measures, and more integrated land use and water supply planning (S-15). The Yampa/White/Green BIP calls for protecting and encouraging "encourage agricultural uses of water in the YWG Basin within the context of private property rights" (1.2.4). Sustaining, protecting, and promoting agriculture is major theme of the Colorado BIP (16). The Gunnison BIP also emphasizes the goal to "discourage the conversion of productive agricultural land to all other uses within the context of private property rights" (2). The Rio Grande BIP also cites the need for "outreach events designed for agricultural water users [emphasis added], public officials, and community members" (160).

The Statewide Water Education Action Plan (SWEAP) 2020-2025 identifies agricultural dry-up as one of the "big water challenges facing Colorado." Our project furthers multiple outcomes outlined in SWEAP. We are working to provide producers the knowledge and skills to taken an active role in water stewardship in their communities. Our workshops and outreach revolve around getting agricultural producers to participate in "community discourse and decision processes about water at the state, regional and local levels." Ultimately, our goal is to increase the amount of producers who are "demonstrating sustainable water behaviors."



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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)
CWCB Water Plan Grant – Approved by CWCB Nov 2019	\$12,734.00 (cash)
Walton Family Foundation (secured)	\$15,000.00 (cash)
Colorado Department of Public Health and Environmental (secured)	\$4,500.00 (cash)
Total Match	\$32,234.00
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.

NA

### 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

- 1) Colorado Cattlemen's Association
- 2) Water Plan Grant CO Cattlemen's Assoc Engage & Innov Pt 2
- 3) Approving RT(s) - N/A
- 4) 1/10/19
- 5) POGG1,PDAA,201900002621
- 6) 50%

### 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.

No TABOR related-constraints are known or anticipated.



**Water Supply Reserve Fund  
Water Activity Summary Sheet  
May 20, 2020  
Agenda Item 12(d)**

**Applicant & Grantee:** Colorado Ag Water Alliance  
**Water Activity Name:** Outreach and Capacity Building for Ag Water Projects  
**Water Activity Purpose:** Education/Implementation  
**County:** Weld, Morgan, Washington, Larimer, Boulder, Yuma, Phillips and Sedgewick  
**Drainage Basin:** South Platte  
**Water Source:** South Platte and tributaries  
**Amount Requested:** \$17,750 South Platte Basin Account  
**Matching Funds:** Applicant Match = \$32,234 (cash)

- 180% of the Basin Account request (meets 25% min)

<b>Staff Recommendation:</b>
Staff recommends approval of up to \$17,750 from the South Platte Basin Account to help fund the project titled: Outreach and Capacity Building for Ag Water Projects.

**Water Activity Summary:** WSRF Funds, if approved will assist the Colorado Ag Water Alliance (CAWA) conducting outreach to farmers and ranchers throughout the state. The WSRF funding, will go to cover part of the costs for outreach in the South Platte and Republican River Basins. This outreach includes three components:

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CAWA is working to provide producers the knowledge and skills to taken an active role in water stewardship in their communities. The workshops and outreach revolve around getting agricultural producers to participate in “community discourse and decision processes about water at the state, regional and local levels.” Ultimately, the goal is to increase the amount of producers who are “demonstrating sustainable water behaviors

**Discussion:** The South Platte Basin Roundtable and Metro Roundtable Education Action Plan 2016-2018 calls for the long-term goal of hosting events focused on agriculture (page 1) and the South Platte BIP calls for “Improving public understanding about the goals, needs, and plans of the state and the South Platte Basin will help to improve public acceptance of the need for innovative water rate structures, energetic conservation measures, and more integrated land use and water supply planning (S-15).

**Issues/Additional Needs:** None.

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

**Evaluation Criteria:** n/a

<b>Funding Sources/Match</b>	<b>Cash</b>	<b>In-kind</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Status</b>
CWCB Water Plan Grant	\$12,734	\$0	\$12,734	Secured
Walton Family Foundation	\$15,000	\$0	\$15,000	Secured
CDPHE	\$4,500	\$0	\$4,500	Secured
<b>Sub-total Matching Funds</b>	<b>\$32,234</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$32,234</b>	
WSRF South Platte Basin Account	\$17,750	\$0	\$17,750	Secured
<b>Total Project Costs</b>	<b>\$49,984</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$49,984</b>	

**CWCB Project Manager:** Ben Wade

South Platte Basin Roundtable

Garrett Varra, Chair

April 27, 2020

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**\*\*VIA EMAIL to [craig.godbout@state.co.us](mailto:craig.godbout@state.co.us)\*\***

**RE: Approval Recommendation for CAWA Outreach and Capacity Building for Ag Water Projects**

Dear Craig,

At the January meeting of the South Platte Basin Roundtable the membership voted to recommend that the Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB) approve funds for the *CAWA Outreach and Capacity Building for Ag Water Projects* WSRF grant application. A quorum of members was present and there was a unanimous vote to recommend approval of the request. This request is for \$17,250 from the South Platte Basin account.

The project serves the South Platte Basin Roundtable's interests to support a concerted outreach program to educate producers and others about critical agricultural challenges. The South Platte Basin Roundtable plans to support the Colorado Ag Water Alliance's (CAWA) education and outreach program. CAWA's program is a combination of engaging producers across the state concerning agricultural water issues. The programming focuses on water quality and identifying multi-beneficial projects that address the needs of producers and other water users. This effort includes 7 workshops around the state (3 of which will take place in the South Platte), and extensive small group outreach in the South Platte Basin

The Community Agricultural Alliance plans to support CAWA in the following ways:

- 1) Helping to coordinate and advertise CAWA workshops
- 2) Financially supporting Ag workshops in the South Platte Basin.

The South Platte Basin Roundtables recommend contributing \$17,250 to this effort.

Sincerely,



Garrett Varra