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**Colorado Water  
Conservation Board**

Department of Natural Resources  
1313 Sherman Street, Room 718  
Denver, CO 80203

October 22, 2020

Kathleen Margetts  
Tri County Water Conservancy District  
647 N 7<sup>th</sup> Street  
Montrose, CO 81401

Dear Ms. Margetts:

This letter is to inform you that the Water Supply Planning staff has reviewed your grant application to update a Water Efficiency Plan. CWCB staff has determined that the application meets the Colorado Water Conservation Board Guidelines for reviewing grant proposals.

CWCB staff is pleased to award the Tri County Water Conservancy District a grant in the amount of **\$19,961** for a Water Efficiency Planning grant that meets the requirements outlined in SB07-008. **Please allow for the purchase order (P.O.) to be completed by our Accounting Department, before starting on proposed scope of work.**

Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Ben Wade at 303-866-3441 ext. 3238 or email at [ben.wade@state.co.us](mailto:ben.wade@state.co.us). Thank you for your interest in and support of water conservation. I look forward to working with you in the near future.

Sincerely,

Russ Sands  
Section Chief, Water Supply Planning

Cc: Peter Foster, Wright Water Engineering  
Danielle Nelson, Wright Water Engineering





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## Memorandum

To: Russ Sands, Water Supply Planning Section Chief

From: Ben Wade, Water Supply Planning

Date: October 16, 2020

Subject: Water Efficiency Grant Fund Recommendation for Tri County Water Conservancy District

### Recommendation:

The Water Supply Planning staff recommends that Russ Sands, Section Chief, approve a Water Efficiency Grant to update a Water Efficiency Plan in the amount of \$19,961 for Tri County Water Conservancy District (Tri County Water).

### Summary of Grant Application

Tri County Water is a covered entity in the Gunnison Basin who last received CWCB approval for a Water Efficiency Plan in 2010. Water Efficiency Plans are to be updated every 7 years. Tri County Water supplies come from the Gunnison River. Tri County Water estimates its service area is projected to grow by an average of 1.7% in population through 2025.

Tri County Water estimates a water savings goal of 10% in overall water use over a 10 year period or savings of 250 acre feet per year. Tri County Water will be developing its updated plan in accordance with the Gunnison Basin Implementation Plan and an updated plan will also help achieve goals in the Water Plan.

The total cost of the project is \$39,960. Tri County Water is committing 50% matching funds in the form of \$5,500 of in-kind services and \$14,499 in cash. CWCB staff has reviewed and evaluated the grant application and has determined that the proposal meets or exceeds the CWCB guidelines for reviewing grant proposals. Attached is the internal checklist used to evaluate the application.

*Attachment: Evaluation Checklist*

**APPROVED**

*By Kathryn Weismiller at 11:44 am, Oct 22, 2020*

Deputy Section Chief

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Jared Polis, Governor | Dan Gibbs, DNR Executive Director | Rebecca Mitchell, CWCB Director



Name of Applicant: Tri-County Water Conservancy District

Date Received: 8/19/2020

Grant Request: \$19,961

## HB 04-1365: (Plans) Evaluation Checklist for Covered Entities

Applicant Demonstrates:	Yes	No	Comments:
Has the applicant fully complied with HB1051 requirements?	x		
Name, contact information , and a signature of an individual with the authority to commit the resources of the entity	x		
<b>Application Requirements:</b>			
A written statement from the entity's governing board, stating the entity's commitment to the "plan" and the implementation of long-term water savings measures and programs (w/authorized signature)	x		
Disclosure of organizational structure/chart	x		
Current retail water demand (metered water use) for <i>each</i> of the past five years (in acre ft. or million gallons)	x		
A list of people and/or organizations that will be involved in assisting with putting the plan together (list of who will be utilizing the grant money)	x		
<b>Not required</b> , but preferred, Information characterizing past water use by sector, (e.g. residential, commercial, industrial) and the source (e.g. surface water, groundwater, etc).	x		
<b>Characterization of the water system:</b>			
Current (and <i>if available</i> past) per capita water use for the last five years and the basis for this calculation	x		
Past, current, and predicted future population served by the entity, (and the source of this information)	x		
List estimated water savings <u>goals</u> to be achieved through the implementation of the "Plan", based on water system, the past conservation efforts and the future water needs	x		10% reduced use; ~250 AF/yr
Adequacy, Stability, and reliability of the entity's water system <b>*to be measured and examined by staff through analysis</b>	x		
Paragraph stating the purpose and the primary features of the entity's desire to create a water conservation plan	x		
A detailed Scope of Work (related to the plan & water efficiency measures w/ land use planning requirement)	x		
Schedule with start & end dates; also state the estimated dates when progress reports will be submitted to CWBC staff (50%,75% & final completion)	x		
List of how the creation of the "plan" will be funded; list grants, entities funds, and/or in-kind services	x		
Does the applicant demonstrate 25% matching funds? In cash, in-kind services, or a combination thereof?	x		Total cost = \$39,960 Cash = \$14,499 In-kind = \$5,500 Match = 50%
Did the entity provide their location with respect to CWP Analysis/Tech Update recommendations?	x		