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**CONSENT AGENDA ITEM:** 3 a - k Water Plan Grants

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### Introduction

In the second round of fiscal year 2022-2023 applications, overall the CWCB received 42 applications for Water Plan Grants totaling \$8.4 million in funding requests. This fiscal year, \$12.7 million was available for Water Plan Grants. Approximately \$5.44 million was awarded in the first grant cycle, leaving \$7.25 million available for the current applications. In total, staff is recommending approval of 36 projects totaling \$7.2 million.

Grants approved by the CWCB Director up to \$50,000 are included in the Director's Report. Grants recommended for funding totaling \$100,000 or greater are included in agenda item 17.

Grants that were not recommended for funding or recommended in amounts greater than \$50,000 but less than \$100,000 are included in this consent agenda item.

See attached Data Sheets for project summaries and grant applications.

### Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends the Board approve grants as listed in the following table regarding Colorado's Water Plan Grant Program funding.



	Applicant	Project Name	Grant Request Amount	Staff Recommendation
Watershed Health & Recreation				
a	Year One, Inc. DBA Mile High Youth Corps	Tejon Street Wetland Riparian Restoration	\$21,910.00	Not Recommended
b	Colorado Rio Grande Restoration Foundation	Rio Grande National Forest Wet Meadows Restoration Project	\$99,841.00	\$99,841.00
c	City of Steamboat Springs	Bear River Park Trailered River Access Design and Engineering Project	\$80,000.00	\$80,000.00
	Subtotal Watershed Health & Recreation			\$179,841.00
Engagement & Innovation				
d	River Science	Next Generation Water Leaders Program	\$98,575.00	\$98,575.00
	Subtotal Engagement & Innovation			\$98,575.00
Conservation & Land Use Planning				
e	Town of Mountain Village	Advanced Water Meter Replacement, Phase 1	\$70,144.00	Not Recommended
f	Grand Junction, City of	Grand Junction Graywater Education and Incentive Program	\$349,697.00	Not Recommended
g	Eagle County Conservation District	Efficient Irrigation System Program	\$62,999.00	\$62,999.00
h	Arapahoe County	County Irrigation Water Conservation Study, Planning and Implementation	\$210,000.00	Not Recommended
i	Town of Avon	Avon's Benchmark Reservoir Conservation Project: New Irrigation System and Demonstration Gardens (Design Phase)	\$60,000.00	\$60,000.00
	Subtotal Conservation & Land Use Planning			\$122,999.00
Agriculture				



j	High Desert Conservation District	High Desert Drought Concern Gathering	\$97,360.50	Not Recommended
k	Watershed Center	Flow Monitoring at Gold Lake and Left Hand Park	\$66,885.00	Not Recommended
	Subtotal Agriculture			\$0
	Total Recommended for Approval			\$401,415.00

#### Project Issues/Additional Needs:

- All funding awards are contingent upon the applicants' ability to secure match funding
- Grantees should adequately address CWCB staff comments to scopes of work and engineering designs (when applicable). Staff will contact each successful applicant to discuss comments and contracting procedures prior to contracting.
- All grantees should adhere to their organizational procurement policies when hiring contractors and consultants. CWCB recommends that State procurement policies be used as a guide if an organization does not have procurement policies.
- Projects should comply with the CWCB's Rules and Regulations for Regulatory Floodplains in Colorado, when applicable.

