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Ben Wade and CWCB Board  
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Ben and Board,

The Conejos Water Conservancy District is officially requesting that the Colorado Water Conservation Board assign us as new Grantee and fiscal agent for Grant number POGGI,PDAA, 202100002605 Ground Water and Analysis in the Rio Grande.

This Grant was originally awarded to the Conejos River System Water Users Association. This very needful project has already had impacts on understanding the very complex aquifer system under the Rio Grande Basin. Our Board sees the value of this Project and wants to do what we can to ensure its completion.

The CRSWUA has a VERY limited budget and the length of this project has run their funds extremely low, especially the costs of insurance. The CWCD can finish this project in the remaining timeline and we respectfully request that this transfer be done.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Nathan Coombs".

Nathan Coombs, Manager CWCD

# Conejos River Systems Water User's Ass'n.

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2/21/2021

Ben Wade and CWCB Board  
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Mr. Wade and Board,

This letter is a formal request that Grant POGGI,PDAA,202100002605 Ground Water Monitoring and Analysis in the Rio Grande Basin, be re-assigned to the Conejos Water Conservancy District.

The CRSWUA derives its funds from membership dues and very little else. The unexpected longer time frame for this project has put us financially unable to finish. The timing of when we could do the needed instrumentation needed for this analysis on existing wells was more difficult to synchronize with the well operators than we expected. The problem is always timing. Each individual uses their respective well differently and so we must accommodate their schedule for installation of monitoring equipment. All the equipment is in fact installed but that put us behind and the additional costs of insurance are too much.

In July of 2020 we requested help from the Conejos Water Conservancy District. They agreed to use their insurance to cover the remainder of the project. We now understand that this scenario is not possible and in order to comply completely with the terms and conditions of the State of Colorado, we ask that they be assigned as Grantee and fiscal agent to this WSRF grant.

If you have questions or concerns please feel free to contact Me at:

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Regards,



Brock Canty, President CRSWUA Board.

# Budget 2021 groundwater monitoring

TASK	CRSWUA	CWCD	WSRA	TOTAL
1 Project Management		\$ 2,500.00	\$ 9,318.00	\$ 11,818.00
2 Technical support			\$ 30,960.00	\$ 30,960.00
3 Presentation of findings	\$ 1,000.00		\$ 12,319.00	\$ 13,319.00
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TOTAL	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 52,597.00	\$ 56,097.00

# **Groundwater Monitoring Support**

## **Scope of Work**

**Proposal/Project No.: 0282000.737 / 0216906**

**Task Order No.: 002**

### **Task 1 - Project Management**

RTI will perform project management functions in accordance with its adopted project management policies and procedures. This will include:

- Preparing a Project Management Plan that includes Quality Control measures
- Tracking project budget and schedule on at least a monthly basis
- Preparing monthly invoices and status reports
- Maintaining a risk register and an issues log

The RTI project manager will be the main point of contact for this project and will provide general coordination for the activities under this TO. RTI will provide regular (monthly) updates of the work performed to the CLIENT project manager. The budget includes 4-months of project management activities.

### **Task 2 – Technical Support**

RTI will provide technical support for the groundwater monitoring program. The anticipated tasks include:

- Support the transition of the data hosting site/server and perform the necessary adjustment to the Data Management System (DMS) to be operational with the new data hosting provider.
- Updating the data in the DMS database and dashboards on a regular basis.
- Provide support analyzing and understanding the groundwater data
- Explore advanced regression and discovery methods for development of confined aquifer groundwater predictive tool using the data managed in the DMS to support aquifer sustainability management for different hydrologic years.

#### *Deliverables*

- **Technical Memo:** RTI will prepare a technical memo describing the findings of the confined aquifer predictive tool.
- **Monitoring Data Updates:** RTI will provide update to the database and analysis dashboard in spring, of 2021.

### **Task 3 – Presentation of Findings**

RTI will summarize the findings of the study to present them to the CLIENT, and two additional presentations as directed by the CLIENT. The presentation will be focused on the scientific knowledge gained from the analysis of the groundwater monitoring data collected, existing information compiled in the DMS, system response to stresses, water balance, and data gaps.

#### *Deliverables*

- **Study Presentations:** CONSULTANT will prepare slides to present the results of the study and will perform up to 3 final presentations, including one to the CLIENT.
- **Executive Summary:** CONSULTANT will provide an executive summary with the findings and recommendations for improving groundwater subdistrict sustainability management (Subdistrict #3).