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**DATE:** May 21-22, 2025

**AGENDA ITEM:** Consent Agenda Item #3a, Water Supply Reserve Fund, Grant Funding  
Recommendations

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### **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 providing the CWCB with additional information, clarifications, or modifications in the scope of work. 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, 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.

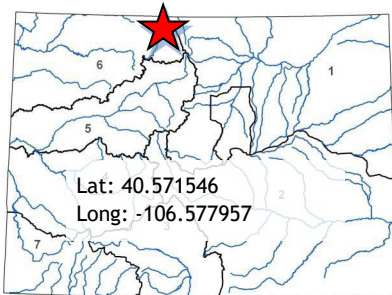


Water Supply Reserve Fund Applications for Consideration at the May 2025 CWCB Board Meeting											
Agenda Item	Basin	Applicant/Grantee	Name of Water Activity	Basin RT Recommended Amount	Non-WSRF Cash Match	Non-WSRF In-Kind Match	Non-WSRF Total Match	Total Project Costs	Basin Only Request Match % (min 25%)	PM	Grants Portal ID
Consent Agenda 3a	North Platte	Owl Mountain Partnership	Chapman Ditch North/South Division Structure & Flume	\$69,651	\$57,166.00	\$0	\$57,166.00	\$126,817.00	45.08%	Ben	App-02689
Agenda Item 16	North Platte	Tom Barenberg Properties	Doran Creek Reservoir	\$300,000	\$100,000.00	\$0	\$100,000.00	\$400,000.00	25.00%	Zach	App-02735
Director's Report	Rio Grande	Sangre de Cristo Acequia Association	San Luis Peoples Ditch Rehabilitation Project Phase I Planning	\$28,000	\$17,000.00	\$0	\$17,000.00	\$45,000.00	37.78%	Ben	App-02736
Director's Report	Southwest	La Plata Water Conservancy District	BKT Outlet Works Measurement Replacement	\$22,500	\$7,500.00	\$0	\$7,500.00	\$30,000.00	25.00%	Ben	App-02725
				\$420,151.00	\$181,666.00		\$181,666.00	\$601,817.00			

Basin	Total Requests
Arkansas	\$0.00
Colorado	\$0.00
Gunnsion	\$0.00
Metro	\$0.00
North Platte	\$369,651
Rio Grande	\$28,000.00
Southwest	\$22,500.00
South Platte	\$0
Yampa/White/Green	\$0
Water Supply Reserve Fund Total Requests	\$420,151.00



## Water Supply Reserve Fund Grant Application



LOCATION
<b>County:</b> Jackson
<b>Basin:</b> North Platte

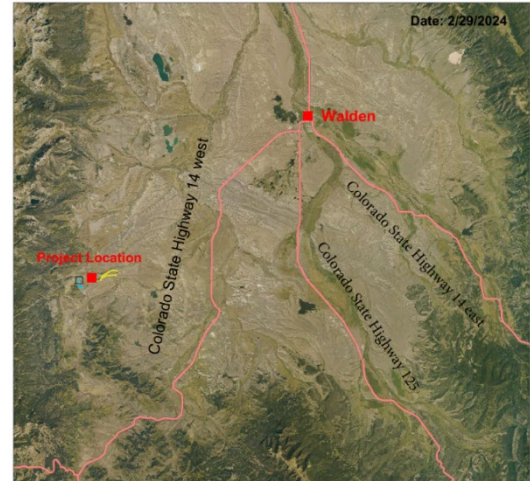
DETAILS	
<b>Total Project Cost:</b>	\$126,817
<b>Total WSRF Grant Request:</b>	\$69,651
<b>North Platte Basin Account Request:</b>	\$69,651
<b>Recommended Amount:</b>	\$69,651
<b>Other CWCB Funding:</b>	\$0
<b>Other Funding Amount:</b>	\$57,166
<b>Applicant Match:</b>	\$0
<b>Project Type:</b> Construction/Implementation	
<b>Major Water Use Type:</b> Agriculture	
<b>Measurable Result:</b> 40 feet of pipe built (from diversion structure to both ditches); up to 449-acre feet savings \$2,000 efficiency savings per year	

Owl Mountain Partnership (OMP) is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization that assists landowners with obtaining funding for conservation measures. OMP has an overall mission to serve the economic, cultural, and social needs of the North Park community while developing adaptive long term management programs, policies, and practices that ensure ecosystem sustainability. OMP has been the Grantee on numerous WSRF projects to help improve ditch infrastructure for agricultural water users in Jackson County.

The Chapman Ditch diverts water from the Little Grizzly Creek, a tributary of Grizzly Creek in Jackson County. The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) performed a site visit on the Chapman Ditch and concluded that a diversion structure and measuring flume needed to be installed in the ditch to allow water to be split between the north and south ditches of the Chapman Ditch.

WSRF funds will be used to install a diversion structure and a measuring flume on the north ditch to allow water users to accurately measure the flow at the split of the north and south ditches.

These improvements will help control and regulate irrigation water safely and efficiently while reducing erosion and sediment movement. The new measuring flume will also improve water management and the project will maintain the irrigation induced wetlands and riparian areas for wildlife habitat.



NRCS is providing \$44,816 in already contracted match funding. The other funding partner is the Eagles Wing Ranch who is contributing \$12,350 cash match for the project.

This project supports the North Platte Basin Implementation Plan goals of restoring, maintaining and modernizing critical water infrastructure to preserve current uses and increase efficiencies while maintaining healthy rivers and wetlands through strategic implementation that meet prioritized non-consumptive needs.

**Funding Recommendation:** Staff recommends approval of up to \$69,651 from the North Platte Basin Account.