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**TO:** Colorado Water Conservation Board Members

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**AGENDA ITEM:** Consent Agenda 4f-i - Colorado Water Plan Grants - Water Conservation and Land Use

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**Introduction**

Per CWCB Policy #25, grants above \$50,000 but less than \$100,000 and grants not recommended for funding will be placed on the consent agenda for consideration by the Board. Staff received 4 applications that fit consent agenda inclusion criteria, 2 of which were not recommended for funding. See attached Data Sheets and grant applications for additional project details.

**Staff Recommendation:**

Staff recommends the following Board action for activities listed in the following table regarding Colorado’s Water Plan Grant Program funding.

Applicant	Project Name	Grant Request Amount	Staff Recommendation
f. Town of Olathe	Water Meter Upgrade and Water Conservation Outreach	\$100,000	No Funding Recommended
g. Western Resource Advocates	Pursuing a Statewide Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance	\$149,760	No Funding Recommended
h. Dominion Water & Sanitation District	Sterling Ranch Rainwater Harvesting Project Feasibility Study and Operational Plan	57,502.50	Recommended
i. High Country Conservation Center	Advancing Irrigation Efficiency Across Summit County	\$99,413	Recommended

**Background:**

CWCB staff, with assistance from a review committee, review all water conservation and land use applications according to the Colorado Water Plan Grant Program criteria and guidelines and category specific criteria. The grant review committee consists of Colorado Water



Conservation Board staff in consultation with Colorado Department of Local Affairs where appropriate. The review committee evaluates water conservation and land use grants on several criteria including whether the project furthers critical action items identified in the Colorado Water Plan, whether the project promotes collaboration, and whether the project provides an innovating, multi-benefit approach to solving water resource challenges affecting Colorado's municipal sector.

**Project Issues/Additional Needs:**

- All funding awards are contingent upon the applicants' ability to secure match funding within a reasonable time period; based on applicants continued efforts to secure match funding
- Grantees should adequately address CWCB staff comments to scopes of work and engineering designs (when applicable) prior to contracting. This may result in changes, especially in the case of partial funding awards. Staff will schedule meeting with each successful application to discuss comments and contracting procedures.

