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Summary Minutes and Record of Decisions

March 13 & 14, 2024 Board Meeting

A regular meeting of the Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB) convened at the CSU Spur Hydro Building in Denver and virtually on zoom. The meeting was called to order by Chair Greg Felt. 9 voting members were present at the call to order, so a quorum was present (at least 6 required). Voting members present were: Greg Felt, Brad Wind, Paul Bruchez, Barbara Vasquez, Jaclyn Brown, Lorelei Cloud, John McClow, Jessica Brody (arrived at 10:30a.m.), and Nathan Coombs, and ex-officio voting member Dan Gibbs, Executive Director of the Department of Natural Resources. Non-voting ex officio members present or represented were: Robert Harris, Colorado Parks and Wildlife; Robert Sakata, Department of Agriculture; Tracy Kosloff, Acting State Engineer, Becky Mitchell, IBCC Director, and Lauren Ris, 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 Greg Felt. 9 voting members were present at the call to order, so a quorum was present (at least 6 required). The voting members present were: Paul Bruchez, Jessica Brody, John McClow, Barbara Vasquez, Brad Wind, Greg Felt, Lorelei Cloud, and Nathan Coombs. Non-voting ex officio members present or represented were: Robert Harris, Colorado Parks and Wildlife; Robert Sakata, Department of Agriculture; Tracy Kosloff, Acting State Engineer, and Lauren Ris, Colorado Water Conservation Board Director. Counsel to the Board, Jen Mele was also in attendance.

Wednesday, March 13, 2024

1a	Election of New Vice Chair
	A motion to elect Nathan Coombs as Vice Chair to the Board was made by Barbara Vasquez, which was seconded by John McClow. The motion was approved unanimously (9-0).
1b	Review and Approve Agenda
	A motion to approve the agenda was made by Lorelei Cloud, which was seconded by Paul Bruchez. The motion was approved unanimously (9-0).
2	Review and Approve January 29 & 30, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes
	A motion to approve the January 2024 Board minutes was made by Nathan Coombs, which was seconded by Barbara Vasquez. The motion was approved unanimously (9-0).
3	Approve and/or Remove Consent Agenda Items
	A motion to approve the Consent Agenda Items minus Item 2f (2f will be presented on Thursday, March 14) was made by Nathan Coombs, which was seconded by Barbara Vasquez. The motion was approved unanimously (9-0).
4	Directors' Reports
4a.	DNR Executive Director - Dan Gibbs
4b.	CWCB Director – Lauren Ris
4c.	IBCC Director – Becky Mitchell
4d.	Agriculture Commissioner – Robert Sakata (presenting on behalf of Commissioner Greenberg)
4e.	State Engineer – Tracy Kosloff
4f.	Colorado Parks and Wildlife Director – Robert Harris
4g.	Water Resource and Power Development Authority – Keith McLaughlin

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

Action: Report by CWCB staff member Kirk Russell.

a. Financial Projections and Cash Management Report

This is an informational item with no Board action required.

6 Water Project Loans
Finance Section

a. Trinchera Groundwater Management Subdistrict – Water Rights Purchase

Action: Report by CWCB staff member Joshua Godwin. A motion to approve the staff recommendation was made by Nathan Coombs, which was seconded by John McClow. The motion was approved unanimously (9-0).

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends the Board approve a loan not to exceed \$2,323,000 (\$2,300,000 for Project costs and \$23,000 for the 1% service fee) to the Groundwater Management Subdistrict of the Trinchera Water Conservancy District, acting by and through its water activity enterprise, for costs associated with the Water Rights Purchase, from the Construction Base Fund. The loan term shall be 30 years at an interest rate of 2.10% per annum. Security for the loan shall be in compliance with CWCB Financial Policy #5.

7 CWCB Policy #12 & #14 – Prioritization of Loan and Non-Reimbursable Investment Project Applications
Finance Section

Action: Report by CWCB staff member Anna Mauss. A motion to approve the staff recommendation was made by Jessica Brody, which was seconded by Nathan Coombs. The motion was approved unanimously (9-0).

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends the board approve revised Policy #12 – Prioritization of Project Fund Applications from the Construction Fund and Severance Tax Trust Fund Perpetual Base Fund and Policy #14 – Approval and Prioritization of Construction Fund Applications for Non-Reimbursable Project Investments.

8 Attorney General’s Report, Legal Briefing, and Executive Session

Action: Report by Attorney General Counsel to the Board, Jen Mele. A motion to go into Executive Session was made by Barbara Vasquez, which was seconded by Lorelei Cloud. The motion was approved unanimously (9-0).

9 Executive Session

9a Perkins County Canal

10 Report from Executive Session

Action: Report by Counsel to the Board, Jen Mele. A motion to come out of Executive Session was made by Paul Bruchez, which was seconded by Barbara Vasquez. The motion was approved unanimously (9-0).

11 Water Supply Reserve Fund Applications

Water Supply Planning Section

a. Basin – North Platte

Applicant – Spicer Ranches

Name of Water Activity – Mexican Reservoir Enlargement – Phase 2

Action: Report by CWCB staff member Ben Wade. A motion to approve the staff recommendation was made by Barbara Vasquez, which was seconded by Lorelei Cloud. The motion was approved unanimously (9-0).

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends approval of up to \$265,500 from the North Platte Basin Account. Project approval is contingent upon the applicants' abilities to resolve issues and additional needs identified by staff.

b. Basin – South Platte

Applicant – City of Idaho Springs

Name of Water Activity – Mattie Dam Rehabilitation

Action: Report by CWCB staff member Ben Wade. A motion to approve the staff recommendation was made by Barbara Vasquez, which was seconded by Lorelei Cloud. The motion was approved unanimously (9-0).

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends approval of up to \$55,000 from the South Platte Basin Account and up to \$385,000 from the Statewide Account. Project approval is contingent upon the applicants' abilities to resolve issues and additional needs identified by staff.

c. Basin – South Platte

Applicant – Ducks Unlimited

Name of Water Activity – Tamarack State Wildlife Area: Well 17

Action: Report by CWCB staff member Ben Wade. A motion to approve the staff recommendation was made by Barbara Vasquez, which was seconded by Lorelei Cloud. The motion was approved unanimously (9-0).

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends approval of up to \$75,000 from the South Platte Basin Account and up to \$562,500 from the Statewide Account. Project approval is contingent upon the applicants' abilities to resolve issues and additional needs identified by staff.

d. Basin – Southwest

Applicant – Trout Unlimited 145 – Dolores River Anglers

Name of Water Activity – Dolores River Anglers Lower West Fork Restoration

Action: Report by CWCB staff member Ben Wade. A motion to approve the staff recommendation was made by Barbara Vasquez, which was seconded by Lorelei Cloud. The motion was approved unanimously (9-0).

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends approval of up to \$100,000 from the Southwest Basin Account. Project approval is contingent upon the applicants' abilities to resolve issues and additional needs identified by staff.

12 Instream Flow Appropriations
Stream and Lake Protection Section

12a Public Notice of 2025 Instream Flow and Natural Lake Level Recommendations

Action: Report by CWCB staff member Rob Viehl.

This is an informational item with no Board action required.

12b Public Comment on 2024 Instream Flow and Natural Level Appropriations in Water Division 1, 2, 4, and 6

Action: Report by CWCB staff member Rob Viehl.

This is an informational item with no Board action required.

13 Request for Authorization to Proceed to Trial in Stipulate Opposition Case:
Stream and Lake Protection Section

13a Case No. 21CW3044 (Water Division 2): Application of Triview Metropolitan District

Action: Report by CWCB staff member Colin Watson. A motion to approve the staff recommendation was made by Nathan Coombs, which was seconded by Barbara Vasquez. The motion was approved unanimously (9-0).

Staff Recommendation: Pursuant to ISF Rule 8.j., Staff recommends that the Board authorize Staff to participate at trial, as necessary, to defend CWCB's stipulation in Case No. 21CW3044, as identified in the Table 1.

Item	Case No.	Applicant	Trial Date (No. of Days)	CWCB Stipulation Date	CWCB Statement of Opposition Date
13.a	21CW3044 (Division 2)	Triview Metropolitan District	April 1, 2024 (5 Days)	December 22, 2023	October 25, 2021

14 Instream Flow Acquisition

Stream and Lake Protection Section

14a Implementation of Renewable Temporary Lease of Stagecoach Reservoir Water for Instream Flow Use on the Upper Yampa River, Water Division 6

Action: Report by CWCB staff member Pete Conovitz. Paul Bruchez disclosed that he sits on the Board of the Water Trust and receives no personal compensation. A motion to approve the staff recommendation was made by Jackie Brown, which was seconded by Jessica Brody. The motion was approved unanimously (9-0).

Staff Recommendation: Authorize an expenditure up to \$250,000 from the CWCB Water Acquisition Fund to implement a temporary renewable short-term lease of up to 4,628 acre-feet of water from the Colorado Water Trust and Upper Yampa Water Conservancy District.

15 Water Plan Grants

Administration and Operations Section

Action: Report by CWCB staff member Cole Bedford.

15d Category – Agriculture

Applicant – Trout Unlimited

Project – Intermountain West Alternative Forages Project – Phase II

Action: Report by CWCB staff member Nora Flynn. A motion to approve the staff recommendation was made by Brad Wind, which was seconded by Lorelei Cloud. Paul Bruchez recused himself from the vote. The motion was approved unanimously (8-0).

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends full funding of \$490,818.08 to Trout Unlimited for Phase II of the Intermountain West Alternative Forages Project.

15a

Category – Agriculture

Applicant – Colorado Open Lands

Project – Charting a New Course for Water Smart Land Conservation in the South Platte River Basin

Action: Report by CWCB staff member Nora Flynn. A motion to approve the staff recommendation was made by Jessica Brody, which was seconded by Nathan Coombs. The motion was approved unanimously (9-0).

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends full funding of \$268,788.88 to Colorado Open Lands for Charting a New Course for Water Smart Land Conservation in the South Platte River Basin.

15b

Category – Agriculture

Applicant – Colorado State University

Project – South Platte River Basin Salinity Study

Action: Report by CWCB staff member Nora Flynn. A motion to approve the staff recommendation was made by Jessica Brody, which was seconded by Nathan Coombs. The motion was approved unanimously (9-0).

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends full funding of \$464,361.49 to Colorado State University for the South Platte Basin Salinity Study.

15c

Category – Agriculture

Applicant – Mormon Mesa Ditch

Project – Mormon Mesa Ditch Improvement Project

Action: Report by CWCB staff member Nora Flynn. A motion to approve the staff recommendation was made by Jessica Brody, which was seconded by Nathan Coombs. The motion was approved unanimously (9-0).

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends full funding of \$272,289.00 to the Mormon Mesa Ditch Company for the Mormon Mesa Ditch Improvement Project.

15e

Category – Agriculture

Applicant – Trout Unlimited Montrose

Project – Middle Colorado AG Collaborative

Action: Report by CWCB staff member Nora Flynn. A motion to approve the staff recommendation was made by Jessica Brody, which was seconded by Nathan Coombs. The motion was approved unanimously (9-0).

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends Board approval of \$1,500,000.00 to *Colorado Trout Unlimited* for the Middle Colorado AG Collaborative Phase 3: Elk Creek project.

15f **Category** – Agriculture
Applicant – Western Slope Conservation Center
Project – North Fork Consolidated Diversion Improvements

Action: Report by CWCB staff member Nora Flynn. A motion to approve the staff recommendation was made by Jessica Brody, which was seconded by Nathan Coombs. The motion was approved unanimously (9-0).

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends full funding of \$636,663.00 to the Western Slope Conservation Center for North Fork Consolidated Diversion Improvements.

15g **Category** – Agriculture
Applicant – Western Water Partnerships
Project – Las Animas Water Sharing Program

Action: Report by CWCB staff member Nora Flynn. A motion to approve the staff recommendation was made by Jessica Brody, which was seconded by Nathan Coombs. The motion was approved unanimously (9-0).

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends full funding of \$245,738.00 to Western Water Partnerships for the Las Animas Consolidated Water-Sharing Program.

15h **Category** – Conservation & Land Use
Applicant – Adams County
Project – Master Water Management Plan

Action: Report by CWCB staff member Kevin Reidy. A motion to approve the staff recommendation was made by Jessica Brody, which was seconded by Nathan Coombs. The motion was approved unanimously (9-0).

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends full funding of \$397,500 to Adams County for their Master Water Management Plan.

15i **Category** – Conservation & Land Use
Applicant – Mile High Flood District
Project – Denver One Water Plan Implementation Phase 2

Action: Report by CWCB staff member Kevin Reidy. A motion to approve the staff recommendation was made by Jessica Brody, which was seconded by Nathan Coombs. The motion was approved unanimously (9-0).

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends full funding of \$200,000 to Mile High Flood District for the Denver One Water Plan Implementation Phase 2 project.

15j **Category** – Conservation & Land Use
Applicant – Multiplier
Project – Advancing Water Efficiency Solutions in Colorado Communities – Phase 2

Action: Report by CWCB staff member Kevin Reidy. A motion to approve the staff recommendation was made by Jessica Brody, which was seconded by Nathan Coombs. The motion was approved unanimously (9-0).

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends full funding of \$331,885.00 to the Multiplier for Advancing Water Efficiency Solutions in Colorado Communities-Phase 2.

15k **Category** – Conservation & Land Use

Applicant – Rocky Mountain Section American Water Works Association

Project – Statewide Commercial, Industrial and Institutional Water Efficiency Program

Action: Report by CWCB staff member Kevin Reidy. A motion to approve the staff recommendation was made by Jessica Brody, which was seconded by Nathan Coombs. The motion was approved unanimously (9-0).

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends full funding of \$318,625.00 to the Rocky Mountain Section American Water Works Association for their Statewide Commercial, Industrial and Institutional Water Efficiency Program.

15l **Category** – Conservation & Land Use

Applicant – Sonoran Institute

Project – Colorado Growing Water Smart

Action: Report by CWCB staff member Kevin Reidy. A motion to approve the staff recommendation was made by Jessica Brody, which was seconded by Nathan Coombs. The motion was approved unanimously (9-0).

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends full funding of \$446,783.66 to the Sonoran Institute for Colorado Growing Water Smart.

15m **Category** – Conservation & Land Use

Applicant – University of Colorado Boulder

Project – Effects of Landscape Transformations on Urban Heat and Water Quality

Action: Report by CWCB staff member Kevin Reidy. A motion to approve the staff recommendation was made by Jessica Brody, which was seconded by Nathan Coombs. The motion was approved unanimously (9-0).

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends full funding of \$295,967.00 to the University of Colorado Boulder for the Effects of Landscape Transformations on Urban Heat and Water Quality project.

15n **Category** – Conservation & Land Use

Applicant – Western Resource Advocates

Project – Advancing Water Wise Landscaper Certification

Action: Report by CWCB staff member Kevin Reidy. A motion to approve the staff recommendation was made by Jessica Brody, which was seconded by Nathan Coombs. The motion was approved unanimously (9-0).

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends full funding of \$152,157.60 to Western Resource Advocates for Advancing Water Wise Landscaper Certification.

15o **Category** – Conservation & Land Use
Applicant – Westminster, City of
Project – Westminster City Hall Landscape Transformation

Action: Report by CWCB staff member Kevin Reidy. A motion to approve the staff recommendation was made by Jessica Brody, which was seconded by Nathan Coombs. The motion was approved unanimously (9-0).

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends full funding of \$225,000.00 to the City of Westminster for the Westminster City Hall Landscape Transformation project.

15p **Category** – Engagement & Innovation
Applicant – Colorado State University
Project – Colorado Water Fellows Program: Water Workforce Development through Education, Training, and Internships

Action: Report by CWCB staff member Ben Wade. A motion to approve the staff recommendation was made by Jessica Brody, which was seconded by Nathan Coombs. The motion was approved unanimously (9-0).

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends partial funding of \$306,000 to Colorado State University for the Colorado Water Fellows Program: Water Workforce Development through Education, Training, and Internships. The full request of \$321,887.08 includes the coordination of a standalone Water Fellows event and there may be the opportunity to combine it with the Water Workforce Summit and reduce costs or seek additional support from participating universities.

15q **Category** – Engagement & Innovation
Applicant – Groundwork Denver
Project – Advancing Public Knowledge Via Rain Barrel Distribution

Action: Report by CWCB staff member Ben Wade. A motion to approve the staff recommendation was made by Jessica Brody, which was seconded by Nathan Coombs. The motion was approved unanimously (9-0).

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends full funding of \$116,087.00 to Groundwork Denver for their Advancing Public Knowledge Via Rain Barrel Distribution project.

15r **Category** – Engagement & Innovation
Applicant – Montezuma Land Conservancy
Project – Place-Based Water Education in SW Colorado

Action: Report by CWCB staff member Ben Wade. A motion to approve the staff recommendation was made by Jessica Brody, which was seconded by Nathan Coombs. The motion was approved unanimously (9-0).

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends full funding of \$112,000 to the Montezuma Land Conservancy for Place-Based Water Education in SW Colorado.

15s **Category** – Engagement & Innovation
Applicant – Roaring Fork Conservancy
Project – Watershed PenPal Program

Action: Report by CWCB staff member Ben Wade. A motion to approve the staff recommendation was made by Jessica Brody, which was seconded by Nathan Coombs. The motion was approved unanimously (9-0).

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends full funding of \$136,947.70 to Roaring Fork Conservancy for the Watershed PenPal program.

15t **Category** – Water Storage & Supply
Applicant – Central Colorado Water Conservancy District
Project – Sweet Valley Reservoir Complex Water Storage Project

Action: Report by CWCB staff member Matt Stearns. A motion to approve the staff recommendation was made by Jessica Brody, which was seconded by Nathan Coombs. The motion was approved unanimously (9-0).

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends full funding of \$304,919.00 to Central Colorado Water Conservancy District for the Sweet Valley Reservoir Complex Water Storage project.

15u **Category** – Water Storage & Supply
Applicant – Consolidated Mutual Water Company
Project – Welton Reservoir Expansion

Action: Report by CWCB staff member Matt Stearns. A motion to approve the staff recommendation was made by Jessica Brody, which was seconded by Nathan Coombs. The motion was approved unanimously (9-0).

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends full funding of \$919,441.00 to Consolidated Mutual Water Company for the Welton Reservoir Expansion project.

15v **Category** – Water Storage & Supply
Applicant – Donala Water and Sanitation District
Project – Donala Water and Sanitation District Aquifer Storage and Recovery Pilot Study

Action: Report by CWCB staff member Matt Stearns. A motion to approve the staff recommendation was made by Jessica Brody, which was seconded by Nathan Coombs. The motion was approved unanimously (9-0).

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends partial funding of \$290,000.00 to Donala Water and Sanitation District for the Aquifer Storage and Recovery Pilot Study. Colorado Water Conservation Board staff has worked with the applicant to refine their scope of work to focus on final design of the pilot facility and the permitting process. This effort has resulted in a reduced total project cost of \$580,000.00 that does not include estimated construction costs. This revised total will be reflected in contracting documents. Focusing on these specific design and engineering efforts will aid the applicant in preparing their refined construction plan, construction timeline and cost estimate and plan of operations.

15w **Category** – Water Storage & Supply

Applicant – Gunnison, City of

Project – City of Gunnison Project 1: Raw Water and Infiltration Gallery Infrastructure Improvements

Action: Report by CWCB staff member Matt Stearns. A motion to approve the staff recommendation was made by Jessica Brody, which was seconded by Nathan Coombs. The motion was approved unanimously (9-0).

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends full funding of \$1,500,000.00 to the City of Gunnison for Project 1: Raw Water and Infiltration Gallery Infrastructure Improvements.

15x **Category** – Water Storage & Supply

Applicant – North Poudre Irrigation Company

Project – Park Creek Reservoir Expansion

Action: Report by CWCB staff member Matt Stearns. A motion to approve the staff recommendation was made by Jessica Brody, which was seconded by Nathan Coombs. The motion was approved unanimously (9-0).

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends partial funding of \$1,750,000.00 to the North Poudre Irrigation Company for the Park Creek Reservoir Expansion project. The review committee recommended partial funding of \$1,750,000.00 for this project because NPIC's Water Plan Grant request was too large for the available Water Plan Grant funds in a highly competitive application cycle.

15bb **Category** – Watershed Health & Recreation

Applicant – Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District

Project – Kawuneeche Valley Restoration Collaborative (KVRC)

Action: Report by CWCB staff member Chris Sturm. A motion to approve the staff recommendation was made by Jessica Brody, which was seconded by Lorelei Cloud. Brad Wind recused himself from the vote, the motion was approved unanimously (8-0).

Staff Recommendation: Monitoring project results related to project implementation is considered part of project implementation and requires a 50:50 match. Staff recommends funding of \$150,177.44 to Northern Water for Kawuneeche Valley Restoration Collaborative (KVRC) Project Monitoring.

15y **Category** – Watershed Health & Recreation
Applicant – Colorado Rio Grande Restoration Foundation
Project – Conejos River Restoration Phase II

Action: Report by CWCB staff member Chris Sturm. A motion to approve the staff recommendation was made by Jessica Brody, which was seconded by Nathan Coombs. The motion was approved unanimously (9-0).

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends full funding of \$494,221 to the Colorado Rio Grande Restoration Foundation for Phase II of the Conejos River Restoration Project.

15z **Category** – Watershed Health & Recreation
Applicant – Colorado Trout Unlimited
Project – South Boulder Creek – Watershed Restoration Phase III

Action: Report by CWCB staff member Chris Sturm. A motion to approve the staff recommendation was made by Jessica Brody, which was seconded by Nathan Coombs. The motion was approved unanimously (9-0).

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends full funding of \$1,000,000.00 to Colorado Trout Unlimited for South Boulder Creek–Watershed Restoration PH III.

15aa **Category** – Watershed Health & Recreation
Applicant – Learning By Doing, Inc
Project – Implementation of Grand County’s Stream Management Plan

Action: Report by CWCB staff member Chris Sturm. A motion to approve the staff recommendation was made by Jessica Brody, which was seconded by Nathan Coombs. The motion was approved unanimously (9-0).

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends full funding of \$145,350.00 to Grand County Learning By Doing for the Implementation of Grand County's Stream Management Plan.

15cc **Category** – Watershed Health & Recreation
Applicant – Purgatoire Watershed Partnership
Project – Purgatoire River Fish & Boat Passage Project

Action: Report by CWCB staff member Chris Sturm. A motion to approve the staff recommendation was made by Jessica Brody, which was seconded by Nathan Coombs. The motion was approved unanimously (9-0).

Staff Recommendation: Based on available funding, staff recommends partial funding of \$1,390,000.00 to the Purgatoire Watershed Partnership for the Purgatoire River Fish & Boat Passage Project.

15dd **Category** – Watershed Health & Recreation
Applicant – River Network
Project – Capacity & Tech Assistance for Watershed Groups

Action: Report by CWCB staff member Chris Sturm. A motion to approve the staff recommendation was made by Jessica Brody, which was seconded by Nathan Coombs. The motion was approved unanimously (9-0).

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends full funding of \$246,382.13 to the River Network for Capacity & Tech Assistance for Watershed Groups.

15ee **Category** – Watershed Health & Recreation
Applicant – River Network
Project – West Plum Creek Stream management Plan, Phase II

Action: Report by CWCB staff member Chris Sturm. A motion to approve the staff recommendation was made by Jessica Brody, which was seconded by Nathan Coombs. The motion was approved unanimously (9-0).

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends full funding of \$159,771.00 to River Network for the West Plum Creek Stream Management Plan Phase II project.

15ff **Category** – Watershed Health & Recreation
Applicant – RiversEdge West
Project – Dolores River Riparian Habitat Restoration

Action: Report by CWCB staff member Chris Sturm. A motion to approve the staff recommendation was made by Jessica Brody, which was seconded by Nathan Coombs. The motion was approved unanimously (9-0).

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends full funding of \$336,758.40 to RiversEdge West for Dolores River Riparian Habitat Restoration.

15gg **Category** – Watershed Health & Recreation
Applicant – The Friends of Yampa
Project – Yampa River Scorecard Project and Yampa River Stewardship Program

Action: Report by CWCB staff member Chris Sturm. A motion to approve the staff recommendation was made by Jessica Brody, which was seconded by Nathan Coombs. The motion was approved unanimously (9-0).

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends full funding of \$576,570.00 to the Friends of the Yampa for Yampa River Scorecard Project and Yampa River Stewardship Program.

15hh **Category** – Watershed Health & Recreation
Applicant – Trout Unlimited, Montrose
Project – Middle Colorado Agriculture Collaborative

Action: Report by CWCB staff member Chris Sturm. A motion to approve the staff recommendation was made by Jessica Brody, which was seconded by Nathan Coombs. The motion was approved unanimously (9-0).

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends Board approval of \$287,500.00 to *Colorado Trout Unlimited* for the Middle Colorado AG Collaborative Phase 3:Canyon Creek project.

Thursday, March 14, 2024

16 Basin Directors' Reports

- 16a** South Platte River Basin Director's Report – *Brad Wind*
- 16b** Arkansas River Basin Director's Report – *Greg Felt*
- 16c** City and County of Denver Director's Report – *Jessica Brody*
- 16d** Rio Grande River Basin Director's Report – *Nathan Coombs*
- 16e** Yampa-White River Basin Director's Report – *Jackie Brown*
- 16f** Colorado River (Mainstem) Basin Director's Report – *Paul Bruchez*
- 16g** San Juan/San Miguel-Dolores River Basin Director's Report – *Lorelei Cloud*
- 16h** Gunnison River Basin Director's Report – *John McClow*
- 16i** North Platte River Basin Director's Report – *Barbara Vasquez*

CA2f Water Supply Reserve Fund Grant

- f. Basin** – South Platte
 - Applicant** – North 40 Technologies
 - Name of Water Activity** – Automated Gated Pipe Control System Field Trial

Action: Report by CWCB staff member Ben Wade. A motion to approve the staff recommendation was made by Nathan Coombs, which was seconded by Barbara Vasquez. The motion was approved unanimously (9-0).

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends approval of up to \$28,500 from the South Platte Basin Account and up to \$60,000 from the Statewide Account. Project approval is contingent upon the applicants' abilities to resolve issues and additional needs identified by staff.

17 System Conservation Pilot Program Update

Interstate, Federal, and Water Information Section

Action: Report by CWCB staff member Amy Ostdiek.

This is an informational item with no Board action required.

18 Colorado River Updates

Interstate, Federal, and Water Information Section

Action: Report by CWCB staff member Amy Ostdiek.

This is an informational item with no Board action required.

19 Special Release of the Colorado Watershed Restoration Program Update

Watershed and Flood Protection Section

Action: Report by CWCB staff member Chris Sturm.

This is an informational item with no Board action required.

20 Spring Forecast

Water Supply Planning & Watershed and Flood Protection Sections

Action: Report by CWCB staff members Kat Weismiller and Kevin Houck.

This is an informational item with no Board action required.

21 Operational Planning Update

Action: Report by CWCB staff member Anna Mauss.

This is an informational item with no Board action required.

ADJOURN

The March 2024 Board meeting was adjourned without a motion.