

**Water Supply Reserve Fund
Water Activity Summary Sheet
March 10-11, 2021
Consent Agenda Item 2(b)**

Applicant & Grantee: Colorado Ag Water Alliance

Water Activity Name: Outreach & Capacity Building for Ag Water Projects

Water Activity Purpose: Education/Outreach - Implementation

County: All counties in the Colorado River Basin

Drainage Basin: Colorado River

Water Source: N/A

Amount Requested: \$5,750 Colorado Basin Account
\$13,186 Statewide Account
\$18,936 Total Request

Matching Funds: **Basin Account Match = \$5,750**

- 43.6% of statewide request (meets 10% min)

Applicant & 3rd Party Match (in-kind) = \$55,734

- 422% of the statewide request (meets 10% min)

Total Match (Basin request & Applicant Match) = \$61,484

- 466% of the statewide request (meets 50% min)

Staff Recommendation:
Staff recommends approval of up to \$5,750 from the Colorado Basin Account and up to \$13,186 from the Statewide Account to help fund the project: Outreach & Capacity Building for Ag Water Projects

Water Activity Summary: If approved, Colorado Ag Water Alliance will be using grant funds to conduct outreach to farmers and ranchers specifically in the Colorado River Basin. The applicant has previously received additional CWCB funds to reach farmers and ranchers in other basins. The proposed outreach includes two regional workshops that involve 50-100 attendees with an agenda of speakers. The subject matter would help to increase producer knowledge on issues including water quality issues, developing and funding ditch inventories, and how to find and secure financial assistance through grants or loans for irrigation projects. As in previous outreach efforts, the applicant will be adhering to current COVID public health orders in their outreach.

Discussion: This effort is consistent with the Water Plan Education call for the “education for farmers on available incentives for on-farm implementation of agricultural conservation measures, water sharing opportunities, and other tools available to growers”. This project

also aligns the Colorado Basin Implementation Plan to sustain, protect, and promote agriculture.

Issues/Additional Needs: No issues or additional needs have been identified.

Eligibility Requirements: The application meets requirements of all eligibility components.

Evaluation Criteria: Staff has determined this activity satisfies the Evaluation Criteria.

Funding Sources/Match	Cash	In-Kind	Total	Status
CWCB Water Plan Grant (Awarded in 2019)	\$12,734	\$0	\$12,734	Secured
Walton Family Foundation	\$15,000	\$0	\$15,000	Secured
CO Dept. of Public Health & Environment	\$4,500	\$0	\$4,500	Secured
Colorado River Water Conservation District	\$4,000	\$0	\$4,000	Secured
South Platte Basin Account (Awarded in 2020)	\$17,750	\$0	\$17,750	Secured
Colorado Ag Water Alliance	\$1,750	\$0	\$1,750	Secured
Sub-Total Matching Funds	\$55,734	\$0	\$55,734	
WSRF Colorado Basin Account	\$5,750	\$0	\$5,750	Secured
WSRF Statewide Account	\$13,186	\$0	\$13,186	
Sub-Total WSRF Funds	\$18,936	\$0	\$18,936	
Total Project Costs	\$74,670	\$0	\$74,670	

CWCB Project Manager: Ben Wade



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Colorado Water Conservation Board
Water Supply Reserve Fund Grant Application

Instructions

All WSRF grant applications shall conform to the current [2020 WSRF Criteria and Guidelines](#).

To receive funding from the WSRF, a proposed water activity must be recommended for approval by a Roundtable(s) **AND** the approved by the Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB). The process for roundtable consideration and recommendation is outlined in the 2020 WSRF Criteria and Guidelines. The CWCB meets bimonthly.

If you have questions, please contact the WSRF Grant Program Manager (for all Roundtables) or your Roundtable Liaison:

Ben Wade ben.wade@state.co.us 303-866-3441 x3238 (office)	Sam Stein Sam.stein@state.co.us 303-866-3441 (office)
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WSRF Submittal Checklist (Required)
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YES ☐ NO ☐ This request was recommended for CWCB approval by the sponsoring roundtable.

YES ☐ NO ☐ I have read and understand the [2020 WSRF Criteria and Guidelines](#).

YES ☐ NO ☐ Grantee will be able to contract with CWCB using the [Standard Contract](#).¹

Application Documents included:

YES ☐ NO ☐ Exhibit A: Statement of Work² (*Word – see Template*)

YES ☐ NO ☐ Exhibit B: Budget & Schedule² (*Excel Spreadsheet – see Template*)

YES ☐ NO ☐ Letters of Matching and/or Pending 3rd Party Commitments²

YES ☐ NO ☐ Map²

YES ☐ NO ☐ Photos/Drawings/Reports

YES ☐ NO ☐ Letters of Support

Contracting Documents³

YES ☐ NO ☐ Detailed/Itemized Budget³ (*Excel Spreadsheet – see Template*)

YES ☐ NO ☐ Certificate of Insurance⁴ (*General, Auto, & Workers' Comp.*)

YES ☐ NO ☐ Certificate of Good Standing⁽⁴⁾

YES ☐ NO ☐ W-9 Form⁴

YES ☐ NO ☐ Independent Contractor Form⁴ (*If applicant is individual, not company/organization*)

YES ☐ NO ☐ Electronic Funds Transfer (ETF) Form⁴

¹Click "Grant Agreements". For reference only/do not fill out or submit/required for contracting

² Required with application if applicable.

³ Additional documentation providing a Detailed/Itemized Budget maybe required for contracting. Applicants are encouraged to coordinate with the CWCB Project Manager to determine specifics.

⁴ Required for contracting. While optional at the time of this application, submission can expedite contracting upon CWCB Board approval.



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Schedule		
CWCB Meeting	Application Submittal Dates	Type of Request
January	October 1	Basin Account
March	December 1	Basin/Statewide Account/Water Plan Grant Match ¹
May	February 1	Basin Account
July	April 1	Basin Account
September	June 1	Basin/Statewide Account
November	August 1	Basin Account

¹ If either the basin or statewide match includes matching funds from a pending Water Plant Grant, both must be submitted by December 1st deadline for March Board meeting review.

Water Activity Summary	
Name of Applicant	Colorado Ag Water Alliance
Name of Water Activity	Outreach and Capacity Building for Ag Water Projects
Approving Roundtable(s)	Basin Account Request(s) ¹
Colorado Basin	\$5,750.00
Basin Account Request Subtotal	\$5,750.00
Basin Account Request Subtotal Approved by Roundtable	\$5,750.00
Statewide Account Request ⁽¹⁾	\$13,186.00
Total WSRF Funds Requested (Basin & Statewide)	\$18,936.00
Total Project Costs	\$74,670.00

¹ Please indicate the amount recommended for approval by the Roundtable(s)

Grantee and Applicant Information	
Name of Grantee(s)	Colorado Ag Water Alliance
Mailing Address	10440 W. Fair Ave. Unit C, Littleton, CO 80127
FEIN	83-2969510
Grantee's Organization Contact ¹	Greg Peterson



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Grantee and Applicant Information	
Position/Title	Executive Director
Email	petersongap@comcast.net
Phone	720-244-4629
Grant Management Contact²	Greg Peterson
Position/Title	Executive Director
Email	petersongap@comcast.net
Phone	720-244-4629
Name of Applicant (if different than grantee)	
Mailing Address	
Position/Title	
Email	
Phone	

¹ Person with signatory authority

² Person responsible for creating reimbursement invoices (Invoice for Services) and corresponding with CWCB staff.

Description of Grantee
Provide a brief description of the grantee's organization (100 words or less).
The Colorado Ag Water Alliance (CAWA) is an association of agricultural organizations that have aligned to disseminate information to producers so they can make informed choices about their water rights. We also help educate non-producers about how water is used in agriculture through farm tours, which demonstrate irrigation methods and agricultural water use and administration.

Type of Eligible Entity (check one)
Public (Government): municipalities, enterprises, counties, and State of Colorado agencies. Federal agencies are encouraged to work with local entities. Federal agencies are eligible, but only if they can make a compelling case for why a local partner cannot be the grant recipient.
Public (Districts): authorities, Title 32/special districts (conservancy, conservation, and irrigation districts), and water activity enterprises
Private Incorporated: mutual ditch companies, homeowners associations, corporations
Private Individuals, Partnerships, and Sole Proprietors: are eligible for funding from the Basin Accounts but not for funding from the Statewide Account.



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Type of Eligible Entity (check one)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Non-governmental organizations: broadly, any organization that is not part of the government
<input type="checkbox"/>	Covered Entity: as defined in Section 37-60-126 Colorado Revised Statutes

Type of Water Activity (check one)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Study
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Implementation

Category of Water Activity (check all that apply)		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Nonconsumptive (Environmental)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Nonconsumptive (Recreational)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Agricultural	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Municipal/Industrial	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Needs Assessment	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Education & Outreach	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other	Explain:

Location of Water Activity	
Please provide the general county and coordinates of the proposed activity below in decimal degrees . The Applicant shall also provide, in Exhibit C, a site map if applicable.	
County/Countries	All Counties
Latitude	
Longitude	

Water Activity Overview
<p>Please provide a summary of the proposed water activity (200 words or less). Include a description of the activity and what the WSRF funding will be used for specifically (e.g. studies, permitting, construction). Provide a description of the water supply source to be utilized or the water body affected by the activity. Include details such as acres under irrigation, types of crops irrigated, number of residential and commercial taps, length of ditch improvements, length of pipe installed, area of habitat improvements. If this project addresses multiple purposes or spans multiple basins, please explain.</p> <p>The Applicant shall also provide, in Exhibit A, a detailed Statement of Work, Budget, and Schedule.</p>



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Water Activity Overview
<p>We will be conducting outreach to farmers and ranchers throughout the state. The WSRF funding, will go to cover part of the costs for our outreach in the Colorado River Basin. This outreach includes two (4) regional workshops that involve 50-100 attendees with an agenda of speakers. The subject matter covers water quality issues, ditch inventories, and how to find and secure grants for irrigation projects.</p>

Measurable Results		
To catalog measurable results achieved with WSRF funds please provide any of the following values.		
	New Storage Created (acre-feet)	
	New Annual Water Supplies Developed or Conserved (acre-feet), Consumptive or Nonconsumptive	
	Existing Storage Preserved or Enhanced (acre-feet)	
	Length of Stream Restored or Protected (linear feet)	
	Efficiency Savings (indicate acre-feet/year OR dollars/year)	
	Area of Restored or Preserved Habitat (acres)	
	Length of Pipe/Canal Built or Improved (linear feet)	
X	Other	Explain: Number of Coloradans Impacted by Engagement Activity

Water Activity Justification
<p>Provide a description of how this water activity supports the goals of Colorado's Water Plan, the most recent Statewide Water Supply Initiative, and the respective roundtable Basin Implementation Plan and Education Action Plan ⁽¹⁾. The Applicant is required to reference specific needs, goals, themes, or Identified Projects and Processes (IPPs), including citations (e.g. document, chapters, sections, or page numbers).</p> <p>For applications that include a request for funds from the Statewide Account, the proposed water activity shall be evaluated based upon how well the proposal conforms to Colorado's Water Plan criteria for state support (CWP, Section 9.4, pp. 9-43 to 9-44;) (Also listed pp. 4-5 in 2020 WSRF Criteria and Guidelines).</p>



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Water Activity Justification

The Education and Outreach section of the Water Plan calls for “education for farmers on available incentives for on-farm implementation of agricultural conservation measures, water sharing opportunities, and other tools available to growers” (Section 9.5). The Statewide Water Supply Initiative (SWSI) 2010 also call for efforts to educate and promote stewardship of water resources that recognizes water’s critical role in supporting the quality of life and economic prosperity of all Coloradoans (SWSI, 8-2). The Colorado Water Education Task Force (2008) also emphasizes the need for education programs “beyond information transfer through printed or other media informational campaigns” (Final Report, 3).

Education toward and support for the agricultural community is emphasized in the majority of Basin Implementation Plans (BIPs) and Education Action Plans. The South Platte Basin Roundtable and Metro Roundtable Education Action Plan 2016-2018 calls for the long-term goal of hosting events focused on agriculture (page 1) and the South Platte BIP calls for “Improving public understanding about the goals, needs, and plans of the state and the South Platte Basin will help to improve public acceptance of the need for innovative water rate structures, energetic conservation measures, and more integrated land use and water supply planning (S-15). The Yampa/White/Green BIP calls for protecting and encouraging “encourage agricultural uses of water in the YWG Basin within the context of private property rights” (1.2.4). Sustaining, protecting, and promoting agriculture is major theme of the Colorado BIP (16). The Gunnison BIP also emphasizes the goal to “discourage the conversion of productive agricultural land to all other uses within the context of private property rights” (2). The Rio Grande BIP also cites the need for “outreach events designed for agricultural water users [emphasis added], public officials, and community members” (160).

The Statewide Water Education Action Plan (SWEAP) 2020-2025 identifies agricultural dry-up as one of the “big water challenges facing Colorado.” Our project furthers multiple outcomes outlined in SWEAP. We are working to provide producers the knowledge and skills to taken an active role in water stewardship in their communities. Our workshops and outreach revolve around getting agricultural producers to participate in “community discourse and decision processes about water at the state, regional and local levels.” Ultimately, our goal is to increase the amount of producers who are “demonstrating sustainable water behaviors.”

¹ Access Basin Implementation Plans or Education Action Plans from Basin drop down menu.

Matching Requirements: Basin Account Requests

Basin (only) Account grant requests require a 25% match (cash and/or in-kind) from the Applicant or 3rd party and shall be accompanied by a **letter of commitment** as described in the [2020 WSRF Criteria and Guidelines](#) (submitted on the contributing entity’s letterhead). Attach additional sheet if necessary.

Contributing Entity	Amount and Form of Match (note cash or in-kind)
CWCB Water Plan Grant – Approved by CWCB Nov 2019	\$12,734.00 (cash)



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Matching Requirements: Basin Account Requests	
Total Match	
If you requested a Waiver to the Basin Account matching requirements, indicate the percentage you wish waived.	

Matching Requirements: Statewide Account Requests	
Statewide Account grant requests require a 50% match as described in the 2020 WSRF Criteria and Guidelines . At least of 10% of the required Statewide Account Grant request match shall be cash from Basin Account funds whether that is from one or multiple basins; and the remaining 40% of the required match may be provided from any source, including other grants, cash from the Basin Account, or any combination of cash, in-kind services, or in-kind materials.and shall be accompanied by a letter of commitment . Attach additional sheet if necessary.	
Contributing Entity	Amount and Form of Match (note cash or in-kind):
CWCB Water Plan Grant – Approved by CWCB Nov 2019	\$12,734.00
Walton Family Foundation (secured)	\$15,000.00 (cash)
Colorado Department of Public Health and Environmental (secured)	\$4,500.00 (cash)
Colorado River Water Conservation District	\$4,000.00 (cash)
South Platte Basin Roundtable WSRF Approved By CWCB 2020	\$17,750.00
Colorado Ag Water Alliance	\$1,750.00 (cash)
Total Match	\$55,734.00
If you requested a Waiver to the Statewide Account matching, indicate % you wish waived. (Max 50% reduction of requirement).	

Related Studies
Please provide a list of any related studies, including if the water activity is complimentary to or assists in the implementation of other CWCB programs.



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Related Studies

NA

Previous CWCB Grants

List all previous or current CWCB grants (including WSRF) awarded to both the Applicant and Grantee. Include: 1) Applicant name; 2) Water activity name; 3) Approving RT(s); 4) CWCB board meeting date; 5) Contract number or purchase order

Tax Payer Bill of Rights

The Tax Payer Bill of Rights (TABOR) may limit the amount of grant money an entity can receive. Please describe any relevant TABOR issues that may affect the applicant.

No TABOR related-constraints are known or anticipated.



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<u>Colorado Water Conservation Board</u>	
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<u>Exhibit A - Statement of Work</u>	
Date:	November 24, 2020
Water Activity Name:	Outreach and Capacity Building for Ag Water Projects
Grant Recipient:	Colorado Ag Water Alliance
Funding Source:	Colorado Basin Account WSRF
Water Activity Overview: (Please provide brief description of the proposed water activity (no more than 200 words). Include a description of the overall water activity and specifically what the WSRF funding will be used for.) <p>We will be conducting outreach to farmers and ranchers throughout the state. The WSRF funding, will go to cover part of the costs for our outreach in the Colorado River Basin. This outreach includes two (2) regional workshops that involve 50-100 attendees with an agenda of speakers. The subject matter covers water quality issues, ditch inventories, and how to find and secure grants for irrigation projects.</p>	
Objectives: (List the objectives of the project)	
<p>The project will accomplish the following objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Engage farmers and producers throughout the Colorado River Basin and Western Slope• Increase producer knowledge of the following water-related issues: (1) how to fund and implement a ditch inventory, and (2) what grants and loans are available to improve water resources for agricultural operations and how to navigate the grant/loan process.• Provide guidance and support for agricultural producers who want to obtain CWCB grants or loans, or other forms of financial assistance	



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Tasks
Provide a detailed description of each task using the following format:
<u>Task 1 - Regional Meetings (Statewide)</u>
Description of Task:
<p>Regional workshops for producers. The focus is on irrigation improvement projects and conservation. Workshops feature experts in the field and presentations by producers actively involved in irrigation and conservation projects that benefit agriculture. In the past, these workshops have been well attended (80-100 participants) and we want to continue connecting to irrigators about goals of the water plans and other initiatives that will benefit irrigated agriculture. CAWA will also be presenting at the meetings of ditch companies and stock growers on the topics of irrigation efficiency and agricultural water conservation.</p> <p>Our workshops will be focused on the following topics:</p> <p>Irrigation Inventories and Funding Irrigation improvements (Statewide)</p> <p>Discuss the specifics and possible benefits of irrigation and ditch inventories, how those can be implemented and what sort of improvements they can lead to. Go through the information that is gathered through this process and how it can be a benefit to landowners. Highlight multi-beneficial projects like diversion replacements that have had significant outside funding. Focus on how the ditch inventory can then be used as a stepping stone to funding projects through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP), the Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB), or private institutions. The information gathered from this process is invaluable to irrigators and can better prepare them for conversations about demand management or working with other water stakeholders.</p> <p>Water Quality (South Platte & Republican)</p> <p>Discuss Regulation 85, water quality Best Management Practices (BMPs), increasing salinity, and what irrigators can do related to water quality that also benefits their bottom line.</p>
Method/Procedure:
<p>In collaboration with local agricultural interests and the Basin Roundtable, an agenda will be set and relevant speakers will be identified. Events will be promoted through the CAWA organizations, soil conservation districts, ditch companies, water conservancy districts, and local media outlets.</p>
Grantee Deliverable: (Describe the deliverable the grantee expects from this task)



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Tasks
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Expanding CAWA's network: new contacts, attendees, and registrants2. Gather relevant presentations on irrigation and agricultural conservation projects that will be hosted on the CAWA and partner websites and written on in the CAWA newsletter and other editorials3. Gathering feedback on producer knowledge and what issues CAWA needs to focus on.
CWCB Deliverable: (Describe the deliverable the grantee will provide CWCB documenting the completion of this task)
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Report on attendance, cost per attendee, and survey feedback2. Information on groups that will potentially move forward with projects related to infrastructure, and water quality.

Tasks
Provide a detailed description of each task using the following format:
<u>Task 2 - Master Aquifer Program</u>
Description of Task: A series of small workshops for producers in the San Luis Valley. CAWA will be working with the Rio Grande Water Conservation District to implement outreach and series of workshops that discusses possible strategies to better manage the aquifer in the San Luis Valley and secure agricultural production into the future. This fall we plan to begin a conversation the subject and want to be able to support those efforts throughout the following year. A few of the topics we will be focusing on: (1) what are the lessons learned from those who have been participating in Subdistrict 1's fallowing project the past two years and is this a viable path forward? (2) Can we impose volumetric limits on a well and in return be compensated by the district by waiving the variable fees? (3) Irrigated agriculture provides significant ecosystem services. Are there ways producers can be compensated by environmental organizations in return for limited pumping on a well?
Method/Procedure: In collaboration with local agricultural interests and the Basin Roundtable, an agenda will be set and relevant speakers will be identified. Events will be promoted through the CAWA organizations, soil conservation districts, ditch companies, water conservancy districts, and local media outlets.



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Tasks
Grantee Deliverable: (Describe the deliverable the grantee expects from this task)
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Expanding CAWA's network: new contacts, attendees, and registrants2. Gather relevant presentations on irrigation and agricultural conservation projects that will be hosted on the CAWA and partner websites and written on in the CAWA newsletter and other editorials3. Gathering feedback on producer knowledge and what issues CAWA needs to focus on.
CWCB Deliverable: (Describe the deliverable the grantee will provide CWCB documenting the completion of this task)
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Report on attendance, cost per attendee, and survey feedback2. Information on groups that will potentially move forward with projects related to infrastructure, and water quality.

Tasks
Provide a detailed description of each task using the following format:
<u>Task 3 – Small Organization Outreach</u>
Description of Task:
<p>CAWA will be presenting to at least 10 annual meetings of agricultural organizations across.</p> <p>There are many small agricultural organizations throughout the state that would benefit for presentations and discussion about water quality, stream management planning, and how to navigate and fund multi-beneficial projects. The past few years CAWA has focused this outreach toward commodity groups and their annual meetings. We'd like to shift that focus to stock growers' meetings and ditch company annual meetings.</p>
Method/Procedure:
<p>Through our workshops and past outreach, there are multiple organizations that have reached out to CAWA to present at their annual meetings. The topics and regions will overlap with our focus on water quality, ditch inventories, and securing grants for agricultural projects.</p>
Grantee Deliverable: (Describe the deliverable the grantee expects from this task)
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Expanding CAWA's network: new contacts, attendees, and registrants2. Gather relevant presentations on irrigation and agricultural conservation projects that will be hosted on the CAWA and partner websites and written on in the CAWA newsletter and other editorials3. Gathering feedback on producer knowledge and what issues CAWA needs to focus on.



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CWCB Deliverable: (Describe the deliverable the grantee will provide CWCB documenting the completion of this task)
1. Report on attendance, cost per attendee, and survey feedback
2. Information on groups that will potentially move forward with projects related to infrastructure, and water quality.

Tasks
Provide a detailed description of each task using the following format:
<u>Task 4 - Water Quality Ditch & Landowner Outreach</u>
Description of Task: <p>The Colorado Ag Water Alliance has hosted workshops on the issue of Reg 85, but feel that it is necessary and more effective to start conducting broad outreach in regions throughout the state. This outreach will consist of small group conversations with irrigators about Reg 85, their management practices, and if they care to participate in collecting data of those practices. The Colorado Department of Agriculture (CDA) has also expanded their role to collecting surface water quality data relating to agricultural nonpoint sources. CAWA plans to work jointly with the CDA in this outreach to ensure a common message and reach the greatest number of irrigators.</p> <p>We will use the flyer “Reducing Nutrients in Water: What’s in it for Colorado Ag Producers?” developed by Colorado State University (CSU) as the outline for these conversations. We will also show them the Co Ag Nutrients Website that has links to resources. It will also provide an opportunity to understand what BMPs and innovations the producer has been using on their operation. CSU can also develop a map of ideal locations for grass riparian buffers. We will discuss the buffer strips and offer to take them on a tour of a buffer strip in the Berthoud area later in the year.</p> <p>There are several desired outcomes of these meetings. First, inform irrigators about Regulation 85, it’s implications, and the Co Ag Nutrients Website. Second, learn more about the producer’s operation. Many producers have been using innovative practices for years. Encourage those producers to participate in data collection efforts or to attend a meeting of the water quality control commission and share what they are doing on their land. Third, ask specific irrigators about interest in installing a riparian buffer strip.</p>
Method/Procedure: <p>We plan to meet with small groups of irrigators at ditch company meetings, and on their farms and ranches to have brief conversations about Reg 85. We will be partnering with CDA, local conservancy districts and conservation districts, and CAWA Member Organizations. We will identify ditch companies and irrigators to engage. Then either via phone or handwritten letter will contact each of the irrigators and ditch companies to see their interest and schedule a tentative time to meet.</p>
Grantee Deliverable: (Describe the deliverable the grantee expects from this task)



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2. Gather relevant presentations on irrigation and agricultural conservation projects that will be hosted on the CAWA and partner websites and written on in the CAWA newsletter and other editorials
3. Gathering feedback on producer knowledge and what issues CAWA needs to focus on.

CWCB Deliverable: (Describe the deliverable the grantee will provide CWCB documenting the completion of this task)

1. Report on attendance, cost per attendee, and survey feedback
2. Information on groups that will potentially move forward with projects related to infrastructure, and water quality.

Budget and Schedule

Exhibit B - Budget and Schedule: This Statement of Work shall be accompanied by a combined [Budget and Schedule](#) that reflects the Tasks identified in the Statement of Work and shall be submitted to CWCB in excel format. A separate excel formatted Budget is required for engineering costs to include rate and unit costs.

Reporting Requirements

Progress Reports: The grantee shall provide the CWCB a progress report every 6 months, beginning from the date of issuance of a purchase order, or the execution of a contract. The progress report shall describe the status of the tasks identified in the statement of work, including a description of any major issues that have occurred and any corrective action taken to address these issues. The CWCB may withhold reimbursement until satisfactory progress reports have been submitted.

Final Report: At completion of the project, the grantee shall provide the CWCB a Final Report on the grantee's letterhead that:

- Summarizes the project and how the project was completed.
- Describes any obstacles encountered, and how these obstacles were overcome.
- Confirms that all matching commitments have been fulfilled.
- Includes photographs, summaries of meetings and engineering reports/designs.

Payments

Payment will be made based on actual expenditures, must include invoices for all work completed and must be on grantee's letterhead. The request for payment must include a description of the work accomplished by task, an estimate of the percent completion for individual tasks and the entire Project in relation to the percentage of budget spent, identification of any major issues, and proposed or implemented corrective actions.

The CWCB will pay the last 10% of the entire water activity budget when the Final Report is completed to the satisfaction of CWCB staff. Once the Final Report has been accepted, and final payment has been issued, the water activity and purchase order or contract will be closed without any further payment. Any entity that fails to complete a satisfactory Final Report and submit to CWCB within 90 days of the expiration of a purchase order or contract may be denied consideration for future funding of any type from CWCB.

Performance Requirements



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Reporting Requirements

Performance measures for this contract shall include the following:

(a) Performance standards and evaluation: Grantee will produce detailed deliverables for each task as specified. Grantee shall maintain receipts for all project expenses and documentation of the minimum in-kind contributions (if applicable) per the budget in Exhibit B. Per Grant Guidelines, the CWCB will pay out the last 10% of the budget when the final deliverable is completed to the satisfaction of CWCB staff. Once the final deliverable has been accepted, and final payment has been issued, the purchase order or grant will be closed without any further payment.

(b) Accountability: Per the Grant Guidelines full documentation of project progress must be submitted with each invoice for reimbursement. Grantee must confirm that all grant conditions have been complied with on each invoice. In addition, per the Grant Guidelines, Progress Reports must be submitted at least once every 6 months. A Final Report must be submitted and approved before final project payment.

(c) Monitoring Requirements: Grantee is responsible for ongoing monitoring of project progress per Exhibit A. Progress shall be detailed in each invoice and in each Progress Report, as detailed above. Additional inspections or field consultations will be arranged as may be necessary.

(d) Noncompliance Resolution: Payment will be withheld if grantee is not current on all grant conditions. Flagrant disregard for grant conditions will result in a stop work order and cancellation of the Grant Agreement.

**COLORADO**Colorado Water
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Department of Natural Resources

Colorado Water Conservation Board**Water Supply Reserve Fund****EXHIBIT B - BUDGET AND SCHEDULE - Direct & Indirect (Administrative) Costs****Date: 4/24/2020****Water Activity Name: Outreach and Capacity Building for Ag Water Projects****Grantee Name: Colorado Ag Water Alliance**

<u>Task No.</u> ⁽¹⁾	<u>Description</u>	<u>Start Date</u> ⁽²⁾	<u>End Date</u>	<u>Matching Funds</u> (cash) ⁽³⁾	<u>WSRF Funds</u> (Basin & Statewide combined) ⁽³⁾	<u>Total</u>
1	Regional Meetings	6/15/2020	8/30/2021	\$36,979.00	\$16,936.00	\$53,915.00
2	Master Aquifer Program	6/15/2020	4/30/2021	\$8,788.00	\$0.00	\$8,788.00
3	Small Organization Outreach	6/15/2020	4/30/2021	\$2,467.00	\$2,000.00	\$4,467.00
4	Water Quality Ditch & Landowner Outreach	6/15/2020	4/30/2021	\$7,500.00	\$0.00	\$7,500.00
Total				\$55,734.00	\$18,936.00	\$74,670.00

(1) The single task that include costs for Grant Administration must provide a labor breakdown (see Indirect Costs tab below) where the total WSRF Grant contribution towards that task does not exceed 15% of the total WSRF Grant amount.

(2) Start Date for funding under \$100K - 45 Days from Board Approval; Start Date for funding over \$100K - 90 Days from Board Approval.

(3) Round values up to the nearest hundred dollars.

• Additional documentation providing a Detailed/Itemized Budget may be required for contracting. Applicants are encouraged to coordinate with the CWCB Project Manager to determine specifics.

• Reimbursement eligibility commences upon the grantee's receipt of a Notice to Proceed (NTP)

• NTP will not be accepted as a start date. Project activities may commence as soon as the grantee enters contract and receives formal signed State Agreement.

The CWCB will pay the last 10% of the entire water activity budget when the Final Report is completed to the satisfaction of the CWCB staff project manager. Once the Final Report has been accepted, the final payment has been issued, the water activity and purchase order (PO) or contract will be closed without any further payment. Any entity that fails to complete a satisfactory Final Report and submit to the CWCB with 90 days of the expiration of the PO or contract may be denied consideration for future funding of any type from the CWCB.

• Additionally, the applicant shall provide a progress report every 6 months, beginning from the date of contract execution

• Standard contracting procedures dictate that the Expiration Date of the contract shall be 5 years from the Effective Date.

THE COLORADO BASIN ROUNDTABLE
C/O P.O. BOX 1120
GLENWOOD SPRINGS, COLORADO 81602

September 22, 2020

Craig Godbout, Program Manager
Colorado Water Conservation Board
Water Supply Planning Section
1313 Sherman Street, Room 718
Denver CO, 80203

Dear Craig:

The Colorado Basin Roundtable voted to recommend that the Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB) approve funds for the CAWA *Outreach and Capacity Building for Ag Water Projects* WSRF grant application. A quorum of members was present and there was a unanimous vote to recommend approval of the request. This request is for \$5,750 from the Colorado Basin account and \$13,186 from the Statewide account

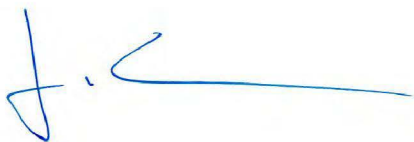
The project serves the Colorado Basin Roundtable's interests to support a concerted outreach program to educate producers and others about critical agricultural challenges. The Colorado Basin Roundtable plans to support the Colorado Ag Water Alliance's (CAWA) education and outreach program. CAWA's program is a combination of engaging producers across the state concerning agricultural water issues. The programming focuses on infrastructure and identifying multi-beneficial projects that address the needs of producers and other water users. This effort includes 7 workshops around the state (2 of which will take place in the Colorado Basin, and small group outreach in the basin.

The Colorado Basin Roundtable plans to support CAWA in the following ways:

- 1) Helping to coordinate and advertise CAWA workshops
- 2) Financially supporting Ag workshops in the Colorado Basin.

The Colorado Basin Roundtable recommends contributing \$5,750 from the Colorado Basin account and \$13,186 from the Statewide account for this effort.

Regards,

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Jason V. Turner, Chair



Colorado Ag Water Alliance

"Committed to the preservation of agriculture through the wise use of Colorado's water resources"

Colorado Water Conservation Board

1313 Sherman St., Room 718

Denver, CO 80203

RE: Letter of Matching Funding

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the Colorado Ag Water Alliance, we intend to match \$1,750 (Cash match- \$1,750) Colorado Water Conservation Board grant application entitled "Outreach and Capacity Building for Ag Water Projects." CAWA will guarantee these funds through our organization but reserves the right to add/replace match with approved matching funding sources from other entities such as (foundations, donations, etc).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Greg Peterson". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Greg Peterson, Executive Director
Colorado Ag Water Alliance



November 11, 2020

Dear Colorado Water Conservation Board,

It serves the Colorado River District's interests to join a concerted outreach program to educate producers and others about critical agricultural challenges. The Colorado River District plans to support the Colorado Ag Water Alliance's (CAWA) *Outreach and Capacity Building for Ag Water Projects*. CAWA's program is a combination of engaging producers and non-producers across the state concerning agricultural water issues.

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The Colorado River District plans to support CAWA in the following ways:

- 1) Helping to coordinate and advertise CAWA workshops
- 2) Financially supporting Ag workshops in the Colorado Basin.

The Colorado River District also is contributing \$4,000 to this effort.

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Jim Pokrandt
Community Affairs Director
Colorado River District

WALTON FAMILY
FOUNDATION

April 17, 2020

Gregory Peterson
Colorado Ag Water Alliance
9177 E Mineral Circle
Centennial, CO 80112

RE: Grant 00102406

Dear Gregory,

At the Walton Family Foundation, we work to tackle tough social and environmental problems with urgency and a long-term approach to create access to opportunity for people and communities. To do this, we know we must work with individuals and groups closest to these challenges because they often have the most thoughtful, insightful solutions.

As we support efforts to improve K-12 education, protect our rivers and oceans and the livelihoods they support, and promote quality of life in our Home Region, we look to groups like yours. I am pleased to inform you that your grant request has been approved in the amount of \$15,000.00 to educate and provide technical support for farmers and ranchers in order to support their applications for public funding of projects that conserve water; improve agricultural infrastructure in order to benefit rivers; and reduce "buy and dry" of agricultural lands within Colorado. The grant funds are subject to the terms attached, and you should receive the funds within 14 days. If you have any questions, please contact Environment@wffmail.com and reference Grant 00102406.

On behalf of the Walton Family Foundation, I express my appreciation for what your organization has accomplished so far and my optimism for your future success. Together, we can have an impact that improves lives today and that will last to benefit future generations.

Sincerely,

DocuSigned by:

Caryl M. Stern

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COLORADO

Department of Public
Health & Environment

March 31, 2020

Colorado Water Conservation Board
Department of Natural Resources
1313 Sherman Street, Room 718
Denver, CO 80203

RE: Letter of Support for Colorado Ag Water Alliance (CAWA)

Dear Colorado Water Conservation Board,

I certify that Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) supports Colorado Ag Water Alliance (CAWA) with grant funding to educate agricultural producers and landowners about critical water challenges in Colorado. CDPHE is providing \$4,500 through the Nonpoint Source Grant to CAWA to conduct outreach on Regulation 85 in coordination with other partners, including the Colorado Department of Agriculture and Colorado State University. CDPHE believes that CAWA's outreach efforts continue to represent a positive step forward in addressing nutrient management and Regulation 85 by acting as an important liaison between irrigators and landowners, conservation districts, and federal and state agencies. They have the ability to reach and educate those most essential to implement these voluntary measures and communicate Colorado's agricultural stories to improve water quality. CDPHE supports the work of CAWA and looks forward to more collaborative opportunities that improve water quality.

Thank you for your consideration,

**Estella
Moore**

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Estella Moore, NPS Program Coordinator
Restoration and Protection Unit
Water Quality Control Division
Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment

