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**TO:** Colorado Water Conservation Board Members

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#### AGENDA ITEM: 5 a - r Water Plan Grants

##### Introduction

The CWCB received 35 applications for Water Plan Grants totaling \$8.4 million in funding requests. This fiscal year, \$25.2 million is available for Water Plan Grants. In total, staff is recommending approval of 31 projects totaling \$7.8 million.

Grants approved by the CWCB Director up to \$50,000 are included in the Director's Report. Grants that were not recommended for funding or recommended in amounts greater than \$50,000 but less than \$100,000 are included in Consent Agenda item 5.

Grants recommended for funding totaling \$100,000 or greater are included in this agenda item.

See attached Data Sheets and grant applications for additional project details.

##### Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends the following Board action for activities listed in the following table regarding Colorado's Water Plan Grant Program funding.

	Applicant	Project Name	Grant Request Amount	Staff Recommendation
Agriculture				
a	Colorado Cattlemen's Association	Scaling Up Ag Water Education & Funding Outreach	\$475,000.00	\$475,000.00
b	Florida Consolidated Ditch Company	Florida Canal Diversion Structure Rehab Increase	\$115,000.00	\$115,000.00
c	San Luis Valley Water Conservancy District	San Luis Valley Rye Resurgence Project	\$405,000.00	\$405,000.00
Conservation & Land Use Planning				
d	Colorado State University	Polaris Land Use & Water Planning Tool, Phase II	\$269,534.19	\$269,534.19



e	Alamosa County	Alamosa County Comprehensive Plan Update	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00
f	City of Grand Junction	Grand Junction Graywater Education and Incentive Program	\$139,240.00	\$139,240.00
g	Resource Central	Building Statewide Capacity for Turf Removal	\$1,500,000.00	\$1,500,000.00
h	Year One, Inc. DBA Mile High Youth Corps	Single Family Home Water Audits and Installs	\$183,201.50	\$183,201.50
i	Arapahoe County	County Irrigation Water Conservation Study, Planning, and Implementation	\$121,798.45	\$121,798.45
Watershed Health & Recreation				
j	River Network	Environmental Flows Cohort Pilot Training Program	\$153,697.00	\$153,697.00
k	Colorado Rio Grande Restoration Foundation	Alamosa Riverfront Project Phase I	\$182,900.00	\$182,900.00
l	Trout Unlimited	Telluride Valley Floor Post-Removal Action	\$203,113.35	\$203,113.35
m	Blue River Watershed Group	Blue River Habitat Restoration Project	\$425,115.00	\$425,115.00
n	Learning By Doing, Inc	Grand County Stream Management Plan Update - Phase 2	\$352,052.00	\$352,052.00
o	Westminster, City of	Phase 1 Big Dry Creek Channel Restoration	\$650,000.00	\$650,000.00
p	Boulder Watershed Collective	Boulder Creek Engagement & Innovation Project	\$198,600.00	\$198,600.00
q	Mile High Flood District	South Platte River at Reynolds Landing	\$500,000.00	\$500,000.00
Storage & Supply				
r	Central Colorado Water Conservancy District	Bernhardt Reservoir Water Storage Project - Phase 1	\$1,000,000.00	\$1,000,000.00
Total Recommended for Approval for Agenda Item 5				\$6,974,251.49

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.

