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AGENDA ITEM: Consent Agenda Item 4b - Rio Grande Basin Snow Measurement Enhancement - Change of Grantee

Staff Recommendation:

Staff recommends changing the grantee for the Rio Grande Basin Snow Measurement Enhancement Project from the San Luis Valley Water Conservancy District (SLVWCD) to the Colorado Rio Grande Restoration Foundation (CRGRF).

Background:

At the [March 2022 meeting](#), the CWCB board approved a Water Plan Grant to the SLVWCD for the [Rio Grande Basin Snow Measurement Enhancement Project](#) in the amount of \$45,000. The project will allow a group of local, state, and federal partners in the San Luis Valley to install five new SnoLite Stations in Division 3 to continue to improve streamflow forecasting. The stations will tie into the existing data collection network. Continuing to improve the streamflow forecasts will help water users and managers in Division 3 as streamflow forecasts are used to inform the administration of the Rio Grande Compact.

Discussion:

Due to potential TABOR revenue limitations, the SLVWCD is requesting that the CWCB Board change the grantee for this project to the CRGRF. This grant has been contracted with an expiration date of 4/19/27. No changes to the budget, scope of work, or project goals are anticipated with this change in the grantee.

