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DATE: April 22, 2024

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.



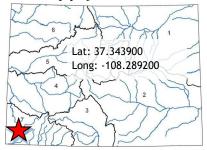


Upper Road 42 Water Association Montezuma County

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May 2024 Board Meeting - CA2a

Water Supply Reserve Grant Application



LOCATION	

County: Montezuma

Drainage Basin: Southwest (Mancos)

The applicant is an incorporated non-profit water association based in the Town of Mancos.

The purpose of the project is to finalize the design and engineering that will result in the construction and installation of an extension of the Mancos Rural Water Company's water system to provide domestic water to 29 properties from Road N north to the Forest Service Boundary on County Road 42 in the Town of Mancos.

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Project Type: Design/Engineering

Major Water Use Type: Municipal

Measurable Result: 15,000 feet of pipe/canal built; 50
Coloradans impacted by engagement activity; Other:
Eliminates the need for hauling water and associated health risks and greenhouse gas impacts. Provides clean drinking water to over 50 people. Increases property values being on domestic water. Provides infrastructure redundancy for existing public water systems. Installs over 2 miles of new water lines, a new water storage tank and a new water pumping station. It will also provide an opportunity to mount telecommunications on the water tank for the Bureau of Reclamation/Mancos Water Conservancy District and Mancos Rural Water Company.

If approved, WSRF funding will be used to pay for the remainder of final design and engineering of the system, bringing in a contractor to assist with the design as part of the Construction Management At-Risk process, and creation of construction documents. The applicant received a WSRF grant in July 2020 to begin the feasibility study & complete a partial design.

Following the completion of the design/engineering, the applicant will proceed to accomplish the following projects including:

- Constructing an above-ground pump station located at the Mancos Rural Water Company's treatment plant, located at the base of the Jackson Lake dam.
- Installing approximately 12,000 ft of pipe.
- Constructing a new 20,000 gallon above-ground water storage tank located on the Upper Road 42 Tank Site property.

The project aligns with the Southwest Basin Implementation Plan goals to make potable water available to areas in the Basin that are not currently served by a public water system and are dependent on water hauling.

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

Funding Recommendation: Staff recommends approval of \$60,000 from the Southwest Basin Account. Project approval is contingent upon the applicant's ability to resolve issues and additional needs identified by staff.