TO: Colorado Water Conservation Board Members

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AGENDA ITEM: Agenda Items 26 r-bb, Water Plan Grants - Environment & Recreation

Introduction:
For the second Water Plan Grant cycle of the 2021-2022 fiscal year, the CWCB received 12 Environment & Recreation grant applications that had requests greater than $100,000, totaling $3,661,249 in requests. A committee of four people reviewed these requests and staff is recommending funding for eleven of the applications, some at a reduced amount, totaling $2,684,309. See the attached data sheets for locations and project summaries.

Staff Recommendation:
Staff recommends the following Board actions for activities regarding the Colorado Water Plan Grant Program funding for the Environment & Recreation category. Project approval is contingent upon the applicants’ abilities to resolve issues and additional needs discussed below.

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Staff Review and Comments:
The Pagosa Springs project received a partial funding recommendation that, when added to a Water Supply Reserve Fund grant request (Agenda item 25.l.), makes the total proposed CWCB funding 50% of the project cost.

Project Issues/Additional Needs:
- All funding awards are contingent upon the applicants’ ability to secure match funding.
- Grantees should adequately address CWCB staff comments to scopes of work and engineering designs (when applicable). Staff contact each successful applicant to discuss comments and contracting procedures prior to contracting.
- All grantees should adhere to their organizational procurement policies when hiring contractors and consultants. CWCB recommends that State procurement policies be used as a guide if an organization does not have procurement policies.
- Projects should comply with the CWCB’s Rules and Regulations for Regulatory Floodplains in Colorado, when applicable.