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### **Summary Minutes and Record of Decisions**

#### **September 18, 2024, Board Meeting**

A regular meeting of the Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB) convened at the SkiHi Complex in Monte Vista and virtually on zoom. The meeting was called to order by Chair Nathan Coombs. 10 voting members were present at the call to order, so a quorum was present (at least 6 required). Voting members present were: Brad Wind, Paul Bruchez, Barbara Vasquez, Jaclyn Brown, Lorelei Cloud, John McClow, Jessica Brody, Nathan Coombs, and Greg Felt, and ex-officio voting member Dan Gibbs, Executive Director of the Department of Natural Resources. Non-voting ex officio members present or represented were: Scott Steinbecher, Attorney General's Office; Robert Harris, Colorado Parks and Wildlife; Kate Greenberg, Department of Agriculture; Jason Ullman, State Engineer, IBCC Director: Becky Mitchell, and Lauren Ris, Colorado Water Conservation Board Director. Counsel to the Board, Jen Mele, was also in attendance.

**Wednesday, September 18, 2024**

**1 Review and Approve Agenda**

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Greg Felt, which was seconded by Paul Bruchez. The motion was approved unanimously (10-0).

**2 Review and Approve July 17 & 18, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes**

A motion to approve the July 2024 Board minutes was made by Barbara Vasquez, which was seconded by Jessica Brody. The motion was approved unanimously (10-0).

**3 Approve and/or Remove Consent Agenda Items**

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda Items was made by John McClow, which was seconded by Greg Felt. The motion was approved unanimously (10-0).

**1. Statements of Opposition**

*Stream & Lake Protection Section*

*Staff recommends the Board ratify CWCB's filing of the following Statements of Opposition:*

- a. Case No. 24CW3022 (Water Division 4): Application of James G. Oates Trust  
Dated September 18, 1990
- b. Case No. 24CW3056 (Water Division 5): Application of Callicotte Ranch Owners  
Association, Inc.
- c. Case No. 24CW3060 (Water Division 5): Application of 143 Darling Farm, LLC
- d. Case No. 24CW3064 (Water Division 5): Application of Hallam Ventures LLC

**2. Poudre River Instream Flow Augmentation Plan - Engineering Funding  
Request**

*Stream & Lake Protection Section*

**3. Water Supply Reserve Fund Grants**

*Water Supply Planning Section*

- a. **Basin - Metro**  
**Applicant - Ducks Unlimited**  
**Name of Water Activity - Tamarack State Wildlife Area: Well 17**
- b. **Basin - Metro & South Platte**  
**Applicant - Colorado Watershed Assembly**

**Name of Water Activity** - Youth Development, Water Education, and the Colorado Water Plan (Year Zero)

c. **Basin** - Southwest

**Applicant** - Morrison Consolidated Ditch Company

**Name of Water Activity** - Morrison Ditch Heading Wall & Parshall Flume

d. **Basin** - Yampa/White/Green

**Applicant** - Community Agriculture Alliance, Inc

**Name of Water Activity** - Yampa-White-Green Education & Outreach  
2025 to  
2027

e. **Basin** - South Platte

**Applicant** - Greeley Irrigation Company

**Name of Water Activity** - Greeley Irrigation Company Data Accuracy Project

*South Platte Roundtable approved \$30,000 grant, the amount on the memo was incorrect (\$59,122). The applicant is aware of the mistake and has contracted for the \$30,000.*

**4. Change to Water Supply Reserve Grants**

*Water Supply Planning Section*

a. Continued Monitoring of North Park Lysimeter Station - Change of Grantee

**5. Floodplain Designations**

*Watershed and Flood Protection Section*

a. "Flood Insurance Study, Hinsdale County, Colorado, and Incorporated Areas", by FEMA, dated September 12, 2024

b. "Flood Insurance Study, Lincoln County, Colorado, and Incorporated Areas", by FEMA, dated September 12, 2024

**6. Change of Fiscal Agent**

*Watershed and Flood Protection Section*

a. Lower South Boulder Creek - Watershed Restoration Phase II

b. Stewart Ditch Diversion Improvement Project

**7. Water Plan Grants**

*Administration & Operations Section*

- a.     **Category** - Agriculture  
          **Applicant** - Colorado Canal Company  
          **Project** - Colorado Canal Company Strategic Water Plan
- b.     **Category** - Agriculture  
          **Applicant** - Colorado Agrivoltaic Learning Center  
          **Project** - Educating Colorado Communities on Agrivoltaics
- c.     **Category** - Agriculture  
          **Applicant** - Colorado Agrivoltaic Learning Center  
          **Project** - Solar Array Lands Supporting Agribusinesses (SALSA)
- d.     **Category** - Conservation and Land Use  
          **Applicant** - Deutsch Domestic Water Company, Inc  
          **Project** - Water Efficiency and Supply Project
- e.     **Category** - Engagement and Innovation  
          **Applicant** - Blue Elements  
          **Project** - Watershed Stewards AmeriCorps Program
- f.     **Category** - Engagement and Innovation  
          **Applicant** - Grand County Water Information Network  
          **Project** - Upper Colorado River Interactive Data Platform
- g.     **Category** - Engagement and Innovation  
          **Applicant** - Cottonwood Institute  
          **Project** - Cottonwood Institute's Colorado Water Project
- h.     **Category** - Water Storage and Supply  
          **Applicant** - Town of Nederland  
          **Project** - Town of Nederland Well Feasibility Study
- i.     **Category** - Watershed Health and Recreation  
          **Applicant** - Town of Lyons  
          **Project** - Summit Riparian Restoration

**8. Change to Water Plan Grant Budget**

*Administration & Operations Section*

	<p><b>a. Colorado Trout Unlimited, South Boulder Creek-Watershed Restoration PH III</b></p>
<b>4</b>	<b>Directors' Reports</b>
<b>4a.</b>	DNR Executive Director - Dan Gibbs
<b>4b.</b>	CWCB Director – Lauren Ris
<b>4c.</b>	IBCC Director – Becky Mitchell
<b>4d.</b>	Agriculture Commissioner – Kate Greenberg
<b>4e.</b>	State Engineer – Jason Ullman
<b>4f.</b>	Colorado Parks and Wildlife Director – Robert Harris
<b>5</b>	<p><b>Financial Matters – Construction Fund and Severance Tax Perpetual Base Fund</b>  <i>Finance Section</i></p> <p><b>a. Financial Projections and Cash Management Report</b></p> <p><b>Action:</b> Report by CWCB staff member Kirk Russell.</p> <p><i>This is an informational item with no Board action required.</i></p>
<b>6</b>	<p><b>Water Project Loans</b>  <i>Finance Section</i></p> <p><b>a. Crawford Water Conservancy District – Feeder Canal Stabilization</b></p> <p><b>Action:</b> Report by CWCB staff member Joshua Godwin. A motion to approve the staff recommendation was made by John McClow, which was seconded by Paul Bruchez. The motion was approved unanimously (10-0).</p> <p><b>Staff Recommendation:</b> Staff recommends the Board approve a loan not to exceed \$300,000 (\$297,030 for project costs and \$2,970 for the 1% service fee) to the Crawford Water Conservancy District for costs related to the stabilization of the Feeder Canal, from the Severance Tax Perpetual Base Fund. The loan term will be 27 years at an interest rate of 2.10% per annum. Security for the loan shall be in compliance with CWCB Financial Policy #5.</p> <p><b>b. Rio Blanco Water Conservancy District – Taylor Draw Hydroelectric</b></p>

**Action:** Report by CWCB staff member Joshua Godwin, Alden Vanden Brink addressed the Board. A motion to approve the staff recommendation was made by Jackie Brown, which was seconded by Barbara Vasquez. The motion was approved unanimously (10-0).

**Staff Recommendation:** Staff recommends the Board approve a loan not to exceed \$2,146,250 (\$2,125,000 for project costs and \$21,250 for the 1% service fee) to the Rio Blanco Water Conservancy District, acting by and through its water activity enterprise, for costs related to the Taylor Draw Hydroelectric Turbine Refurbishment, from the Severance Tax Perpetual Base Fund. The loan term will be 30 years at an interest rate of 2.00% per annum. Security for the loan shall be in compliance with CWCB Financial Policy #5.

**c. Larimer and Weld Irrigation Company – Cache La Poudre River**

**Action:** Report by CWCB staff member Zach Salin, Andy Pineda addressed the Board. A motion to approve the staff recommendation was made by Lorelei Cloud, which was seconded by Greg Felt, Brad Wind recused himself from the vote. The motion was approved unanimously (9-0).

**Staff Recommendation:** Staff recommends the Board approve a loan not to exceed \$2,900,720 (\$2,872,000 for project costs and \$28,720 for the 1% service fee) to the Larimer and Weld Irrigation Company for costs related to the Cache La Poudre River Diversion Rehabilitation, from the Severance Tax Perpetual Base Fund. The Loan term will be 30 years at an interest rate of 2.15% per annum. Security for the loan shall be in compliance with CWCB Financial Policy #5.

**d. Silver Lake Ditch & Reservoir Company – Elephant Buttress Tunnel Rehabilitation**

**Action:** Report by CWCB staff member Zach Salin, George Gerstle addressed the Board. A motion to approve the staff recommendation was made by Barbara Vasquez, which was seconded by Jessica Brody. The motion was approved unanimously (10-0).

**Staff Recommendation:** Staff recommends the Board approve a loan not to exceed \$151,500 (\$150,000 for project costs and \$1,500 for the 1% service fee) to the Silver Lake Ditch & Reservoir Company for costs related to the Elephant Buttress Tunnel Rehabilitation, from the Construction Fund. The Loan term will be 20 years at an interest rate of 2.925% per annum. Security for the loan shall be in compliance with CWCB Financial Policy #5.

**e. West Divide Water Conservancy District – Flannery Reservoir Purchase**

**Action:** Report by CWCB staff member Joshua Godwin. A motion to approve the staff recommendation was made by Paul Bruchez, which was seconded by Jessica Brody. The motion was approved unanimously (10-0).

**Staff Recommendation:** Staff recommends the Board approve a loan not to exceed \$2,049,290 (\$2,029,000 for project costs and \$20,290 for the 1% service fee) to the West Divide Water Conservancy District, acting by and through its water activity enterprise, for costs related to the purchase of Flannery

Reservoir, from the Construction Fund. The Loan term will be 30 years at an interest rate of 3.90% per annum. Security for the loan shall be in compliance with CWCB Financial Policy #5.

In addition, Staff recommends the following contract condition:

1. If any portion of the land included in the purchase of Flannery Reservoir is sold before the loan has been fully repaid, proceeds from the sale will go to paying down the principal of the loan.

**7 Arkansas Valley Conduit Project Update**

*Finance Section*

**Action:** Report by CWCB staff member Kirk Russell, Bill Long and Leann Noga presented to the Board.

*This is an informational item with no Board action required.*

**8 Attorney General's Report, Legal Briefing, and Executive Session**

**Action:** Report by Attorney General staff member Scott Steinbecher and Counsel to the Board, Jen Mele.

**9 Colorado River Updates**

*Interstate, Federal, and Water Information Section*

**Action:** Report by CWCB staff members Amy Ost diek and Michelle Garrison.

*This is an informational item with no Board action required.*

**10 Upper Colorado and San Juan Recovery Programs**

*Interstate, Federal, and Water Information Section*

**Action:** Report by CWCB staff member Michelle Garrison.

*This is an informational item with no Board action required.*

**11 Water Plan Grants**

*Administration and Operations Section*

**Action:** Report by CWCB staff member Cole Bedford.

**11a Category – Agriculture**

**Applicant** – Colorado Master Irrigator

**Project** – Colorado Master Irrigator Statewide Expansion Phase 2

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

**Staff Recommendation:** Staff recommends partial funding of \$1,201,294.00 to Colorado Master Irrigator for Colorado Master Irrigator Statewide Expansion Phase 2. This recommendation reflects removal of CWCB funding for the post-program Master competition in which irrigators can compete for funds to support changes at their operation leading to reduced consumptive use along with other incentives. Colorado Master Irrigator will pay for this aspect of the program with other matching funds.

**11b** **Category** – Agriculture

**Applicant** – Pothook Water Conservancy District

**Project** – Upper Little Snake River Restoration and diversion Structure Improvements

*This grant was pulled from the agenda by staff and will be presented at the November 2024 meeting.*

**11c** **Category** – Agriculture

**Applicant** – Colorado State University

**Project** – Colorado River Basin Discovery Farms

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

**Staff Recommendation:** Staff recommends full funding of \$387,378.00 to Colorado State University for the Colorado River Basin Discovery Farms.

**11d** **Category** – Conservation and Land Use Planning

**Applicant** – Town of Frederick

**Project** – Frederick Water Reuse Plan

**Action:** Report by CWCB staff member Laura Spann. A motion to approve the staff recommendation was made by Jessica Brody, which was seconded by Brad Wind. The motion was approved unanimously (9-0).

**Staff Recommendation:** Staff recommends full funding of \$270,675.63 to the Town of Frederick for the Frederick Water Reuse Plan project.

**11e** **Category** – Conservation and Land Use Planning

**Applicant** – Pikes Peak Regional Water Authority

**Project** – El Paso County Indirect Potable Reuse Project (IPR Project)



**Action:** Report by CWCB staff member Laura Spann. A motion to approve the staff recommendation was made by Jessica Brody, which was seconded by Brad Wind. The motion was approved unanimously (9-0).

**Staff Recommendation:** Staff recommends full funding of \$249,900.00 to the Pikes Peak Regional Water Authority for the El Paso County Indirect Potable Reuse Project.

**11f**

**Category** – Conservation and Land Use Planning

**Applicant** – University of Northern Colorado

**Project** – UNC Landscape Water Resiliency Comprehensive Plan

**Action:** Report by CWCB staff member Laura Spann. A motion to approve the staff recommendation was made by Jessica Brody, which was seconded by Brad Wind. The motion was approved unanimously (9-0).

**Staff Recommendation:** Staff recommends full funding of \$167,799.49 to the University of Northern Colorado for the UNC Landscape Water Resiliency Comprehensive Plan project.

**11g**

**Category** – Conservation and Land Use Planning

**Applicant** – Western Resource Advocates

**Project** – Implementing Turf Limits in Landscape Codes

**Action:** Report by CWCB staff member Laura Spann. A motion to approve the staff recommendation was made by Jessica Brody, which was seconded by Brad Wind. The motion was approved unanimously (9-0).

**Staff Recommendation:** Staff recommends full funding of \$150,260.63 to Western Resource Advocates for Implementing Turf Limits in Landscape Codes.

**11h**

**Category** – Conservation and Land Use Planning

**Applicant** – City and County of Denver

**Project** – Denver Resilient Landscape

**Action:** Report by CWCB staff member Laura Spann. A motion to approve the staff recommendation was made by Jessica Brody, which was seconded by Brad Wind. The motion was approved unanimously (9-0).

**Staff Recommendation:** Staff recommends full funding of \$100,000.00 to the City and County of Denver for the Denver Resilient Landscape Code project.

**11i**

**Category** – Engagement and Innovation

**Applicant** – Colorado Mesa University

**Project** – Outreach, Engagement, and Educational Programming

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

**Staff Recommendation:** Staff recommends partial funding of \$110,286.12 to the CMU for CMU Water Center's Outreach, Engagement, and Educational Programming. This recommendation reflects funding for the Water Course Seminar, Water Workforce Needs Assessment Follow-up Study, Environmental Justice and Water Equity Educator Workshop, and Environmental Science Seminar Series (Programs 2-5). In line with CWCB sponsorship precedent for other local forums, funding for the Upper Colorado Basin Forum (Program 1) is not recommended through the Water Plan Grant program.

**11j**      **Category** – Engagement and Innovation  
**Applicant** – Palmer Land Conservancy  
**Project** – Front Range and West Slope Tour of Mirasol

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

**Staff Recommendation:** Staff recommends full funding of \$100,000.00 to the Palmer Land Conservancy for the Front Range and West Slope Tour of Mirasol.

**11k**      **Category** – Water Storage and Supply  
**Applicant** – Dominion Water & Sanitation District  
**Project** – South Platte Diversion Infrastructure Design

**Action:** Report by CWCB staff member Matt Stearns. A motion to approve the staff recommendation was made by Barbara Vasquez, which was seconded by Lorelei Cloud. Jessica Brody recused herself from the vote, the motion was approved unanimously (7-0).

**Staff Recommendation:** Staff recommends partial funding of \$866,179.50 to Dominion Water and Sanitation District for the South Platte Diversion Infrastructure Design project. This recommendation reflects the costs necessary to carry the design to a 60% level, where the feasibility of further development can be assessed, rather than the 90% level as submitted.

**11l**      **Category** – Water Storage and Supply  
**Applicant** – Farmers Reservoir & Irrigation Company  
**Project** – Standley Lake Spillway Raise Design

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

**Staff Recommendation:** Staff recommends full funding of \$289,777.00 to the Farmers Reservoir and Irrigation Company for the Standley Lake Spillway Raise Design project.

**11m**      **Category** – Water Storage and Supply  
**Applicant** – Middle Park Water Conservancy District  
**Project** – Jones Ponds

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

**Staff Recommendation:** Staff recommends full funding of \$171,541.00 to the Middle Park Water Conservancy District for Jones Ponds.

**11n**      **Category** – Watershed Health and Recreation  
**Applicant** – River Science  
**Project** – River Conservation Corps

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

**Staff Recommendation:** Staff recommends full funding of \$999,370.00 to River Science for River Conservation Corps.

**11o**      **Category** – Watershed Health and Recreation  
**Applicant** – Headwaters Alliance  
**Project** – North Creede Stream Stability and Flood Mitigation

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

**Staff Recommendation:** Staff recommends full funding of \$830,130.00 to Headwaters Alliance for the North Creede Stream Stability and Flood Mitigation project.

**11p**      **Category** – Watershed Health and Recreation  
**Applicant** – Colorado Rio Grande Restoration Foundation  
**Project** – Rio Grande Restoration Project at Gunbarrel Road

**Action:** Report by CWCB staff member Chris Sturm. A motion to approve the staff recommendation was made by Greg Felt, which was seconded by Barbara Vasquez. Nathan Coombs recused himself from the vote, the motion was approved unanimously (7-0).

**Staff Recommendation:** Staff recommends full funding of \$440,136.00 to the Colorado Rio Grande Restoration Foundation for the Rio Grande Restoration Project at Gunbarrel Road.

**11q**      **Category** – Watershed Health and Recreation  
**Applicant** – Eagle River Watershed Council  
**Project** – Eagle River Community Water Plan: Phase 2

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

**Staff Recommendation:** Staff recommends full funding of \$356,827.00 to the Eagle River Coalition for Eagle River Community Water Plan: Phase 2.

**11r**      **Category** – Watershed Health and Recreation  
**Applicant** – Coalition for the Poudre River Watershed  
**Project** – Upper and Lower Poudre River Health Assessment

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

**Staff Recommendation:** Staff recommends full funding of \$327,851.60 to the Coalition for the Poudre River Watershed for the Upper and Lower Poudre River Health Assessment project.

**11s**      **Category** – Watershed Health and Recreation  
**Applicant** – San Juan Resource Conservation and Development Council  
**Project** – Animas River Plan Phase 2

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

**Staff Recommendation:** Staff recommends full funding of \$305,827.00 to the San Juan Resource Conservation and Development Council for Animas River Plan Phase 2.

**11t**      **Category** – Watershed Health and Recreation  
**Applicant** – Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District  
**Project** – CRCC Monitoring and Adaptive Management Plan

**Action:** Report by CWCB staff member Chris Sturm. A motion to approve the staff recommendation was made by Paul Bruchez, which was seconded by Barbara Vasquez. Brad Wind recused himself from the vote, the motion was approved unanimously (7-0).

**Staff Recommendation:** Staff recommends partial funding of \$250,000 to Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District for the CCRC Monitoring and Adaptive Management Plan. The recommendation is intended to support the monitoring component of the work (Task 1). Since the Adaptive Management projects (Task 2) cannot be planned until preliminary monitoring results are gathered, funding for that task is not recommended.

**11u**      **Category** – Watershed Health and Recreation

**Applicant** – Fountain Creek Watershed, Inc. (Pikes Peak Waterways)

**Project** – Stream Reach Plan for Monument Creek

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

**Staff Recommendation:** Staff recommends full funding of \$187,305.00 to Fountain Creek Watershed, Inc. d/b/a Pikes Peak Waterways for Stream Reach Plan for Monument Creek.

**11v**      **Category** – Watershed Health and Recreation

**Applicant** – American Whitewater

**Project** – Taylor River Access Improvement 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 Brad Wind. The motion was approved unanimously (9 -0).

**Staff Recommendation:** Staff recommends full funding of \$154,154.00 to American Whitewater for the Taylor River Access Improvement Project.

**11w**      **Category** – Watershed Health and Recreation

**Applicant** – American Whitewater

**Project** – Recreational Impacts and Opportunities Ph 2

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

**Staff Recommendation:** Staff recommends full funding of \$148,537.75 to the American Whitewater for Quantifying Recreational Impacts and Identifying Enhancement Opportunities Phase 2.

**8**      **Water Supply Reserve Fund Applications September 2024**

*Water Supply Planning Section*

**12a**      **Basin** – Gunnison

**Applicant** – Goddard Enterprises

**Name of Water Activity** – Home Ditch Diversion Reconstruction

**Action:** Report by CWCB staff member Ben Wade. A motion to approve the staff recommendation was made by Paul Bruchez, which was seconded by Jessica Brody. The motion was approved unanimously (8-0).

**Staff Recommendation:** Staff recommends approval of up to \$40,000 from the Gunnison Basin Account and up to \$100,694.75 from the Statewide Account. Project approval is contingent upon the applicants' abilities to resolve issues and additional needs identified by staff.

**12b**

**Basin – Metro & South Platte**

**Applicant –** Wadley Farms 3 Homeowner's Association

**Name of Water Activity –** Lake #1 Improvements

**Action:** Report by CWCB staff member Ben Wade. A motion to approve the staff recommendation was made by Paul Bruchez, which was seconded by Jessica Brody. The motion was approved unanimously (8-0).

**Staff Recommendation:** Staff recommends approval of up to \$40,000 from the Metro Basin Account, up to \$20,000 from the South Platte Basin Account and up to \$100,000 from the Statewide Account. Project approval is contingent upon the applicants' abilities to resolve issues and additional needs identified by staff.

**12c**

**Basin – South Platte**

**Applicant –** Dixon Canyon Ditch & Reservoir Company

**Name of Water Activity –** Dixon Irrigation Improvement Project

**Action:** Report by CWCB staff member Ben Wade. A motion to approve the staff recommendation was made by Paul Bruchez, which was seconded by Jessica Brody. The motion was approved unanimously (8-0).

**Staff Recommendation:** Staff recommends approval of up to \$15,000 from the South Platte Basin Account and up to \$97,414 from the Statewide Account. Project approval is contingent upon the applicants' abilities to resolve issues and additional needs identified by staff.

**12d**

**Basin – South Platte**

**Applicant –** Highland Ditch Company

**Name of Water Activity –** Foothills Reservoir Firming Project

**Action:** Report by CWCB staff member Ben Wade. A motion to approve the staff recommendation was made by Paul Bruchez, which was seconded by Jessica Brody. The motion was approved unanimously (8-0).

**Staff Recommendation:** Staff recommends approval of up to \$28,000 from the South Platte Basin Account and up to \$99,000 from the Statewide Account. Project approval is contingent upon the applicants' abilities to resolve issues and additional needs identified by staff.

**12e**     **Basin** – Yampa/White/Green  
**Applicant** – Bear River Reservoir Company  
**Name of Water Activity** – Stillwater Reservoir Downstream Blanket Drain

**Action:** Report by CWCB staff member Ben Wade. A motion to approve the staff recommendation was made by Paul Bruchez, which was seconded by Jessica Brody. The motion was approved unanimously (8-0).

**Staff Recommendation:** Staff recommends approval of up to \$24,000 from the Yampa-White-Green Basin Account and up to \$144,000 from the Statewide Account. Project approval is contingent upon the applicants' abilities to resolve issues and additional needs identified by staff.

**12f**     **Basin** – Yampa/White/Green  
**Applicant** – Colorado Ag Water Alliance  
**Name of Water Activity** – Upper Yampa Reservoir Rehabilitation – Phase 1

**Action:** Report by CWCB staff member Ben Wade. A motion to approve the staff recommendation was made by Paul Bruchez, which was seconded by Jessica Brody. The motion was approved unanimously (8-0).

**Staff Recommendation:** Staff recommends approval of up to \$20,000 from the Yampa-White-Green Basin Account and up to \$92,263 from the Statewide Account. Project approval is contingent upon the applicants' abilities to resolve issues and additional needs identified by staff.

**13**     **Basin Directors' Reports**

**13a**     North Platte River Basin Director's Report – *Barbara Vasquez*

**13b**     South Platte River Basin Director's Report – *Brad Wind*

**13c**     Arkansas River Basin Director's Report – *Greg Felt*

**13d**     City and County of Denver Director's Report – *Jessica Brody*

**13e**     Rio Grande River Basin Director's Report – *Nathan Coombs*

**13f**     Yampa-White River Basin Director's Report – *absent*

**13g**     Colorado River (Mainstem) Basin Director's Report – *Paul Bruchez*

**13h**     San Juan/San Miguel-Dolores River Basin Director's Report – *Lorelei Cloud*

**13i** Gunnison River Basin Director's Report – *John McClow*

**ADJOURN**

A motion to adjourn the September 2024 Board meeting was made by Greg Felt, which was seconded by Paul Bruchez. The motion was approved unanimously (9-0).