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CONSENT AGENDA ITEM: 3. Water Plan Grants

Introduction:

The Water Plan Grant (WPG) applications reviewed at this Board meeting were received by the December 1, 2020 deadline. For each of the consent agenda line items, project managers for each grant category provide an overview of their recommendations along with datasheets and applications for each grant request.

Given the ongoing economic uncertainty, staff recommendations are based on the spending plan that budgets for this program for the next three fiscal years.

Background:

The 2020 Projects Bill (HB20-1403) included \$7.5 million for projects or activities that aim to make progress on the measurable objectives identified in Colorado's Water Plan. FY 2020-2021 has one grant round, with applications due December 1, 2020. The WPG Program currently has an overall balance of \$16,082,935. Applying the three-year spending plan equates to approximately \$5.3 million available for this round of applications. The total requested amount of grants for this round was \$5,756,839. Staff recommendations, based on funding the highest scoring grants that align with the program criteria and guidelines, total \$4,288,143.

