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AGENDA ITEM: Consent Agenda 2a, Water Supply Reserve Fund, Grant Funding Recommendations

Staff Recommendation - Action Items: WSRF Grant Requests:

A summary of staff's recommendation for each WSRF application are provided in the first component of the attached table.

Favorable recommendations may be contingent on the applicants' abilities to resolve issues and additional needs in the attached Water Activity Summaries. Please refer to the Water Activity Summary Sheets contained within this agenda item to find a summary of staff's review and any conditions associated with each recommendation.

Background:

For this agenda item, the Board is provided with a brief overview of applications to the Water Supply Reserve Fund (WSRF). Attachments to this memo include:

- Summary spreadsheet detailing funding requests for the basin and statewide accounts;
- Summary spreadsheet displaying current WSRF Balance Summary of Fund Appropriations and Receipts by Fiscal Year, and Fund Distribution by Basin and Statewide Account.
- Water Activity Summary Sheets, which provide an overview, discussion, issues/additional needs, and staff recommendation regarding funding, partial funding, or not funding the applications.

Staff's review of the applications involves the following steps:

- 1) Applications are reviewed for completeness based on the information requirements, to verify that the water activity meets the eligibility requirements, and also verifies that the applicant was an eligible entity to receive funding which are primarily outlined in the Grant Guidelines.
- 2) Staff then prepares the Water Activity Summary Sheet which documents the outcome of the review process and contains staff's recommendations.



Water Supply Reserve Fund Balance Summary and Project Status Report:

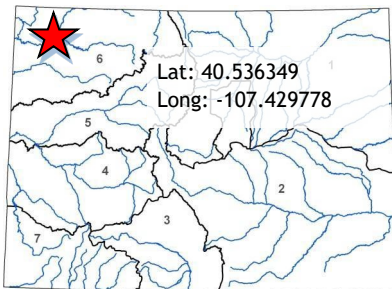
To provide the Board updates on the status of specific Water Supply Reserve Fund grant applications and projects, staff can provide a status report of the following information upon request:

- List of completed WSRF projects;
- List of WSRF projects in progress; and
- List of WSRF projects in the contracting and procurement process.





Water Supply Reserve Grant Application



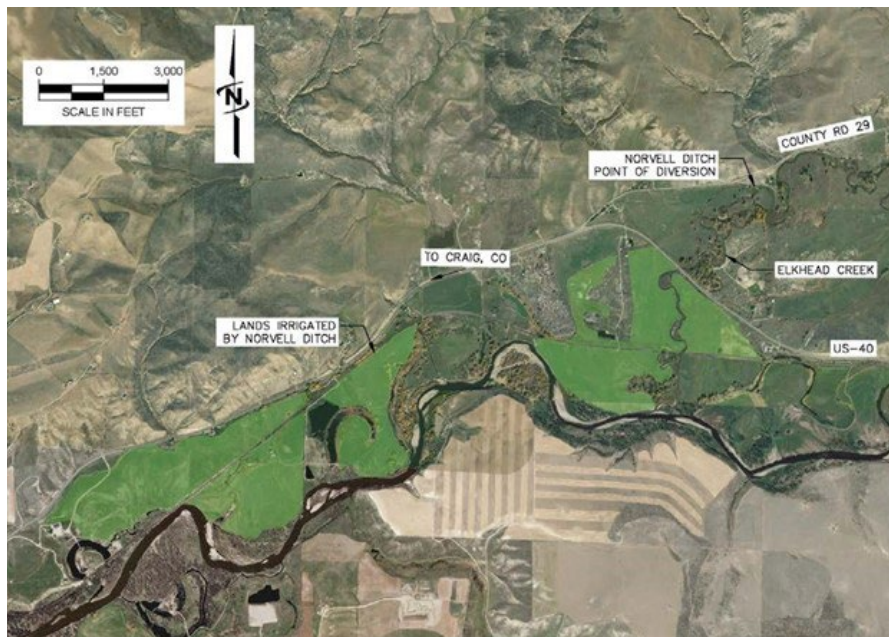
LOCATION
County: Moffat
Drainage Basin: Yampa/White/Green

DETAILS	
Total Project Cost:	\$133,500
Total WSRF Grant Request:	\$99,750
YWG Basin Account Request:	\$99,750
Recommended Amount:	\$99,750
Other CWCB Funding:	\$0
Other Funding Amount:	\$33,750
Applicant Match:	\$0
Project Type: Design/Construction	
Major Water Use Type: Agricultural	
Measurable Result: None listed.	

This project was originally approved by the Board in September 2023 to the Norvell Ditch Company. The ditch company was unable to provide the needed documents to successfully execute a contract with the State. The new applicant, the Community Agriculture Alliance (CAA) can contract with the State and meet all grant requirements. CAA has agreed to apply on behalf of Norvell Ditch Company and, if approved, be the grantee and complete the project.

The project is replacing existing headgates along with the construction of a new concrete diversion wingwall. A concrete headwall structure spanning across the ditch and connecting the two wingwalls would be required for mounting the headgates.

Due to the orientation of the diversion and the slow-moving water in Elkhead Creek at this location, a



trash rack would be required to prevent debris from clogging up the main headgates and/or downstream structures. The bulk of the cost to replace the headgate structure would be in the concrete construction costs and the purchase and installation of the new headgates. The applicant is requesting WSRF funds to assist in the design and construction of the project.

Issues/Additional Needs: No issues or additional needs have been identified.

Funding Recommendation: Staff recommends approval

of up to \$99,750 from the Yampa/White/Green Basin Account. Project approval is contingent upon the applicants' abilities to resolve issues and additional needs identified by staff.