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**Summary Minutes and Record of Decisions
July 15 & 16, 2020 Board Meeting**

A regular meeting of the Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB) convened virtually, the meeting was called to order by Chair Celene Hawkins. Ten voting members were present at the call to order, so a quorum was present (at least 6 required). Voting members present were: Jim Yahn, Greg Felt, Heather Dutton, Celene Hawkins, Steven Anderson, Jaclyn Brown, Gail Schwartz, Jessica Brody, and Curran Trick, and ex-officio voting member Dan Gibbs, Executive Director of the Department of Natural Resources. Non-voting ex officio members present or represented were: Phil Weiser, Attorney General, Robert Harris, Colorado Parks and Wildlife; Kate Greenberg, Department of Agriculture Commissioner; Kevin Rein, State Engineer; Russell George, Director of Compact Negotiations; and Rebecca Mitchell, Colorado Water Conservation Board Director. Counsel to the Board, Deputy Attorney General Amy Beatie, was also in attendance.

On the second day, the meeting was called to order by Chair Celene Hawkins. Nine voting members were present at the call to order, so a quorum was present (at least 6 required). The voting members present were: Jaclyn Brown, Gail Schwartz, Jessica Brody, Steven Anderson, Curran Trick, Jim Yahn, Greg Felt, Heather Dutton, and ex-officio voting member Executive Director of the Department of Natural Resources was absent. Non-voting ex officio members present or represented were: Robert Harris, Colorado Parks and Wildlife; Kevin Rein, State Engineer; Russell George, Director of Compact Negotiations; and Rebecca Mitchell, Colorado Water Conservation Board Director. Counsel to the Board, Deputy Attorney General Amy Beatie, was also in attendance.



Wednesday, July 15, 2020

1	<p>Review and Approve Agenda</p> <p>A motion to approve the agenda was made by Jessica Brody, which was seconded by Gail Schwartz. The motion was approved unanimously (10-0).</p>
2	<p>Review and Approve May 20, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes</p> <p>A motion to approve the May 2020 Board minutes was made by Greg Felt, which was seconded by Jim Yahn. The motion was approved unanimously (10-0).</p>
3	<p>Approve and/or Remove Consent Agenda Items</p> <p>A motion to approve the Consent Agenda Items was made by Jim Yahn, which was seconded by Jackie Brown. The motion was approved unanimously (10-0).</p>
4	<p>Directors' Reports</p> <p>4A DNR Executive Director Dan Gibbs</p> <p>4B CWCB Director Rebecca Mitchell</p> <p>4C IBCC Director Russell George</p> <p>4D Agriculture Commissioner Kate Greenberg</p> <p>4E State Engineer Kevin Rein</p> <p>4F Division of Parks and Wildlife Director Robert Harris</p> <p>4G Water Resource and Power Development Authority Keith Laughlin</p>
5	<p>2020 Iowa Gulch ISF Appropriation, Water Division 2 – Final Action <i>Stream and Lake Protection Section</i></p> <p>Action: Report by CWCB staff member Robert Viehl. A motion to approve the staff recommendation was made by Greg Felt, which was seconded by Gail Schwartz. The motion was approved unanimously (9-0).</p> <p>Staff Recommendation: Staff requests that the Board make the following determinations and take the following action on the Iowa Gulch appropriation identified in Table 1. The information necessary to support these determinations is contained in this memo, the recommendation letter and documentation submitted by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), and in staff's oral and written presentations provided at the January 27, 2020 Board meeting. (1) Determine, pursuant to section 37-92-102(3), C.R.S. (2019), that for the Iowa Gulch ISF appropriation identified in Table 1: (a) There is a natural environment that can be preserved to a reasonable degree with the recommended water rights, if granted; (b) The natural environment will be preserved to a reasonable degree by the water available for the recommended appropriations; and (c) Such natural environment can exist without material injury to water rights. (2) Pursuant to ISF Rule 5f., establish January 27, 2020 as the appropriation date for this water right. (3) Accept the following terms and conditions agreed upon between Staff and the Parkville Water District as part of this final action and include the terms and conditions in the water court application and</p>

	<p>decree for this ISF appropriation: A. The CWCB recognizes that the Iowa Ditch and the Iowa Branch of the Blow Ditch, originally decreed in Civil Action No. 1856 on September 10, 1904, with an appropriation date of July 10, 1860, of which a total of 11.737 cfs were changed to divert at the Iowa Gulch Intake in Consolidated Case Nos. 88CW58 and 95CW6 by the District Court in and for Water Division 2, are valid existing water rights that may be diverted at the Iowa Gulch Intake and are senior to the subject instream flow appropriation sought herein. 1313 Sherman Street, Room 718 Denver, CO 80203 P (303) 866-3441 F (303) 866-4474 Jared Polis, Governor Dan Gibbs, DNR Executive Director Rebecca Mitchell, CWCB Director B. If, due to naturally occurring circumstances outside the control of Parkville, changes to the natural channel of Iowa Gulch occur or repairs to the Iowa Gulch Intake or related infrastructure are needed so that it becomes necessary to move the Iowa Gulch Intake point of diversion in any direction, and such relocation is otherwise consistent with C.R.S. § 37-86-111, the instream flow appropriation sought herein shall not be relied upon in any way to prohibit or condition any such move of the point of diversion and related diversion infrastructure or to require a change of water right associated with any move of the point of diversion. (4) Agree as a condition of this ISF appropriation that that the CWCB will not require, or seek to condition any approval or consent needed by Parkville upon the requirement, though it may request Parkville’s consent, that Parkville pay for or construct a measuring structure that would be used to administer the Iowa Gulch ISF water right. (5) Direct staff to request the Attorney General’s office to file a water right application using the corrected legal description of the lower terminus for the appropriation and to include the terms and conditions contained in Staff’s stipulation with the Parkville Water District and recited above in in paragraphs (3) A and (3) B in the water court application and decree for this ISF appropriation.</p>
<p>6</p>	<p>Proposed Revisions to Rules Concerning the Colorado Instream Flow and Natural Lake Level Program, 2 CCR 408-2 <i>Stream and Lake Protection Section</i> Action: Report by CWCB staff member Linda Bassi</p> <p><i>This is an informational item with no Board action required.</i></p>
<p>7</p>	<p>Alternative Transfer Method Grant Program <i>Interstate, Federal, and Water Information Section</i></p> <p>a. Manassa Land and Irrigation Company, Manassa Land and Irrigation Consumptive Use Pilot</p> <p>Action: Report by CWCB staff member Alex Funk. A motion to approve the staff recommendation was made by Heather Dutton, which was seconded by Jim Yahn. The motion was approved unanimously (9-0).</p> <p>Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends approval of up to \$40,000 from the Alternative Water Transfer Methods Program to help fund the “Manassa Land and Irrigation Co. HCU Analysis” project.</p> <p>b. Rio Grande Water Conservation District, Alamosa River ATM Project</p> <p>Action: Report by CWCB staff member Alex Funk. A motion to approve the staff recommendation was made by Heather Dutton, which was seconded by Gail Schwartz. The motion was approved unanimously (9-0).</p>

	<p>Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends approval of up to \$51,682 from the Alternative Water Transfer Methods Program to help fund the “Alamosa River ATM” project.</p> <p>c. Colorado Water Trust, McKinley Ditch Deficit Irrigation Study</p> <p>Action: Report by CWCB staff member Alex Funk. A motion to approve the staff recommendation was made by Steve Anderson, which was seconded by Gail Schwartz. The motion was approved unanimously (9-0).</p> <p>Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends approval of up to \$219,914 from the Alternative Water Transfer Methods Program to help fund the “McKinley Ditch Deficit Irrigation” project.</p>
8	<p>Demand Management Update <i>Interstate, Federal, and Water Information Section</i></p> <p>Action: Report by CWCB staff member Amy Ostdiek.</p> <p><i>This is an informational item with no Board action required.</i></p>
9	<p>South Platte River Special Use Permit Application <i>Watershed and Flood Protection Section</i></p> <p>Action: Report by CWCB staff member Rob Viehl. A motion to approve the staff recommendation was made by Jim Yahn, which was seconded by Greg Felt. The motion was approved unanimously (9-0).</p> <p>Staff Recommendation: Staff requests board approval of the Special Use Permit to be reissued to The Pint Room with changes recommended by the State Office of Risk Management and any other requested changes by the CWCB Board.</p>
10	<p>Budget Update <i>Administration & Operations Section</i></p> <p>Action: Report by CWCB staff member Lauren Ris</p> <p><i>This is an informational item with no Board action required.</i></p>
11	<p>Financial Matters – Construction Fund and Severance Tax Perpetual Base Fund <i>Finance Section</i></p> <p>Financial Projections and Cash Management Report</p> <p>Action: Report by CWCB staff member Kirk Russell.</p> <p><i>This is an informational item with no Board action required.</i></p>
12	<p>Water Project Loans <i>Finance Section</i></p>
12A	<p>Rural Ditch Company – Diversion Structure Improvement</p> <p>Action: Report by CWCB staff member Cole Bedford. Dan Grant with Dan Grant Bookkeeping and Garrett Varra with Rural Ditch Company addressed the Board. A motion to approve the staff recommendation was made by Jim Yahn, which was seconded by Jessica Brody. The motion was approved unanimously (9-0).</p> <p>Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends the Board approve a loan not to exceed \$813,050 (\$805,000 for Project costs and \$8,050 for the 1% service fee) to the Rural Ditch Company for costs related to the Lateral Ditch Diversion Structure Improvement</p>

	<p>Project, from the Severance Tax Perpetual Base Fund. The loan terms shall be 30 years at a blended interest rate of 2.70% per annum. Security for the loan shall be in compliance with CWCB Financial Policy #5.</p>
12B	<p>Fort Morgan Farms, LLC – Delta Water Storage Phase 1</p> <p>Action: Report by CWCB staff member Cole Bedford. Kurt Spears with and Robert Graves with Fort Morgan Farms, LLC addressed the Board. A motion to approve the staff recommendation was made by Jim Yahn, which was seconded by Steve Anderson. The motion was approved unanimously (9-0).</p> <p>Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends the Board approve a loan not to exceed \$9,071,820 (\$8,982,000 for Project costs and \$89,820 for the 1% service fee) to Fort Morgan Farms, LLC for costs related to the Delta Water Storage Phase I Project, from the Severance Tax Perpetual Base Fund. The loan term shall be 30 years at the agricultural interest rate of 1.30% per annum. Security for the loan shall be in compliance with CWCB Financial Policy #5. Staff additionally recommends the following conditions: 1. Prior to the execution of the loan contract Fort Morgan Farms will provide a valuation of the proposed collateral to be pledged on the loan. 2. The loan contract will include a condition that Fort Morgan Farms will provide a summary, accompanying each year’s annual payment, documenting the prior year’s water storage and use. If the Delta Water Storage Phase I Reservoir is used for non-agricultural purposes, the CWCB will amend the contract to adjust the interest rate to the current interest rate related to the use. The duration of the loan will remain the same and a contract change fee will be assessed per Policy.</p>
12C	<p>Amity Mutual Irrigation Company – Queen Reservoir Dam Rehabilitation</p> <p>Action: Report by CWCB staff member Rachel Pittinger. Jackie Brown disclosed that her employer has a stake in this project and she removed herself during the agenda item. Dan Steerman (Attorney), Terry Howland (Superintendent), Glenn Wilson (President), Colin Thompson (Vice President) with Amity Mutual Irrigation Company addressed the Board. A motion to approve the staff recommendation was made by Greg Felt, which was seconded by Jim Yahn. The motion was approved unanimously (8-0).</p> <p>Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends the Board approve a loan not to exceed \$1,343,300 (\$1,330,000 for Project costs and \$13,300 for the 1% service fee) to the Amity Mutual Irrigation Company for costs related to the Queen Reservoir Dam Rehabilitation, from the Severance Perpetual Base Tax Fund. The loan term will be 30 years at a blended interest rate of 3.10% per annum with restricted reservoir rate reduction applied. Security for the loan shall be in compliance with CWCB Financial Policy #5. Additionally staff recommends the following loan contract condition: In the event Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, Inc. pays in full their prorated shareholder ownership amount of the loan, the contract will be amended at Substantial Completion to a reduced loan amount at a 30-year interest rate of 0.80% per annum with a restricted reservoir rate reduction applied.</p>
13	Removed from agenda
14	<p>Changes to Existing Loans</p> <p><i>Finance Section</i></p> <p>Grand Mesa Water Conservancy District – Peak Reservoir & Blanche Park Reservoir Rehabilitation</p> <p>Action: Report by CWCB staff member Matt Stearns. Austin Keiser with Grand Mesa Water Conservancy District addressed the Board. A motion to approve the staff</p>

	<p>recommendation was made by Steve Anderson, which was seconded by Gail Schwartz. The motion was approved unanimously (9-0).</p> <p>Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends the Board approve a second loan increase not to exceed \$163,620 (\$162,000 for Project costs and \$1,620 for the 1% service fee) to the Grand Mesa Water Conservancy District, acting by and through its water activity enterprise, for costs related to the Peak Reservoir and Blanche Park Reservoir Rehabilitation Project, from the Construction Fund. The total loan amount will become \$466,620 (\$462,000 for Project costs and \$4,620 for the 1% service fee). The loan terms shall remain 20 years at a blended interest rate of 1.55% per annum reduced due to the 20 year term. Security for the loan shall remain a pledge of water activity enterprise revenues backed by a rate covenant, in compliance with CWCB Financial Policy #5. Additionally staff recommends the contract “Term of Performance” be extended to December 31, 2022.</p>
15	<p>Basin Implementation Plan and Water Plan Updates <i>Water Supply Planning Section</i></p> <p>Action: Report by CWCB staff members Russ Sands and Kathryn Weismiller.</p> <p><i>This is an informational item with no Board action required.</i></p>
16	<p>Water Supply Reserve Fund Grant Applications <i>Water Supply Planning Section</i></p>
16A	<p>Basin: Gunnison Applicant: Boles and Manny Ditch Company Name of Water Activity: Boles and Manny Ditch Infrastructure Improvement Project</p> <p>Action: Report by CWCB staff member Craig Godbout. A motion to approve the staff recommendation was made by Steve Anderson, which was seconded by Jim Yahn. The motion was approved unanimously (9-0).</p> <p>Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends approval of up to \$33,500 from the Gunnison Basin Account to help fund the project titled: Boles and Manny Ditch Infrastructure Improvement Project.</p>
16B	<p>Basin: Gunnison Applicant: Cedar Mesa Ditch Company Name of Water Activity: Cedar Mesa Ditch Piping Project</p> <p>Action: Report by CWCB staff member Craig Godbout. A motion to approve the staff recommendation was made by Steve Anderson, which was seconded by Greg Felt. The motion was approved unanimously (9-0).</p> <p>Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends approval of up to \$54,800 from the Gunnison Basin Account to help fund the project titled: Cedar Mesa Ditch Piping Project.</p>
16C	<p>Basin: Gunnison Applicant: R & K Straheli Farms Name of Water Activity: Vouga Reservoir Rehabilitation</p> <p>Action: Report by CWCB staff member Craig Godbout. A motion to approve the staff recommendation was made by Steve Anderson, which was seconded by . The motion was approved unanimously (9-0).</p> <p>Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends approval of up to \$50,000 from the Gunnison Basin Account to help fund the project titled: Vouga Reservoir Repair.</p>

16D	<p>Basin: Gunnison Applicant: Trout Unlimited Name of Water Activity: Upper Gunnison Multiple Diversion Improvements</p> <p>Action: Report by CWCB staff member Craig Godbout. A motion to approve the staff recommendation was made by Steve Anderson, which was seconded by Gail Schwartz. The motion was approved unanimously (9-0).</p> <p>Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends approval of up to \$19,000 from the Gunnison Basin Account to help fund the project titled: Upper Gunnison Multiple Diversion Improvement Project.</p>
16E	<p>Basin: Southwest Applicant: Upper Road 42 Water Association Name of Water Activity: Upper Road 42 Water Line Extension Phase I – Feasibility Study</p> <p>Action: Report by CWCB staff member Craig Godbout. A motion to approve the staff recommendation was made by Jim Yahn, which was seconded by Steve Anderson. The motion was approved unanimously (9-0).</p> <p>Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends approval of up to \$22,260 from the Southwest Basin Account to help fund the project: Upper Road 42 Water Extension Phase I – Feasibility Study</p>
16F	<p>Basin: Yampa/White/Green Applicant: Nicholas and Ann Charchalis Name of Water Activity: Drescher Dam Rehabilitation – Engineering Design</p> <p>Action: Report by CWCB staff member Craig Godbout. A motion to approve the staff recommendation was made by Jaclyn Brown, which was seconded by Jim Yahn. The motion was approved unanimously (9-0).</p> <p>Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends approval of up to \$10,000 from the Yampa/White/Green Basin Account to help fund the project titled: Drescher Dam Rehabilitation – Engineering Design.</p>
16G	<p>Basin: Yampa/White/Green Applicant: Community Agricultural Alliance Name of Water Activity: Yampa-White-Green Education and Outreach</p> <p>Action: Report by CWCB staff member Craig Godbout. A motion to approve the staff recommendation was made by Jaclyn Brown, which was seconded by Gail Schwartz. The motion was approved unanimously (9-0).</p> <p>Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends approval of up to \$99,000 from the Yampa/White/Green Basin Account to help fund the project titled: Yampa-White-Green Education and Outreach.</p>
17	<p>Attorney General’s Report, Legal Briefing, and Executive Session</p> <p>Action: Report by Counsel to the Board, Deputy Attorney General Amy Beatie. A motion to go into Executive Session was made by Jessica Brody, which was seconded by Steve Anderson. The motion was approved unanimously (9-0).</p>
18	<p>Executive Session</p>
18A	Basin Fund MOA
18B	Demand Management
18C	ISF Rulemaking – added at the beginning of the meeting

19	<p>Report from Executive Session</p> <p>Action: Report by Counsel to the Board, Deputy Attorney General Amy Beatie. A motion to go out of Executive Session was made by Jessica Brody, which was seconded by Greg Felt. The motion was approved unanimously (9-0)</p>
20	<p>Water Plan Grants Overview for FY 19/20 and Recommendations for FY 20/21</p> <p>Action: Report by CWCB staff member Lauren Ris. A motion to approve the staff recommendation was made by Jim Yahn, which was seconded by Greg Felt. The motion was approved unanimously (9-0).</p> <p>Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends the Board approve amending the Water Plan Grants Criteria and Guidelines (attached) to bring grant recommendations to the March 2020 Board meeting to accommodate a single grant application deadline of December 1, 2020.</p>
21	<p>Water Plan Grants</p>
21 a-e	<p>Agriculture</p> <p>Action: Report by CWCB staff member Alex Funk. A motion to approve the staff recommendations was made by Jim Yahn, which was seconded by Steve Anderson. The motion was approved unanimously (9-0).</p> <p>Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends the following Board action for activities listed in the following table regarding Colorado’s Water Plan Grant Program funding. Project approval is contingent on awardees implementing the project consistent with any public health orders and executive orders in the effect at the time of implementation.</p> <p>a. Cedar Mesa Ditch Company Assistance with Piping Lower Cedar Mesa Ditch \$35,000 Approve \$35,000</p> <p>b. Grand River Ditch Company Davis Point Pipeline \$62,500 Approve \$62,500</p> <p>c. Lower Arkansas Valley Water Conservancy District Soil Health Demonstration Plots \$100,000 Approve \$100,000</p> <p>d. Trout Unlimited Applying Technology to Monitor Grass Consumptive Use at Scale \$29,394 Approve \$29,394</p> <p>e. Trout Unlimited Upper Gunnison Multiple Diversion Improvement Project \$52,731 Approve \$52,731</p> <p>Total Recommended for Approval \$279,625</p>
21a	<p>Applicant: Cedar Mesa Ditch Company</p> <p>Name of Water Activity: Assistance with Piping Lower Cedar Mesa Ditch</p> <p>Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends Board approval of \$35,000.</p>
21b	<p>Applicant: Grand River Ditch Company</p> <p>Name of Water Activity: Davis Point Pipeline</p> <p>Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends Board approval of \$62,500</p>
21c	<p>Applicant: Lower Arkansas Valley Water Conservancy District</p> <p>Name of Water Activity: Soil Health Demonstration Plots</p> <p>Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends Board approval of \$100,000</p>
21d	<p>Applicant: Trout Unlimited</p> <p>Name of Water Activity: Applying Technology to Monitor Grass Consumptive Use at Scale</p>

	Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends Board approval of \$29,394
21e	Applicant: Trout Unlimited Name of Water Activity: Upper Gunnison Multiple Diversion Improvement Project Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends Board approval of \$52,731.
21f-i	Water Conservation and Land Use Action: Report by CWCB staff member Kevin Reidy. A motion to approve the staff recommendation was made by Jessica Brody, which was seconded by Greg Felt. The motion was approved unanimously (9-0). Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Board approve the projects/activities marked as “Approve” and listed in the following table for Water Plan Grant funding. Project approval is contingent on awardees implementing the project consistent with any public health orders and executive orders in effect at the time of implementation. f. Colorado Springs Utilities Irrigation Efficiency Improvement Project \$70,000 Approve \$70,000 g. Peak Spatial Colorado’s H2info Water Provider Tool – Phase 2 \$42,500 Approve \$42,500 h. Sonoran Institute Colorado Growing Water Smart \$396,673 Approve \$396,673 i. Year One, inc. Mile High Youth Corps MHYC’s Single Family Energy & Water Audits and Installs \$203,548.77 Approve \$203,548.77 Total Recommended for Approval \$712,721.77
21f	Applicant: Colorado Springs Utilities Name of Water Activity: Irrigation Efficiency Improvement Project Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends approval of up to \$70,000
21g	Applicant: Peak Spatial Name of Water Activity: Colorado’s H2info Water Provider Tool – Phase 2 Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends approval of up to \$42,500
21h	Applicant: Sonoran Institute Name of Water Activity: Colorado Growing Water Smart Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends approval of up to \$396,673
21i	Applicant: Year One, inc. Name of Water Activity: Mile High Youth Corps MHYC’s Single Family Energy & Water Audits and Installs Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends approval of up to \$203,548.77
21 j-t	Engagement and Innovation Action: Report by CWCB staff member Ben Wade. A motion to approve the staff recommendations was made by Jessica Brody, which was seconded by Steve Anderson. The motion was approved unanimously (9-0). Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends the following Board action for activities listed in the following table regarding Colorado’s Water Plan Grant Program funding. Project approval is contingent on awardees implementing the project consistent with any public health orders and executive orders in effect at the time of implementation. j. 10.10.10 A Project of CO Nonprofit Development Center* Tackling Wicked Problems in Water + Climate \$82,790 Not Recommended

	<p>k. Big Thompson Watershed Coalition Building the Community – Information Connection for Watershed Health \$48,871.60 Approve \$30,163.60</p> <p>l. Coalition for the Poudre River Watershed* Engaging Stakeholders & Communities in the Poudre through Citizen Science, Collaboration & Outreach \$18,425 Approve \$13,425</p> <p>m. Colorado Open Lands Education for Understanding of Critical Resource Issues \$43,000 Approve \$43,000</p> <p>n. Department of Natural Resources – Low Head Dam Steering Committee Colorado Low Head Dam – Public Safety Initiative 2020 \$35,000 Approve \$31,250</p> <p>o. Keystone Policy Center* For the Love of Colorado Public Education Initiative Withdrawn Not Recommended</p> <p>p. Lincoln Hills Cares* Replicable Youth Driven Innovation Engine to Help the South Platte River Swimmable & Fishable \$43,340 Approve \$28,893</p> <p>q. Montezuma Land Conservancy Montezuma Land Conservancy and Southwest Colorado Research Center \$77,321 Approve \$63,380.50</p> <p>r. Mountain Studies Institute Animas River Community Forum \$27,586.50 Approve \$26,473.50</p> <p>s. National Young Farmers Coalition* Young Farmers and Ranchers Water Leadership Pilot Program \$25,000 Approve \$21,275</p> <p>t. Sangre de Cristo Acequia Association Acequia Community Education & Outreach Program \$22,500 Approve \$15,500</p> <p>Total Recommended for Approval \$273,361</p>
21j	<p>Applicant: 10.10.10</p> <p>Name of Water Activity: A Project of CO Nonprofit Development Center* Tackling Wicked Problems in Water + Climate</p> <p>Staff Recommendation: Not Recommended</p>
21k	<p>Applicant: Big Thompson Watershed Coalition</p> <p>Name of Water Activity: Building the Community – Information Connection for Watershed Health</p> <p>Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends approval of up to \$30,163.60</p>
21l	<p>Applicant: Coalition for the Poudre River Watershed</p> <p>Name of Water Activity: Engaging Stakeholders & Communities in the Poudre through Citizen Science, Collaboration & Outreach</p> <p>Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends approval of up to \$13,425</p>
21m	<p>Applicant: Colorado Open Lands</p> <p>Name of Water Activity: Education for Understanding of Critical Resource Issues</p> <p>Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends approval of up to \$43,000</p>
21n	<p>Applicant: Department of Natural Resources</p> <p>Name of Water Activity: Low Head Dam Steering Committee Colorado Low Head Dam – Public Safety Initiative 2020</p> <p>Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends approval of up to \$31,250</p>
21o	<p>Applicant: Keystone Policy Center</p> <p>Name of Water Activity: For the Love of Colorado Public Education Initiative Withdrawn</p> <p>Staff Recommendation: Not Recommended</p>
21p	<p>Applicant: Lincoln Hills Cares</p> <p>Name of Water Activity: Replicable Youth Driven Innovation Engine to Help the South Platte River Swimmable & Fishable</p>

	Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends approval of up to \$28,893
21q	Applicant: Montezuma Land Conservancy Name of Water Activity: Montezuma Land Conservancy and Southwest Colorado Research Center Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends approval of up to \$63,380.50
21r	Applicant: Mountain Studies Institute Name of Water Activity: Animas River Community Forum Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends approval of up to \$26,473.50
21s	Applicant: National Young Farmers Coalition Name of Water Activity: Young Farmers and Ranchers Water Leadership Pilot Program Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends approval of up to \$21,275
21t	Applicant: . Sangre de Cristo Acequia Association Name of Water Activity: Acequia Community Education & Outreach Program Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends approval of up to \$15,500
21 u – kk	Environment and Recreation Action: Report by CWCB staff member Andrea Harbin Monahan. A motion to approve the staff recommendations was made by Heather Dutton, which was seconded by Greg Felt. The motion was approved unanimously (9-0). Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends the following Board actions for activities listed in the following table regarding Colorado’s Water Plan Grant Program funding. Project approval is contingent on awardees implementing the projects consistent with any public health orders and executive orders in effect at the time of implementation. u. City of Alamosa Revitalize the Rio Phase I \$55,160 Approve \$55,160 v. City of Englewood Acoma-Tufts Storm Drainage Improvement Project \$397,000 Not Recommended w. Costilla County Conservancy District Upper Culebra Watershed Assessment \$177,224 Not Recommended x. Ducks Unlimited, Inc. Rio Grande Irrigated Meadows \$400,000 Not Recommended y. Ducks Unlimited, Inc. South Platte Wetland Restorations and Planning \$141,976 Not Recommended z. Estes Valley Watershed Coalition Upper Big Thompson Assessment, Re-vegetation, and Biostabilization \$19,205 Approve \$19,205 aa. Fourmile Watershed Coalition Tolland Ranch Feasibility Study \$30,321 Approve \$30,321 bb. High Country Conservation Advocates Wet Meadows and Riparian Restoration \$49,000 Approve \$49,000 cc. Montezuma County Noxious Weed Department Phreatophyte Project \$125,000 Approve \$62,500 dd. Mountain Studies Institute Animas River Removal & Replacement of Invasive Phreatophytes, Phase II \$59,299 Approve \$59,299 ee. National Forest Institute Taylor Park Erosion Control & Riparian Restoration Project \$30,000 Approve \$30,000 ff. Poudre Learning Center Phreatophyte Removal from Riparian Habitat \$26,814 Approve \$26,814 gg. River Network Support to Increase Environmental & Recreational Project Proposals \$98,973 Not Recommended

	<p>hh. Trout Unlimited Canyon Creek Fish Passage Project \$101,812 Approve \$101,812</p> <p>ii. Trout Unlimited Conejos Meadows Resilient Habitat Project \$108,594 Approve \$108,594</p> <p>jj. Windy Gap Water Activity Enterprise Colorado River Connectivity Channel \$2,400,000 Approve \$735,213</p> <p>kk. Yampa Valley Stream Improvement Charitable Trust Yampa River Habitat & Recreation Improvement Project at Pleasant Valley \$117,990 Approve \$117,990</p> <p>Total \$4,338,368 \$1,395,908</p>
21u	<p>Applicant: City of Alamosa</p> <p>Name of Water Activity: Revitalize the Rio Phase I</p> <p>Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends approval of up to \$55,160</p>
21v	<p>Applicant: City of Englewood Acoma</p> <p>Name of Water Activity: Tufts Storm Drainage Improvement Project</p> <p>Staff Recommendation: Not Recommended</p>
21w	<p>Applicant: Costilla County Conservancy District</p> <p>Name of Water Activity: Upper Culebra Watershed Assessment</p> <p>Staff Recommendation: Not Recommended</p>
21x	<p>Applicant: Ducks Unlimited, Inc. Rio Grande Irrigated Meadows</p> <p>Name of Water Activity: Rio Grande Irrigated Meadows</p> <p>Staff Recommendation: Not Recommended</p>
21y	<p>Applicant: Ducks Unlimited, Inc.</p> <p>Name of Water Activity: South Platte Wetland Restorations and Planning</p> <p>Staff Recommendation: Not Recommended</p>
21z	<p>Applicant: Estes Valley Watershed Coalition Upper Big Thompson Assessment</p> <p>Name of Water Activity: Re-vegetation, and Biostabilization</p> <p>Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends approval of up to \$19,205</p>
21aa	<p>Applicant: Fourmile Watershed Coalition</p> <p>Name of Water Activity: Tolland Ranch Feasibility Study</p> <p>Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends approval of up to \$30,321</p>
21bb	<p>Applicant: High Country Conservation Advocates</p> <p>Name of Water Activity: Wet Meadows and Riparian Restoration</p> <p>Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends approval of up to \$49,000</p>
21cc	<p>Applicant: Montezuma County</p> <p>Name of Water Activity: Noxious Weed Department Phreatophyte Project</p> <p>Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends approval of up to \$62,500</p>
21dd	<p>Applicant: Mountain Studies Institute</p> <p>Name of Water Activity: Animas River Removal & Replacement of Invasive Phreatophytes, Phase II</p> <p>Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends approval of up to \$59,299</p>
21ee	<p>Applicant: National Forest Institute</p> <p>Name of Water Activity: Taylor Park Erosion Control & Riparian Restoration Project</p> <p>Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends approval of up to \$30,000</p>

21ff	<p>Applicant: Poudre Learning Center Name of Water Activity: Phreatophyte Removal from Riparian Habitat</p> <p>Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends approval of up to \$26,814</p>
21gg	<p>Applicant: River Network Name of Water Activity: Support to Increase Environmental & Recreational Project Proposals</p> <p>Staff Recommendation: Not Recommended</p>
21hh	<p>Applicant: Trout Unlimited Name of Water Activity: Canyon Creek Fish Passage Project</p> <p>Richard Gytenbeek with Trout Unlimited addressed the Board.</p> <p>Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends approval of up to \$101,812</p>
21ii	<p>Applicant: Trout Unlimited Name of Water Activity: Conejos Meadows Resilient Habitat Project</p> <p>Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends approval of up to 108,594</p>
21jj	<p>Applicant: Windy Gap Name of Water Activity: Water Activity Enterprise Colorado River Connectivity Channel</p> <p>Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends approval of up to \$735,213</p>
21kk	<p>Applicant: Yampa Valley Name of Water Activity: Stream Improvement Charitable Trust Yampa River Habitat & Recreation Improvement Project at Pleasant Valley</p> <p>Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends approval of up to \$117,990</p>
21 ll - ss	<p>Water Storage and Supply</p> <p>Action: Report by CWCB staff member Matt Stearns. A motion to approve the staff recommendations was made by Heather Dutton, which was seconded by Steve Anderson. The motion was approved unanimously (9-0).</p> <p>Staff Recommendation: Staff Recommendation Staff recommends the following Board action for activities listed in the following table regarding Colorado's Water Plan Grant Program funding. Project approval is contingent on awardees implementing the project consistent with any public health orders and executive orders in effect at the time of implementation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ll. Arkansas Groundwater Users Association Stonewall Springs South Reservoir Storage Purchase \$500,000 Approve \$500,000 mm. Blue River Valley Ranch Lakes Association Bobo Strait Reservoir Dredging \$125,000 Not Recommended nn. Castle Rock Water Castle Rock Reservoir No. 2 \$125,000 Approve \$125,000 oo. Cherry Creek Project Water Authority Walker Reservoir \$1,000,000 Approve \$1,000,000 pp. Cimarron Canal and Reservoir Company Fish Creek Reservoir #2 Repair \$154,134 Not Recommended qq. Colorado River Water Conservation District Crystal River Basin Augmentation Study \$50,000 Approve \$50,000 rr. Colorado Water Protective and Development Association Highline Recharge Pond Construction \$42,954 Approve \$42,954

	<p>ss. Huerfano County Water Conservancy District 50% Design of Maria Stevens Reservoir Enlargement \$35,286 Approve \$35,286 Total Recommended for Approval \$1,753,240</p>
21ll	<p>Applicant: Arkansas Groundwater Users Association Name of Water Activity: Stonewall Springs South Reservoir Storage Purchase</p> <p>Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends approval of up to \$500,000</p>
21mm	<p>Applicant: Blue River Valley Ranch Lakes Association Name of Water Activity: Bobo Strait Reservoir Dredging</p> <p>Staff Recommendation: Not Recommended</p>
21nn	<p>Applicant: Castle Rock Water Name of Water Activity: Castle Rock Reservoir No. 2</p> <p>Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends approval of up to \$125,000</p>
21oo	<p>Applicant: Cherry Creek Project Water Authority Name of Water Activity: Walker Reservoir</p> <p>Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends approval of up to \$1,000,000</p>
21pp	<p>Applicant: Cimarron Canal and Reservoir Company Name of Water Activity: Fish Creek Reservoir #2 Repair</p> <p>Staff Recommendation: Not Recommended</p>
21qq	<p>Applicant: Colorado River Water Conservation District Name of Water Activity: Crystal River Basin Augmentation Study</p> <p>Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends approval of up to \$50,000</p>
21rr	<p>Applicant: Colorado Water Protective and Development Association Name of Water Activity: Highline Recharge Pond Construction</p> <p>Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends approval of up to \$42,954</p>
21ss	<p>Applicant: Huerfano County Water Conservancy District Name of Water Activity: 50% Design of Maria Stevens Reservoir Enlargement</p> <p>Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends approval of up to \$35,286</p>
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Thursday, July 16, 2020

22	Basin Directors' Reports
22A	Gunnison River Basin Director's Report – Steve Anderson
22B	North Platte River Basin Director's Report – Curran Trick
22C	South Platte River Basin Director's Report – Jim Yahn
22D	Arkansas River Basin Director's Report – Greg Felt
22E	City and County of Denver Director's Report – Jessica Brody
22F	Rio Grande River Basin Director's Report – Heather Dutton
22G	Yampa-White River Basin Director's Report – Jaclyn Brown
22H	Colorado River (Mainstem) Basin Director's Report – Gail Schwartz
22I	San Juan/San Miguel-Dolores River Basin Director's Report – Celene Hawkins

ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn the July 2020 Board meeting was made by Greg Felt, which was seconded by Jim Yahn. The motion was approved unanimously (9-0).