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Colorado Water Conservation Board
1313 Sherman St., Rm. 718
Denver, CO 80203

To Whom It May Concern,

As of October 10, 2024, the work on Hunter Reservoir Phase 1 has been completed. For this project we increased the holding capacity of Hunter Reservoir to more successfully hold our allocated water allowance. We accomplished this by raising the dam height to 9.5 feet and wrapped the dam around to the east to eliminate the water getting into the highway right of way. The sediment was scraped from the bottom of the reservoir to help build up the dam. The project was completed by hiring a contractor (Dirt Tech Excavation out of Laramie, WY). There were no major obstacles to the construction of the dam. When beginning the project, the equipment had to wait a few extra weeks due to the ground still being extremely soft but once that was resolved the project moved along as expected. We had to put 50% down prior to the contractor beginning work on the project so we paid \$12,000 for that, which is in excess of our matching funds requirement of \$7945. Due to the fact that all our quotes were made in 2022 and it took 2 years to get everything approved for the actual funding of the grant, the actual amount of the project was higher and came in at \$28,354 due to increases in costs of not only fuel but labor costs since 2022. The photos will be attached to this report.

Thank you for your assistance with the completion of this project.

Sincerely,

Jeff & Tommy Niswender
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