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Summary Minutes and Record of Decisions

September 20 & 21, 2023 Board Meeting

A regular meeting of the Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB) convened at the Steamplant Event Center in Salida and virtually on zoom. The meeting was called to order by Chair Greg Felt. 10 voting members were present at the call to order, so a quorum was present (at least 6 required). Voting members present were: Robert Sakata, Paul Bruchez, Barbara Vasquez, Jaclyn Brown, Lorelei Cloud, Steven Anderson, Jessica Brody, and Nathan Coombs, and ex-officio voting member Dan Gibbs, Executive Director of the Department of Natural Resources. Non-voting ex officio members present or represented were: Scott Steinbecher, Attorney General's Office; Robert Harris, Colorado Parks and Wildlife; Kate Greenberg, Department of Agriculture; Kevin Rein, State Engineer, and Lauren Ris, Colorado Water Conservation Board Director. Counsel to the Board, Jen Mele, was also in attendance.

On the second day, the meeting was called to order by Chair Greg Felt. 9 voting members were present at the call to order, so a quorum was present (at least 6 required). The voting members present were: Paul Bruchez, Jessica Brody, Steven Anderson, Barbara Vasquez, Robert Sakata, Greg Felt, Lorelei Cloud, Jaclyn Brown, and Nathan Coombs. Non-voting ex officio members present or represented were: Scott Steinbecher, Attorney General's Office, Robert Harris, Colorado Parks and Wildlife; Kevin Rein, State Engineer, and Lauren Ris, Colorado Water Conservation Board Director. Counsel to the Board, Jen Mele and Assistant Director for Water Policy DNR, Kelly Romero Heeney were also in attendance.

Wednesday, September 20, 2023

1 Election of New Vice Chairperson

Jessica Brody nominated Robert Sakata as Vice Chair, which was seconded by Jackie Brown. The motion was approved unanimously (9-0).

2a Review /Approve Agenda

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Jackie Brown, which was seconded by Jessica Brody. The motion was approved unanimously (9-0).

2b Review and Approve July 19 & 20, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes

A motion to approve the July 2023 Board minutes was made by Robert Sakata with the correction to agenda item 10a, Nathan Coombs seconded the motion on that item, which was seconded by Barbara Vasquez. The motion was approved unanimously (9-0).

3 Approve and/or Remove Consent Agenda Items

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda Items 1a, 2a-e, 3b-c, 4, and 5a-n was made by Jaclyn Brown, which was seconded by Jessica Brody. The motion was approved unanimously (9-0). Consent agenda item 3a was removed from the agenda by the applicant.

1. Statements of Opposition

Stream & Lake Protection Section

Staff recommends the Board ratify CWCB's filing of the following Statements of Opposition:

- a. Case No. 23CW3067 (Water Division 5); Application of BCP-ARR, LLC

2. Water Supply Reserve Fund Grants

Water Supply Planning Section

- a. **Basin** – Colorado

Applicant – Blue River Watershed Group

Name of Water Activity – Swan River Restoration Project

- b. **Basin** – Metro & South Platte

Applicant – Colorado Geological Survey

Name of Water Activity – South Platte Basin Geologic Salinity Sources –
Geologic Formation Chemical Characterization

- c. **Basin** – North Platte

Applicant – Colorado River Engineering

Name of Water Activity – Continued Monitoring of North Park Lysimeter Station

d. Basin – South Platte

Applicant – The Watershed Center

Name of Water Activity – Flow Monitoring at Gold Lake & Left Hand Park

e. Basin – Yampa/White/Green

Applicant – Norvell Ditch Company

Name of Water Activity – Norvell Infrastructure Improvement Project

3. PEPO Statewide Initiatives Grant Applications

Water Supply Planning Section

b. Applicant – Water Education Colorado (WEco)

Project Name – Accelerating Availability of Spanish-Language Water Education and Outreach Materials

c. Applicant – Resource Central

Project Name – Statewide Resources to Inspire Landscape Transformations

4. Scope of Work Change for Rio Grande Headwaters Land Trust Project: San Luis Creek Conservation Partnership

Water Supply Planning Section

5. Water Plan Grants

Administration & Operations Section

a. Category – Conservation and Land Use Planning

Applicant – Eagle River Water and Sanitation District

Project – ERWSD – UERWA Drought Response Plan

b. Category – Conservation and Land Use Planning

Applicant – Alliance for Water Efficiency

Project – Evaluating & Optimizing Large-Scale Landscape Irrigation Management & Transformation Strategies

c. Category – Engagement and Innovation

Applicant – Northwest Colorado Council of Governments

Project – Water and Economies of Headwater Counties Study

d. Category – Engagement and Innovation

Applicant – Conservation Investment Germinator

Project – Habitat Replacement Bank for the Colorado River Salinity Control Program

e. Category – Engagement and Innovation

Applicant – Custer County Conservation District

Project – Custer County Conservation District Water Stakeholder Engagement

f. Category – Engagement and Innovation

Applicant – Lincoln Hills Cares

Project – Youth Summit for the South Platte River, with Agency-Youth Engagement

g. Category – Engagement and Innovation

Applicant – Coalition for the Poudre River Watershed

Project – Phase 2 - Poudre River Watershed Community Engagement

h. Category – Watershed Health and Recreation

Applicant – Learning By Doing, Inc

Project – Grand County Stream management Plan Implementation – Project Coordination

i. Category – Watershed Health and Recreation

Applicant – Trout Unlimited

Project – Middle Fork Little Snake Project

j. Category – Watershed Health and Recreation

Applicant – Ducks Unlimited

Project – Two Ponds National Wildlife Refuge Restoration

k. Category – Watershed Health and Recreation

Applicant – Ducks Unlimited

Project – Majestic View Nature Center Restoration

l. Category – Watershed Health and Recreation

Applicant – Ducks Unlimited

Project – North Sand Creek: Stream Health and Water Quality

m. Category – Watershed Health and Recreation

Applicant – Town of Lyons

Project – St. Vrain Creek Restoration-Lyons Valley Park

n. Category – Agriculture

Applicant – Western Water Partnerships

Project – Las Animas Consolidated Water-Sharing Program

4 Directors' Reports

4a. DNR Executive Director/IBCC Director - Dan Gibbs

4b. CWCB Director – Lauren Ris

4c.	Agriculture Commissioner – Kate Greenberg
4d.	State Engineer - Kevin Rein
4e.	Colorado Parks and Wildlife Director – Robert Harris
4f.	Water Resource and Power Development Authority – Keith McLaughlin
5	<p>Water Plan Grants <i>Administration & Operations Section</i></p>
	<p>Action: Report by CWCB staff member Anna Mauss.</p>
5a	<p>Category – Agriculture Applicant – Colorado Cattlemen’s Association Project – Scaling Up Ag Water Education & Funding Outreach</p> <p>Action: Report by CWCB staff member Nora Flynn. A motion to approve the staff recommendation was made by Steve Anderson, which was seconded by Barbara Vasquez. The motion was approved unanimously (9-0).</p> <p>Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends full funding of \$475,000 to Colorado Cattlemen’s Association for the Scaling Up Ag Water Education & Funding Outreach effort subject to staff approval of annual written progress reports documenting sufficient progress and work quality.</p>
5b	<p>Category – Agriculture Applicant – Florida Consolidated Ditch Company Project – Florida Canal Diversion Structure Rehab Increase</p> <p>Action: Report by CWCB staff member Nora Flynn. A motion to approve the staff recommendation was made by Steve Anderson, which was seconded by Barbara Vasquez. The motion was approved unanimously (9-0).</p> <p>Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends full funding of \$115,000 to the Florida Consolidated Ditch Company for the Florida Canal Diversion Structure Rehab Increase.</p>
5c	<p>Category – Agriculture Applicant – San Luis Valley Water Conservancy District Project – San Luis Valley Rye Resurgence Project</p> <p>Action: Report by CWCB staff member Nora Flynn. A motion to approve the staff recommendation was made by Steve Anderson, which was seconded by Barbara Vasquez. The motion was approved unanimously (9-0).</p> <p>Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends full funding of \$405,000 to the San Luis Valley Water Conservancy District for the San Luis Valley Rye Resurgence Project.</p>

5d **Category** – Conservation and Land Use Planning
Applicant – Colorado State University
Project – Polaris Land Use & Water Planning Tool, Phase II

Action: Report by CWCB staff member Kevin Reidy. A motion to approve the staff recommendation was made by Steve Anderson, which was seconded by Barbara Vasquez. The motion was approved unanimously (9-0).

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends full funding of \$269,534.19 to Colorado State University for Polaris Land Use & Water Planning Tool Phase II.

5e **Category** – Conservation and Land Use Planning
Applicant – Alamosa County
Project – Alamosa County Comprehensive Plan Update

Action: Report by CWCB staff member Kevin Reidy. A motion to approve the staff recommendation was made by Steve Anderson, which was seconded by Barbara Vasquez. The motion was approved unanimously (9-0).

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends full funding of \$100,000 to Alamosa County for the Alamosa County Comprehensive Plan Update.

5f **Category** – Conservation and Land Use Planning
Applicant – City of Grand Junction
Project – Grand Junction Graywater Education and Incentive Program

Action: Report by CWCB staff member Kevin Reidy. A motion to approve the staff recommendation was made by Steve Anderson, which was seconded by Barbara Vasquez. The motion was approved unanimously (9-0).

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends Board approval of \$139,240.00 to the City of Grand Junction for the Grand Junction Graywater Education and Incentive Program through Conservation and Land Use category.

5g **Category** – Conservation and Land Use Planning
Applicant – Resource Central
Project – Building Statewide Capacity for Turf Removal

Action: Report by CWCB staff member Kevin Reidy. A motion to approve the staff recommendation was made by Steve Anderson, which was seconded by Barbara Vasquez. The motion was approved unanimously (9-0).

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends Board approval of \$1,500,000.00 to Resource Central for the Building Statewide Capacity for Turf Removal through Conservation and Land Use category.

5h **Category** – Conservation and Land Use Planning
Applicant – Year One, Inc. DBA Mile High Youth Corps

Project – Single Family Home Water Audits and Installs

Action: Report by CWCB staff member Kevin Reidy. A motion to approve the staff recommendation was made by Steve Anderson, which was seconded by Barbara Vasquez. The motion was approved unanimously (9-0).

Staff Recommendation: The Single Family Home Water Audits and Installs project is recommended for full funding of the \$183,201.50 requested.

5i **Category** – Conservation and Land Use Planning

Applicant – Arapahoe County

Project – County Irrigation Water Conservation Study, Planning and Implementation

Action: Report by CWCB staff member Kevin Reidy. A motion to approve the staff recommendation was made by Steve Anderson, which was seconded by Barbara Vasquez. The motion was approved unanimously (9-0).

Staff Recommendation: The County Irrigation Water Conservation Study, Planning and Implementation project is recommended for full funding of the \$121,798.45 requested.

5j **Category** – Watershed Health and Recreation

Applicant – River Network

Project – Environmental Flows Cohort Pilot Training Program

Action: Report by CWCB staff member Chris Sturm. A motion to approve the staff recommendation was made by Steve Anderson, which was seconded by Barbara Vasquez. The motion was approved unanimously (9-0).

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends full funding of \$153,697 to the River Network for the Environmental Flows Cohort Pilot Training Program.

5k **Category** – Watershed Health and Recreation

Applicant – Colorado Rio Grande Restoration Foundation

Project – Alamosa Riverfront Project Phase I

Action: Report by CWCB staff member Chris Sturm. A motion to approve the staff recommendation was made by Steve Anderson, which was seconded by Barbara Vasquez. The motion was approved unanimously (9-0).

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends full funding of \$182,900 to the Colorado Rio Grande Restoration Foundation for Phase I of the Alamosa Riverfront Project.

5l **Category** – Watershed Health and Recreation

Applicant – Trout Unlimited

Project – Telluride Valley Floor Post-Removal Action

Action: Report by CWCB staff member Chris Sturm. A motion to approve the staff recommendation was made by Steve Anderson, which was seconded by Barbara Vasquez. The motion was approved unanimously (9-0).

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends full funding of \$203,113.35 to Trout Unlimited for the Telluride Valley Floor Post-Removal Action.

5m **Category** – Watershed Health and Recreation
Applicant – Blue River Watershed Group
Project – Blue River Habitat Restoration Project

Action: Report by CWCB staff member Chris Sturm. A motion to approve the staff recommendation was made by Steve Anderson, which was seconded by Barbara Vasquez. The motion was approved unanimously (9-0).

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends Board approval of \$425,115.00 to the Blue River Watershed Group for the Blue River Habitat Restoration Project through Watershed Health and Restoration category.

5n **Category** – Watershed Health and Recreation
Applicant – Learning By Doing, Inc
Project – Grand County Stream Management Plan Update – Phase 2

Action: Report by CWCB staff member Chris Sturm. A motion to approve the staff recommendation was made by Steve Anderson, which was seconded by Barbara Vasquez. The motion was approved unanimously (9-0).

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends Board approval of \$352,052.00 to Learning By Doing Inc. for the Grand County Stream Management Plan Phase 2 project through Watershed Health and Recreation category.

5o **Category** – Watershed Health and Recreation
Applicant – Westminster, City of
Project – Phase 1 Big Dry Creek Channel Restoration

Action: Report by CWCB staff member Chris Sturm. A motion to approve the staff recommendation was made by Steve Anderson, which was seconded by Barbara Vasquez. The motion was approved unanimously (9-0).

Staff Recommendation: The Phase I Big Dry Creek Channel Restoration project is recommended for full funding of the \$650,000.00 requested.

5p **Category** – Watershed Health and Recreation
Applicant – Boulder Watershed Collective
Project – Boulder Creek Engagement & Innovation Project

Action: Report by CWCB staff member Chris Sturm. A motion to approve the staff recommendation was made by Steve Anderson, which was seconded by Barbara Vasquez. The motion was approved unanimously (9-0).

Staff Recommendation: The Boulder Creek Engagement & Innovation project is recommended for full funding of the \$198,600.00 requested.

5q **Category** – Watershed Health and Recreation
Applicant – Mile High Flood District
Project – South Platte River at Reynolds Landing

Action: Report by CWCB staff member Chris Sturm. A motion to approve the staff recommendation was made by Steve Anderson, which was seconded by Barbara Vasquez. The motion was approved unanimously (9-0).

Staff Recommendation: The South Platte River at Reynolds Landing project is recommended for full funding of the \$500,000.00 requested.

5r **Category** – Storage and Supply
Applicant – Central Colorado Water Conservancy District
Project – Bernhardt Reservoir Water Storage Project – Phase 1

Action: Report by CWCB staff member Matt Stearns. A motion to approve the staff recommendation was made by Nathan Coombs, which was seconded by Jessica Brody. Robert Sakata recused himself from the vote, the motion was approved unanimously (8-0).

Staff Recommendation: The Bernhardt Reservoir Water Storage Project – Phase I is recommended for full funding of the \$1,000,000.00 requested.

6 **Financial Matters – Construction Fund and Severance Tax Perpetual Base Fund**
Finance Section

a. Financial Projections and Cash Management Report

Action: Report by CWCB staff member Kirk Russell.

This is an informational item with no Board action required.

b. Two Rivers Water & Farming Company, and Two Rivers Farms F-2, Inc. – Loan Delinquency

Action: Report by CWCB staff member Kirk Russell.

This is an informational item with no Board action required.

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Water Project Loans

Finance Section

a. Oxford Farmers Ditch Company – Chicosa Siphon Repair

Action: Report by CWCB staff member Joshua Godwin. A motion to approve the staff recommendation was made by Robert Sakata, which was seconded by Jessica Brody. The motion was approved unanimously (9-0).

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends the Board approve a loan not to exceed \$1,515,000 (\$1,500,000 for project costs and \$15,000 for the 1% service fee) to the Oxford Farmers Ditch Company for costs related to the Chicosa Siphon Repair, from the Severance Tax Perpetual Base Fund. The loan term will be 30 years at an interest rate of 1.90% per annum. Security for the loan shall be in compliance with CWCB Financial Policy #5.

b. East Mesa Water Company – East Mesa Emergency Ditch Repair

Action: Report by CWCB staff member Joshua Godwin. A motion to approve the staff recommendation was made by Paul Bruchez, which was seconded by Steve Anderson. The motion was approved unanimously (9-0).

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends the Board approve a loan not to exceed \$418,140 (\$414,000 for project costs and \$4,140 for the 1% service fee) to the East Mesa Water Company for costs related to the East Mesa Emergency Ditch Repair, from the Severance Tax Perpetual Base Fund. The loan term will be 30 years at an interest rate of 1.90% per annum. Security for the loan shall be in compliance with CWCB Financial Policy #5.

8

Water Supply Reserve Fund Applications

Water Supply Planning Section

8a

Basin – Arkansas, Colorado, Gunnison, Metro, North Platte, Rio Grande, South Platte, Southwest, Yampa/White/Green

Applicant – Colorado Ag Water Alliance

Name of Water Activity – Agricultural Drought Resilience & Innovative Water Conservation – Phase 2

Action: Report by CWCB staff member Ben Wade. Greg Peterson with the Colorado Ag Water Alliance addressed the Board. A motion to approve the staff recommendation was made by Jessica Brody, which was seconded by Nathan Coombs. The motion was approved unanimously (9-0).

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends approval of up to \$75,000 from the Arkansas Basin Account, up to \$75,000 from the Colorado Basin Account, up to \$50,000 from the Gunnison Account, up to \$25,000 from the Metro Basin Account, up to \$75,000 from the North Platte Basin Account, up to \$75,000 from the Rio Grande Basin Account, up to \$75,000 from the South Platte Basin Account, up to \$75,000 from the Southwest Basin Account, up to \$75,000 from the Yampa/White/Green Basin Account and up to \$388,750 from the Statewide Account. Project approval is contingent upon the applicants' abilities to resolve issues and additional needs identified by staff.

8b Basin – Gunnison
Applicant – Durkee Ditch Company
Name of Water Activity – Durkee Ditch Pipeline Project

Action: Report by CWCB staff member Ben Wade. A motion to approve the staff recommendation was made by Steve Anderson, which was seconded by Robert Sakata. The motion was approved unanimously (8-0).

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends approval of up to \$88,807 from the Gunnison Basin Account and up to \$176,193 from the Statewide Account. Project approval is contingent upon the applicants' abilities to resolve issues and additional needs identified by staff.

8c Basin – Gunnison
Applicant – Orchard City Irrigation District
Name of Water Activity – Fruitgrowers Dam Outlet Gates Improvement Project

Action: Report by CWCB staff member Ben Wade. A motion to approve the staff recommendation was made by Steve Anderson, which was seconded by Robert Sakata. The motion was approved unanimously (8-0).

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends approval of up to \$100,000 from the Gunnison Basin Account and up to \$150,000 from the Statewide Account. Project approval is contingent upon the applicants' abilities to resolve issues and additional needs identified by staff.

8d Basin – Gunnison
Applicant – Short Ditch Extension
Name of Water Activity – Short Ditch Extension Piping Project

Action: Report by CWCB staff member Ben Wade. A motion to approve the staff recommendation was made by Steve Anderson, which was seconded by Robert Sakata. The motion was approved unanimously (8-0).

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends approval of up to \$55,000 up to Gunnison Basin Account and up to \$70,505 from the Statewide Account. Project approval is contingent upon the applicants' abilities to resolve issues and additional needs identified by staff.

8e Basin – Gunnison
Applicant – Town of Paonia
Name of Water Activity – Hydrogeological Study of Paonia Spring Complexes

Action: Report by CWCB staff member Ben Wade. A motion to approve the staff recommendation was made by Steve Anderson, which was seconded by Robert Sakata. The motion was approved unanimously (8-0).

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends approval of up to \$25,000 from the Gunnison Basin Account and up to \$122,975 from the Statewide Account. Project approval is contingent

upon the applicants' abilities to resolve issues and additional needs identified by staff.

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Basin – Gunnison

Applicant – Western Slope Conservation Center

Name of Water Activity – Farmer's Ditch Improvement Project

Action: Report by CWCB staff member Ben Wade. A motion to approve the staff recommendation was made by Steve Anderson, which was seconded by Robert Sakata. The motion was approved unanimously (8-0).

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends approval of up to \$100,000 from the Gunnison Basin Account and up to \$200,000 from the Statewide Account. Project approval is contingent upon the applicants' abilities to resolve issues and additional needs identified by staff.

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Basin – North Platte

Applicant – Colorado State Forest Service

Name of Water Activity – Thinning Young Lodgepole on State Lands – Enhancing Watershed Health

Action: Report by CWCB staff member Ben Wade. A motion to approve the staff recommendation was made by Steve Anderson, which was seconded by Robert Sakata. The motion was approved unanimously (8-0).

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends approval of up to \$200,000 from the North Platte Basin Account. Project approval is contingent upon the applicants' abilities to resolve issues and additional needs identified by staff.

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Basin – Rio Grande

Applicant – Colorado Rio Grande Restoration Foundation

Name of Water Activity – Independent Ditch headgate Improvement Project

Action: Report by CWCB staff member Ben Wade. A motion to approve the staff recommendation was made by Steve Anderson, which was seconded by Robert Sakata. The motion was approved unanimously (8-0).

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends approval of up to \$23,000 from the Rio Grande Basin Account and \$126,800 from the Statewide Account. Project approval is contingent upon the applicants' abilities to resolve issues and additional needs identified by staff.

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Basin – Rio Grande

Applicant – Costilla County Conservation District

Name of Water Activity – Guadalupe Sanchez Acequia Improvement Project

Action: Report by CWCB staff member Ben Wade. A motion to approve the staff recommendation was made by Steve Anderson, which was seconded by Robert Sakata. The motion was approved unanimously (8-0).

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends approval of up to \$34,541 from the Rio Grande Basin Account and up to \$137,908 from the Statewide Account. Project approval is contingent upon the applicants' abilities to resolve issues and additional needs identified by staff.

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Basin – Rio Grande

Applicant – Ducks Unlimited

Name of Water Activity – Alamosa NWR Until C1, T, O & P Restorations

Action: Report by CWCB staff member Ben Wade. A motion to approve the staff recommendation was made by Steve Anderson, which was seconded by Robert Sakata. The motion was approved unanimously (8-0).

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends approval of up to \$33,125 from the Rio Grande Basin Account and up to \$216,875 from the Statewide Account. Project approval is contingent upon the applicants' abilities to resolve issues and additional needs identified by staff.

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Basin – Rio Grande

Applicant – Ducks Unlimited

Name of Water Activity – Monte Vista NWR Units 14, 15, & 16 Restoration

Action: Report by CWCB staff member Ben Wade. A motion to approve the staff recommendation was made by Steve Anderson, which was seconded by Robert Sakata. The motion was approved unanimously (8-0).

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends approval of up to \$68,750 from the Rio Grande Basin Account and up to \$431,250 from the Statewide Account. Project approval is contingent upon the applicants' abilities to resolve issues and additional needs identified by staff.

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Basin – South Platte

Applicant – Smith & Emmons

Name of Water Activity – Diversion & Measurement Structures Replacement

Action: Report by CWCB staff member Ben Wade. A motion to approve the staff recommendation was made by Steve Anderson, which was seconded by Robert Sakata. The motion was approved unanimously (8-0).

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends approval of up to \$50,000 from the South Platte Basin Account and up to \$250,000 from the Statewide Account. Project approval is contingent upon the applicants' abilities to resolve issues and additional needs identified by staff.

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Basin – South Platte

Applicant – Water Supply and Storage Company

Name of Water Activity – Chambers Lake & Long Draw Reservoir Automation

Action: Report by CWCB staff member Ben Wade. A motion to approve the staff recommendation was made by Steve Anderson, which was seconded by Robert Sakata. The motion was approved unanimously (8-0).

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends approval of up to \$30,000 from the South Platte Basin Account and up to \$89,564 from the Statewide Account. Project approval is contingent upon the applicants' abilities to resolve issues and additional needs identified by staff.

9 **Operational Planning Update**

Action: Report by CWCB staff member Lauren Ris and Greg Bellomo with Government Performance Solutions, Inc.

This is an informational item with no Board action required.

Thursday, September 21, 2023

10 Basin Directors' Reports

- 10a** Rio Grande River Basin Director's Report – *Nathan Coombs*
- 10b** Yampa-White River Basin Director's Report – *Jackie Brown*
- 10c** Colorado River (Mainstem) Basin Director's Report – *Paul Bruchez*
- 10d** San Juan/San Miguel-Dolores River Basin Director's Report – *Lorelei Cloud*
- 10e** Gunnison River Basin Director's Report – *Steve Anderson*
- 10f** North Platte River Basin Director's Report – *Barbara Vasquez*
- 10g** South Platte River Basin Director's Report – *Robert Sakata*
- 10h** Arkansas River Basin Director's Report – *Greg Felt*
- 10i** City and County of Denver Director's Report – *Jessica Brody*

19 Attorney General's Report, Legal Briefing, and Executive Session

Action: Report by Attorney General staff member Scott Steinbecher and Counsel to the Board, Jen Mele. A motion to go into Executive Session was made by Jessica Brody, which was seconded by Jaclyn Brown. The motion was approved unanimously (9-0).

20 Executive Session

- 12a** Colorado River Post 2026 Negotiations

13 Report from Executive Session

Action: Report by Counsel to the Board, Jen Mele. A motion to come out of Executive Session was made by Nathan Coombs, which was seconded by Barbara Vasquez. The motion was approved unanimously (9-0).

14 Colorado River Hydrology and Other Updates
Interstate, Federal, and Water Information Section

Action: Report by CWCB staff members Amy Ostdiek and Michelle Garrison.

This is an informational item with no Board action required.

15 Colorado River System Conservation Pilot Program Updates
Interstate, Federal, and Water Information Section

Action: Report by CWCB staff member Amy Ostdiek.

This is an informational item with no Board action required.

ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn the September 2023 Board meeting was made by Steve Anderson, which was seconded by Barbara Vasquez. The motion was approved unanimously (9-0).