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### **Summary Minutes and Record of Decisions**

#### **September 15 & 16, 2021 Board Meeting**

A regular meeting of the Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB) convened virtually and in person. The meeting was called to order by Chair Jessica Brody. 8 voting members were present at the call to order, so a quorum was present (at least 6 required). Voting members present were: Robert Sakata, Greg Felt, Celene Hawkins, Steven Anderson, Jaclyn Brown, Gail Schwartz, Jessica Brody, and Curran Trick, and ex-officio voting member Dan Gibbs, Executive Director of the Department of Natural Resources. Non-voting ex officio members present or represented were: Phil Weiser, Attorney General; Robert Harris, Colorado Parks and Wildlife; Kate Greenberg, Department of Agriculture Commissioner; Kevin Rein, State Engineer, and Rebecca Mitchell, Colorado Water Conservation Board Director. Counsel to the Board, Jen Mele, was also in attendance.

On the second day, the meeting was called to order by Chair Jessica Brody. Eight voting members were present at the call to order, so a quorum was present (at least 6 required). The voting members present were: Gail Schwartz, Jessica Brody, Steven Anderson, Curran Trick, Robert Sakata, Greg Felt, Celene Hawkins, Jaclyn Brown, and Jessica Brody. Ex-officio voting member Dan Gibbs, Executive Director of the Department of Natural Resources was not present. Non-voting ex officio members present or represented were: Robert Harris, Colorado Parks and Wildlife; Kevin Rein, State Engineer; and Rebecca Mitchell, Colorado Water Conservation Board Director. Counsel to the Board, Jen Mele, was also in attendance.

**Wednesday, September 15, 2021**

**1 Review /Approve Agenda**

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Steve Anderson, which was seconded by Greg Felt. The motion was approved unanimously (8-0).

**2 Review and Approve July 21 & 22, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes**

A motion to approve the July 2021 Board minutes was made by Greg Felt, which was seconded by Steve Anderson. The motion was approved unanimously (8-0).

**3 Approve and/or Remove Consent Agenda Items**

Director Celene Hawkins disclosed that she is an employee of The Nature Conservancy (TNC) and TNC are involved in 2b, but not financially. She also asked that 5f be removed from the Consent Agenda and added to the regular agenda for discussion on September 16.

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda Items was made by Steve Anderson, which was seconded by Gail Schwartz. The motion was approved unanimously (8-0).

**1. Statements of Opposition**

*Stream & Lake Protection Section*

*The Board will be asked to ratify Statements of Opposition that have been filed by staff to protect instream flow and natural lake level water rights and to protect CWCB's exclusive authority to hold instream flow water rights in the following water court cases:*

- a. Case No. 21CW3014 (Water Division 3): Application of The United States of America (BLM)
- b. Case No. 21CW3082 (Water Division 5): Application of 153 LLC
- c. Case No. 21CW3085 (Water Division 5): Application of Elk Run Ranch Aspen Holdings, LLC and 4303 Snowmass Creek, LLC
- d. Case No. 21CW3086 (Water Division 5): Application of Elk Run Ranch Aspen Holdings, LLC and 4303 Snowmass Creek, LLC
- e. Case No. 21CW3090 (Water Division 5): Application of Vail Summit Resorts, Inc
- f. Case No. 21CW3016 (Water Division 6): Application of Yellow Dog Ranch, LLC
- g. Case No. 21CW3029 (Water Division 7): Application of The United States of America (BLM)

## 2. Water Supply Reserve Fund Application Grants

	Basin	Applicant/ Grantee	Name of Water Activity	Basin(s) Account Request	Statewide Account Requests	Total Request
a	Arkansas	Pikes Peak	Regional Water Reuse Study	\$7,500	\$38,000	\$53,000
	Metro	Regional Water Authority		\$7,500		
b	Colorado	Trout Unlimited	Field Support for the “Evaluating Conserved Consumptive Use in the Upper Colorado River	\$19,800	\$40,000	\$59,800
c	Gunnison	Grand Mesa Water Users Association	Grand Mesa Water Users Efficiency Project	\$20,000	\$45,000	\$65,000

## 3. Water Supply Reserve Fund Change of Grantee

- a. Rio Grande - Colorado Rio Grande Restoration Foundation - Roundtable Media & Communications Outreach Project - Change of Grantee

## 4. Flood Plain Designations

*Watershed and Flood Protection Section*

- a. Flood Plain Designation: “Flood Hazard Area Delineation, Third Creek”, by Matrix Design Group, dated November 2018

## 5. Water Plan Grants

	Applicant	Name of Water Activity	Staff Recommendation
<b>Agriculture</b>			
a	American Rivers	Engaging West Slope Agriculture in Headwaters Restoration to Improve Water Security - Outreach & Assessment Strategies	\$68,800
b	American Whitewater	Low Head Dam Modification Prioritization Framework	\$61,350
c	Brink, Inc.	Modeling the Effects of Conservation Practices on Carbon Sequestration and Salinity Discharges from Irrigated Fields	No Funding Recommended

d	Carson Pearson	Vouga Reservoir Dam Rehabilitation	No Funding Recommended
e	Colorado Cattlemen's Association	Catalyst Funding for Irrigation Infrastructure Demonstration Projects	\$83,427
f	The Farmers Water Development Company	Gurley Dam Embankment Slip Reconstruction	No Funding Recommended
g	Trout Unlimited	Upper Gunnison Diversion Modernization	\$90,678
<b>Conservation &amp; Land Use</b>			
h	Regents of the University of Colorado	Urban Agriculture and Soil Health Management as a Water Conservation Strategy in Colorado	No Funding Recommended
<b>Engagement &amp; Innovation</b>			
i	Boulder Watershed Collective	Planning & Visual Story Telling	\$86,800
j	H2O Media, Ltd.	H2O Radio Website Upgrade	No Funding Recommended
k	The Ditch & Reservoir Company Alliance	Ditch & Reservoir Outreach, Education & Advocacy Programming	No Funding Recommended

#### **4 Directors' Reports**

**4a.** DNR Executive Director - Dan Gibbs

**4b.** CWCB Director - Rebecca Mitchell

**4c.** IBCC Director - Absent

**4d.** Colorado Parks and Wildlife Director – Robert Harris

**4e.** Agriculture Commissioner – Kate Greenberg

**4f.** State Engineer - Kevin Rein

**4g.** Water Resource and Power Development Authority - Keith McLaughlin

#### **5 Financial Matters – Construction Fund and Severance Tax Perpetual Base Fund** *Finance Section*

	<p><b>Financial Projections and Cash Management Report</b></p> <p><b>Action:</b> Report by CWCB staff member Kirk Russell.</p> <p><i>This is an informational item with no Board action required.</i></p>
6	<p><b>Water Project Loan</b> <i>Finance Section</i></p> <p><b>Billings Ditch Company – Billings Ditch Implementation Project</b></p> <p><b>Action:</b> Report by CWCB staff member Cole Bedford. Segundo Diez addressed the Board. A motion to approve the staff recommendation was made by Greg Felt, which was seconded by Gail Schwartz. The motion was approved unanimously (8-0).</p> <p><b>Staff Recommendation:</b> Staff recommends the Board approve a loan not to exceed \$172,710 (\$171,000 for Project costs and \$1,710 for the service fee) to the Billings Ditch Company for costs related to the Billings Ditch Implementation Project, from the Construction Fund. The loan terms shall be 30 years at an agricultural interest rate of 1.10% per annum. Security for the loan shall be in compliance with CWCB Financial Policy #5.</p>
7	<p><b>Loan Delinquency Action</b> <i>Finance Section</i></p> <p><b>Two Rivers Water &amp; Farming Company, and Two Rivers Farms F-2, Inc.</b></p> <p><b>Action:</b> Report by CWCB staff member Kirk Russell.</p> <p><i>This is an informational item with no Board action required.</i></p>
8	<p><b>Chatfield Shares Sales</b> <i>Finance Section</i></p>
8a.	<p><b>Chatfield Shares Purchase Castle Pines Metropolitan District</b></p> <p><b>Action:</b> Report by CWCB staff member Lauren Ris. A motion to approve the staff recommendation was made by Steve Anderson, which was seconded by Gail Schwartz. The motion was approved unanimously (8-0).</p> <p><b>Staff Recommendation:</b> Staff recommends that the Board approve the sale of 90 additional units in the Chatfield Storage Reallocation Project to Castle Pines Metropolitan District for \$8,300.97 per unit.</p>
8b.	<p><b>Chatfield Shares Purchase Center of Colorado Water Conservancy District</b></p>

	<p><b>Action:</b> Report by CWCB staff member Lauren Ris. A motion to approve the staff recommendation was made by Steve Anderson, which was seconded by Gail Schwartz. The motion was approved unanimously (8-0).</p> <p><b>Staff Recommendation:</b> Staff recommends that the Board approve the sale of 10 additional units in the Chatfield Storage Reallocation Project to the Center of Colorado Water District for \$8,300.97 per unit.</p>
9	<p><b>Lessons Learned from Compact Administration Stories</b>  <i>Interstate, Federal, and Water Information Section</i></p> <p><b>Action:</b> Report by CWCB staff member Amy Ostdiek.</p> <p><i>This is an informational item with no Board action required.</i></p>
10	<p><b>Colorado Department of Agriculture Priorities and Demand Management</b>  <i>Interstate, Federal, and Water Information Section</i></p> <p><b>Action:</b> Report by CWCB staff member Amy Ostdiek and Department of Agriculture Commissioner Kate Greenberg.</p> <p><i>This is an informational item with no Board action required.</i></p>
11	<p><b>Final Action – 2021 Contested ISF Appropriation on Rincon la Vaca Creek (Water Division 7)</b>  <i>Stream and Lake Protection Section</i></p>

**Action:** Report by CWCB staff member Rob Viehl. A motion to approve the staff recommendation was made by Celene Hawkins, which was seconded by Gail Schwartz. The motion was approved unanimously (8-0).

**Staff Recommendation:** Staff requests that the Board make the following determinations and take the following action on the Rincon La Vaca Creek instream flow (ISF) appropriation identified in Table 1. The information necessary to support these determinations is contained in this memo, the recommendation letter, and documentation submitted by Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW), and in staff's oral and written presentations provided at the January 25, 2021 Board meeting.

(1) Determine, pursuant to section 37-92-102(3), C.R.S. that for the Rincon La Vaca Creek ISF appropriation identified in Table 1:

(a) There is a natural environment that can be preserved to a reasonable degree with the recommended water rights, if granted;

(b) The natural environment will be preserved to a reasonable degree by the water available for the recommended appropriations; and

(c) Such natural environment can exist without material injury to water rights.

(2) Pursuant to ISF Rule 5f., establish January 25, 2021 as the appropriation date for this water right

(3) Direct staff to work with the Attorney General's office to file an application for this water right in water court by the end of the calendar year.

Waterbody	Water Div	Watershed	County	Upper Terminus (UTM)	Lower Terminus (LTM)	Length (miles)	Amount (cfs)
Rincon La Vaca Creek	7	Upper San Juan	Hinsdale	Headwaters in the vicinity of E: 288830.29 N: 4170340.18	Confluence Los Pinos River at E: 294776.30 N: 4171003.14	4.47	1.2 (11/1-4/30)

## 12 Attorney General's Report, Legal Briefing, and Executive Session

**Action:** Report by Attorney General Phil Weiser and Counsel to the Board, Jen Mele. A motion to go into Executive Session was made by Steve Anderson, which was seconded by Gail Schwartz. The motion was approved unanimously (8-0).

## 13 Executive Session

**13a.** Case No. 18CW3048 (Water Division 2): Application of Young Life and the Upper Arkansas Water Conservancy District

*Greg Felt recused himself from the discussion, he left the room until this agenda item was finished.*

**13b** Colorado River Interstate Matters

13c.	Demand Management Feasibility Investigation
14	<p><b>Report from Executive Session</b></p> <p><b>Action:</b> Report by Counsel to the Board, Jen Mele. A motion to go out of Executive Session was made by Steve Anderson, which was seconded by Gail Schwartz. The motion was approved unanimously (8-0)</p>
17	<p><b>Colorado River Updates</b> <i>Interstate, Federal, and Water Information Section</i></p> <p><b>Action:</b> Report by CWCB staff member Michelle Garrison.</p> <p><i>This is an informational item with no Board action required.</i></p>
18	<p><b>Demand Management Feasibility Investigation Update</b> <i>Interstate, Federal, and Water Information Section</i></p> <p><b>Action:</b> Report by CWCB staff members Amy Ostdiek. A motion to approve the staff recommendation was made by Steve Anderson, which was seconded by Celene Hawkins. The motion was approved unanimously (8-0).</p> <p><b>Staff Recommendation:</b> Staff recommends that the Board adopt the Demand Management decision-making roadmap attached hereto as Exhibit B. <i>This was modified</i></p>
15	<p><b>Request for Authorization to Proceed to Trial – Case No. 18CW3048 (Water Division 2): Application of Young Life and the Upper Arkansas Water Conservancy District</b> <i>Stream and Lake Protection Section</i></p> <p><b>Action:</b> Report by CWCB staff member Colin Watson. Director Greg Felt abstained from voting on this agenda item. A motion to approve the staff recommendation was made by Steve Anderson, which was seconded by Gail Schwartz. The motion was approved unanimously (7-0).</p> <p><b>Staff Recommendation:</b> Pursuant to ISF Rule 8j., Staff recommends that the Board authorize Staff to proceed to trial to protect its instream flow water rights to defend CWCB’s stipulated terms if a trial is held in this case.</p>
16	<b>Proposed Lease of Water for Instream Flow Use in the 15-Mile Reach of the Colorado River, Water Division 5 (Garfield County)</b>



**Action:** Report by CWCB staff member Kaylea White. A motion to approve the staff recommendation was made by Gail Schwartz, which was seconded by Steve Anderson. The motion was approved unanimously (8-0).

**Staff Recommendation:** Staff recommends that the Board approve a one-year implementation renewal of previously approved 5-year lease of up to 350 acre-feet of Ruedi water from Garfield County for \$45 per acre-foot, and an expenditure of up to \$15,750 from funds authorized by section 37-60-123.7, subject to the following conditions:

1. Releases of Ruedi water under the Water Lease Agreement shall not cause the releases out of Ruedi Reservoir to exceed 300 cfs and shall not cause flows in the Fryingpan River below Ruedi Reservoir to exceed 350 cfs. Staff shall coordinate with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation to ensure that this condition is met.
2. CWCB staff shall consult and coordinate weekly with CPW staff on proposed releases to minimize downstream impacts on the Fryingpan River fishery.

**Thursday, September 16, 2021**

**19 Basin Directors' Reports**

**19a.** South Platte River Basin Director's Report – *Robert Sakata*

**19b.** Arkansas River Basin Director's Report – *Greg Felt*

**19c.** City and County of Denver Director's Report – *Jessica Brody*

**19d.** Rio Grande River Basin Director's Report – *Absent*

**19e.** Yampa-White River Basin Director's Report – *Jackie Brown*

**19f.** Colorado River (Mainstem) Basin Director's Report – *Gail Schwartz*

**19g.** San Juan/San Miguel-Dolores River Basin Director's Report – *Celene Hawkins*

**19h.** Gunnison River Basin Director's Report – *Steve Anderson*

**19i.** North Platte River Basin Director's Report – *Curran Trick*

**20 Colorado Water Plan Update**  
*Water Supply Planning Section*

**Action:** Report by CWCB staff members Russ Sands and Kat Weismiller.

*This is an informational item with no Board action required*

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**Water Supply Reserve Fund Applications for Consideration at the September 2021 CWCB Board Meeting**

**21a.**

**Action:** Report by CWCB staff member Ben Wade. Chris Douglass addressed the Board.

A motion to approve the staff recommendation was made by Robert Sakata, which was seconded by Greg Felt. The motion was approved unanimously (8-0).

Basin	Applicant	Name of Water Activity	Basin(s) Account Request	Statewide Account Requests	Total Requests
Metro	East Cherry Creek Valley Water & Sanitation District	Aquifer Recharge Study	\$25,000	\$75,000	\$125,000
South Platte			\$25,000		

**Staff Recommendation:** Staff recommends approval of up to \$25,000 from the Metro Basin Account, up to \$25,000 from the South Platte Basin Account and up to \$75,000 from the Statewide Account to help fund the project: Aquifer Storage Recovery Modeling Assessment

21b.

**Action:** Report by CWCB staff member Ben Wade. Jennifer Wellman addressed the Board. Director Celene Hawkins recused herself from the vote on this agenda item, TNC is her employer. A motion to approve the staff recommendation was made by Jackie Brown, which was seconded by Steve Anderson. The motion was approved unanimously (7-0).

Basin	Applicant	Name of Water Activity	Basin(s) Account Request	Statewide Account Requests	Total Requests
Yampa/White/Green	The Nature Conservancy	Maybell Diversion & Headgate Telemetry	\$34,000	\$66,000	\$100,000

**Staff Recommendation:** Staff recommends approval of up to \$34,000 from the Yampa/White/Green Basin Account and \$66,000 from the Statewide Account to help fund the project: Maybell Diversion and Headgate Project Telemetry

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**Wildfire Ready Watersheds, Statewide Susceptibility Analysis and Framework Update**  
*Watershed and Flood Protection Section*

**Action:** Report by CWCB staff member Chris Sturm.

*This is an informational item with no Board action required*

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**Floodplain Rules and Criteria Manual Update**  
*Watershed and Flood Protection Section*

**Action:** Report by CWCB staff members Kevin Houck and Terri Fead.

*This is an informational item with no Board action required*

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**South Platte River Temporary Use Permit, Xcel Energy**  
*Watershed and Flood Protection Section*

**Action:** Report by CWCB staff member Andrea Harbin Monahan. A motion to approve the staff recommendation was made by Steve Anderson, which was seconded by Gail Schwartz. The motion was approved unanimously (8-0).

**Staff Recommendation:** Staff recommends board approval of the Temporary Use Permit for Xcel Energy.

25	<b>Water Plan Grants</b>
25 a-d	<p><b>Agriculture</b></p> <p><b>Action:</b> Report by CWCB staff member Cole Bedford. A motion to approve the staff recommendation was made by Gail Schwartz, which was seconded by Robert Sakata. The motion was approved unanimously (8-0).</p> <p><b>Staff Recommendation:</b> Staff recommends the following Board action for activities listed in the following table regarding Colorado’s Water Plan Grant Program funding for a total recommended approval of \$1,541,294. Project approval is contingent on awardees implementing the project consistent with any public health orders and executive orders in effect at the time of implementation.</p>
25a	<p><b>Applicant:</b> Colorado Department of Agriculture</p> <p><b>Name of Water Activity:</b> Advancing Soil Health through Technical Assistance and Producer Incentives in the Republican River Watershed</p> <p><b>Grant Request Amount:</b> \$298,467</p> <p><b>Staff Recommendation:</b> Approve \$298,467</p>
25b	<p><b>Applicant:</b> Colorado State University</p> <p><b>Name of Water Activity:</b> Developing Irrigation Infrastructure at CSU-ARDEC to Support Innovative Research in Irrigation Efficiency, Water Use, &amp; Re-Use</p> <p><b>Grant Request Amount:</b> \$588,246</p> <p><b>Staff Recommendation:</b> Approve \$588,246</p>
25c	<p><b>Applicant:</b> Colorado Master Irrigator</p> <p><b>Name of Water Activity:</b> Colorado Master Irrigator – Statewide Expansion &amp; Coordination</p> <p><b>Grant Request Amount:</b> \$418,575</p> <p><b>Staff Recommendation:</b> Approve \$418,575</p>
25d	<p><b>Applicant:</b> Rocky Mountain Farmers Union Educational and Charitable Foundation</p> <p><b>Name of Water Activity:</b> Drought Advisors Capacity and Research Project</p> <p><b>Grant Request Amount:</b> \$236,006</p> <p><b>Staff Recommendation:</b> Approve \$236,006</p>
25e	<p><b>Engagement &amp; Innovation</b></p> <p><b>Action:</b> Report by CWCB staff member Ben Wade. Director Robert Sakata disclosed that he is a member of the organizations involved in this grant but he does not benefit financially. Director Greg Felt left the meeting before this agenda item was voted on. A motion to approve the staff recommendation was made by Steve Anderson, which was seconded by Gail Schwartz. The motion was approved unanimously (7-0).</p> <p><b>Staff Recommendation:</b> Staff recommends the following Board action for activities listed in agenda item 25e regarding Colorado’s Water Plan Grant Program funding for a total amount of \$285,356. Project approval</p>

	is contingent on awardees implementing the project consistent with any public health orders and executive orders in effect at the time of implementation.
25e	<p><b>Applicant:</b> Colorado Cattlemen’s Association</p> <p><b>Name of Water Activity:</b> CCA/CAWA 2 Year Agricultural Water Priorities – Infrastructure Assessment, Storage and Outreach</p> <p><b>Grant Request Amount:</b> \$285,356</p> <p><b>Staff Recommendation:</b> Approve \$285,356</p>
25 f-k	<p><b>Environment &amp; Recreation</b></p> <p><b>Action:</b> Report by CWCB staff member Chris Sturm. Julie Knudson with the Purgatoire Watershed Partnership addressed the Board for agenda item 25h. Jeff Drager with Northern addressed the Board for agenda item 25k. A motion to approve the staff recommendation was made by Gail Schwartz, which was seconded by Steve Anderson. The motion was approved unanimously (7-0).</p> <p><b>Staff Recommendation:</b> Staff recommends the following Board action for activities listed in agenda items 25f-h &amp; j-k (25i pulled out their application) regarding Colorado’s Water Plan Grant Program funding for a total amount of \$5,818,960. Project approval is contingent on awardees implementing the project consistent with any public health orders and executive orders in effect at the time of implementation.</p>
25f	<p><b>Applicant:</b> Colorado Parks and Wildlife</p> <p><b>Name of Water Activity:</b> North Elk Creek Fish Barrier Construction Project</p> <p><b>Grant Request Amount:</b> \$205,000</p> <p><b>Staff Recommendation:</b> Approve \$205,000</p>
25g	<p><b>Applicant:</b> Colorado Rio Grande Restoration Foundation</p> <p><b>Name of Water Activity:</b> 2021 Rio Grande Diversion Infrastructure, Recreation, and Habitat Improvement Project</p> <p><b>Grant Request Amount:</b> \$818,030</p> <p><b>Staff Recommendation:</b> Approve \$818,030</p>
25h	<p><b>Applicant:</b> Purgatoire Watershed Partnership</p> <p><b>Name of Water Activity:</b> Purgatoire River Baca-Picketwire Diversion Dam Multi-Use Restoration Project</p> <p><b>Grant Request Amount:</b> \$773,762</p> <p><b>Staff Recommendation:</b> Approve \$696,077</p>
25i	<p><b>Applicant:</b> Roaring Fork Conservancy</p> <p><b>Name of Water Activity:</b> Crystal River at Riverfront Park Restoration &amp; Efficiency Project</p> <p><b>Grant Request Amount:</b> \$744,367</p> <p><b>Staff Recommendation:</b> The applicant pulled out their request just prior to the meeting</p>
25j	<p><b>Applicant:</b> Trout Unlimited</p> <p><b>Name of Water Activity:</b> Poudre Headwaters Restoration – Grand Ditch Barrier</p> <p><b>Grant Request Amount:</b> \$299,853</p>

	<b>Staff Recommendation:</b> Approve \$299,853
<b>25k</b>	<b>Applicant:</b> Windy Gap Water Activity Enterprise <b>Name of Water Activity:</b> Colorado River Connectivity Channel (aka Windy Gap Bypass) <b>Grant Request Amount:</b> \$3,800,000 <b>Staff Recommendation:</b> Approve \$3,800,000
<b>25 l-q</b>	<b>Storage &amp; Supply</b>  <b>Action:</b> Report by CWCB staff member Matthew Stearns. Director Robert Sakata disclosed that some of his irrigators are part of this agenda item, he also disclosed on agenda item 25o that he irrigates out of one of their wells. Director Gail Schwartz disclosed that she sits on the Board for agenda item 25m Colorado Open Lands but does not benefit financially. A motion to approve the staff recommendation was made by Steve Anderson, which was seconded by Gail Schwartz. The motion was approved unanimously (7-0).  <b>Staff Recommendation:</b> Staff recommends the following Board action for activities listed in agenda items 25l-q regarding Colorado's Water Plan Grant Program funding for a total amount of \$4,212,369. Project approval is contingent on awardees implementing the project consistent with any public health orders and executive orders in effect at the time of implementation.
<b>25l</b>	<b>Applicant:</b> Central Colorado Water Conservancy District <b>Name of Water Activity:</b> Robert W. Walker Recharge Project – Wiggins Farm Pond & Pipeline <b>Grant Request Amount:</b> \$1,500,000 <b>Staff Recommendation:</b> Approve \$1,500,000
<b>25m</b>	<b>Applicant:</b> Colorado Open Lands <b>Name of Water Activity:</b> Upper Rio Grande Partnership to Preserve Agriculture and Restore Aquifers (PARA) <b>Grant Request Amount:</b> \$1,415,000 <b>Staff Recommendation:</b> Approve \$1,415,000
<b>25n</b>	<b>Applicant:</b> Donala Water & Sanitation District <b>Name of Water Activity:</b> Donala & Triview Collaborative ASR Design <b>Grant Request Amount:</b> \$150,000 <b>Staff Recommendation:</b> Approve \$150,000
<b>25o</b>	<b>Applicant:</b> Farmers Reservoir & Irrigation Company <b>Name of Water Activity:</b> Barr Lake Maximum Normal Operating Water Level Raise <b>Grant Request Amount:</b> \$278,607 <b>Staff Recommendation:</b> Approve \$183,963
<b>25p</b>	<b>Applicant:</b> Rio Grande Water Conservation District <b>Name of Water Activity:</b> Colorado's Rio Grande Basin Water Cooperative Project <b>Grant Request Amount:</b> \$163,406

**Staff Recommendation:** Approve \$163,406

**25q**

**Applicant:** Town of Dove Creek

**Name of Water Activity:** Reservoir No. 2 Dove Creek Water Treatment Facility

**Grant Request Amount:** \$800,000

**Staff Recommendation:** Conditionally Approve \$800,000

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**Severance Tax Operational Fund – Grant Funding**

**Action:** Report by CWCB staff member Anna Mauss. A motion to approve the staff recommendation was made by Steve Anderson, which was seconded by Gail Schwartz. The motion was approved unanimously (7-0).

**Staff Recommendation:** Staff recommends Board approve the list of Programs/Projects listed in Table 1 to be funded with FY21/22 Severance Tax Operational (STOps) Funds.

Table 1.

	Programs/Project Title *	Amount
1	Flood Mitigation and Project Compliance	\$200,000
2	2018 Wildfire Season - Watershed Mitigation & Recovery	\$100,000
3	Reservoir Enlargement Investigation -DWR	\$100,000
4	Climate Change in Colorado Report Update	\$45,000
5	Water Plan Implementation Efforts	\$50,000
6	Cloud seeding equipment purchase	\$80,000

\* Additional information was provided in the Finance Committee Meeting Digital Packet

**ADJOURN**

A motion to adjourn the September 2021 Board meeting was made by Steve Anderson, which was seconded by Gail Schwartz. The motion was approved unanimously (7-0).