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Summary Minutes and Record of Decisions

September 20 & 21, 2022 Board Meeting

A regular meeting of the Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB) convened at Fort Lewis College in Durango and virtually on zoom. The meeting was called to order by Chair Jackie Brown. 8 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, Greg Felt, Celene Hawkins, Steven Anderson, Jessica Brody, and Heather Dutton, 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 Steinbrecher, Attorney General's Office; Robert Harris, Colorado Parks and Wildlife; Kate Greenberg, Department of Agriculture; Kevin Rein, State Engineer and Rob Genualdi, Division Engineer, Division 7, and Rebecca Mitchell, 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 Jaclyn Brown. 8 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, Robert Sakata, Greg Felt, Celene Hawkins, Jaclyn Brown, and Heather Dutton. Non-voting ex officio members present or represented were: Robert Harris, Colorado Parks and Wildlife; Kate Greenberg, Department of Agriculture; Kevin Rein, State Engineer; and Rebecca Mitchell, Colorado Water Conservation Board Director. Counsel to the Board, Jen Mele, was also in attendance.

Wednesday, September 20, 2022

1 Review /Approve Agenda

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Greg Felt, which was seconded by Heather Dutton. The motion was approved unanimously (8-0).

2 Review and Approve July 20 & 21, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes

A motion to approve the July 2022 Board minutes with the following corrections; add Paul Bruchez to the list of attendees at call to order on page 1, was made by Robert Sakata, which was seconded by Greg Felt. The motion was approved unanimously (8-0).

3 Approve and/or Remove Consent Agenda Items

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda Items CA1a-e, 2a, 3a-c, 4a-c, 5a-d and 5g-j was made by Greg Felt, which was seconded by Steve Anderson. The motion was approved unanimously (8-0). Consent agenda item 5e was moved to the end of the agenda on day 1 for more discussion, Celene Hawkins disclosed that her employer is a part of the project on CA 5e.

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. 22CW3030 (Water Division 4): Application of Wolf Land Company, LP
- b. Case No. 22CW3042 (Water Division 5): Application of Red Mountain Ranch Partnership, LLLP
- c. Case No. 22CW3050 (Water Division 5): Application of Two Creeks Holdings LLC
- d. Case No. 22CW3053 (Water Division 5): Application of NamuRanch LLC
- e. Case No. 22CW3059 (Water Division 5): Application of Blue River Valley Ranch Lakes Association

2. Change of Grantee

Water Supply Planning Section

a. Arkansas Basin - Arkansas River Watershed Collaborative - Basin Implementation Plan
Education & Outreach

3. Water Supply Reserve Fund Application Grant

Water Supply Planning Section

Offerings

a. **Basin** - Rio Grande
Applicant - Colorado Master Irrigator
Name of Water Activity - Master Irrigator Program - Expanded Course
SLV
Account Request - \$94,112.50

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b. **Basin** - South Platte
Applicant - Coalition for the Poudre River Watershed
Name of Water Activity - Phase 2 - Fish Passage Design for the Whitney
Eaton Reach of the Cache la Poudre River
Account Request - \$72,970

c. **Basin** - Yampa/White/Green
Applicant - Nicholas & Ann Charchalis
Name of Water Activity - Drescher Dam Rehabilitation - Phase 2
Account Request - \$62,440

4. Floodplain Designations

Watershed and Flood Protection Section

- a. "Flood Insurance Study, Jefferson County and Incorporated Areas", by FEMA, dated August 2022
- b. "Flood Hazard Area Delineation, Cherry Creek Minor Tributaries in Arapahoe County", by Dewberry, dated October 2021
- c. "Flood Hazard Area Delineation, Weaver Creek", by Olsson, dated November 2021

5. Water Plan Grants

Operations Section

Agricultural Projects, a-c

a. **Applicant** - Crawford Clipper Ditch Company

Project - CCDC Upper West Lateral Pipeline and Water Optimization Project

- b. Applicant - Terrace Irrigation Company**
Project - Terrace Irrigation Water Efficiency Project
- c. Applicant - Delta County**
Project - Miners Trail - Short Ditch Extension

Conservation & Land Use Planning, d

- d. Applicant - Louviers Water and Sanitation District**
Project - Louviers Water and Sanitation - Water Service Meter Replacement

Watershed Health & Recreation, f - j

- f. Applicant - Colorado Youth Corps Association**
Project - 3 total projects - Project 1) Rio Grande National Forest Beaver Characterization, Restoration, and Reintroduction Project. Project 2) Alamosa Riparian Park Revegetation. Project 3) John Griffin Regional Park Fire Mitigation Project Phase 2

- g. Applicant - Conservation Resource Center**
Project - Private Lake and Reservoir Protection Initiative: Using Conservation Easements & Tax Credits to promote State Water Plan and Private Land Conservation Goals in the Arkansas, Rio Grande, and South Platte Water Basins

- h. Applicant - American Rivers**
Project - Uncompahgre River Multi-Benefit Project

- i. Applicant - River Science**
Project - River Watch: Collaboration and Outreach for Strategic Macroinvertebrate Data

- j. Applicant - Lyons Ute Hwy, LLC**
Project - Lyons Water Plant Stream Restoration

4	Directors' Reports
4a.	DNR Executive Director/IBCC Director - Dan Gibbs
4b.	CWCB Director - Rebecca Mitchell

4c.	Agriculture Commissioner – Kate Greenberg
4d.	State Engineer - Kevin Rein and Rob Genualdi
4e.	Colorado Parks and Wildlife Director – Robert Harris
4f.	Water Resource and Power Development Authority – Keith McLaughlin

5 Request for Authorization to Proceed to Trials in Stipulated Opposition Cases:

5a Case No. 18CW3193 (Water Division 1): Application of City of Loveland

Action: Report by CWCB staff member Colin Watson. A motion to approve the staff recommendation was made by Celene Hawkins, which was seconded by Heather Dutton. The motion was approved unanimously (8-0).

Staff Recommendation: Pursuant to ISF Rule 8j., Staff recommends that the Board authorize Staff to participate at trial, as necessary, to defend CWCB’s stipulation in each of the cases identified in Table 1. Table 1.

Item	Div.	Case No.	Applicant	Trial Date (No. of Days)	CWCB Stipulation Date	CWCB Statement of Opposition Date
5.a.	1	18CW3193	City of Loveland	October 10, 2022 (8 days)	January 22, 2020	January 30, 2019
5.b.	1	18CW3230	The Consolidated Mutual Water Company	October 24, 2022 (10 days)	April 26, 2022	February 27, 2019

5b Case No. 18CW3230 (Water Division 1): Application of The Consolidated Mutual Water Company

Action: Report by CWCB staff member Colin Watson. A motion to approve the staff recommendation was made by Celene Hawkins, which was seconded by Heather Dutton. The motion was approved unanimously (8-0).

Staff Recommendation: Pursuant to ISF Rule 8j., Staff recommends that the Board authorize Staff to participate at trial, as necessary, to defend CWCB’s stipulation in each of the cases identified in Table 1.

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5.a.	1	18CW3193	City of Loveland	October 10, 2022 (8 days)	January 22, 2020	January 30, 2019

5.b.	1	18CW3230	The Consolidated Mutual Water Company	October 24, 2022 (10 days)	April 26, 2022	February 27, 2019
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6 Proposed Acquisitions for Instream Flow Use
Stream and Lake Protection Section

6a Proposed Water Use Agreement with Colorado River District to Lease Ruedi Reservoir Water for Winter Intream Flow Use in the Fryingpan River, Water Division 5 (Pitkin and Eagle Counties)

Action: Report by CWCB staff member Pete Conovitz.

This is an informational item with no Board action required.

6b Cottonwood Irrigating Ditch No. 1 Expedited Loan of Water from Colorado Parks and Wildlife for Instream Flow Use on Cottonwood Creek, Water Division 2 (Chaffee County)

Action: Report by CWCB staff member Pete Conovitz. A motion to approve the staff recommendation was made by Greg Felt, which was seconded by Steve Anderson. The motion was approved unanimously (8-0).

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Board ratify the CWCB Director’s decision to accept Colorado Parks and Wildlife’s offer of an expedited temporary loan of water for instream flow use on Cottonwood Creek in Water Division 2.

7 Water Plan Grants
Operations Section

Agricultural Projects, a-d

- a. Applicant - Colorado Rio Grande Restoration Foundation
 Project - Farmers Union Canal Diversion and Headgate

- b. Applicant - Colorado Ag Water Alliance
 Project - Agricultural Drought Resilience & Innovative Water Conservation

Action: Report by CWCB staff member Nora Flynn. Heather Dutton disclosed that she sits on the Board of the Colorado Rio Grande Restoration Foundation. Robert Sakata disclosed that he is a member of the CO Food Vegetables Association which is a part of CAWA. Celene Hawkins disclosed that her employer the Nature Conservancy is a partner on the CAWA application is providing match funding. Paul Bruchez disclosed that he gave presentations to the CAWA group but was not part of the

application process. A motion to approve the staff recommendation was made by Heather Dutton, which was seconded by Greg Felt. The motion was approved unanimously (8-0).

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends Board approval of agenda item 7a., \$600,000 to the Colorado Rio Grande Restoration Foundation for the Farmers Union Canal Diversion and Headgate Improvement Project. Staff recommends Board approval of agenda item 7b.\$183,700 to the Colorado Ag Water Alliance for the Agricultural Drought Resilience & Innovative Water Conservation Project.

Conservation & Land Use Planning, c-i

- c. Applicant - Resource Central
Project - Resource Central Landscape Change Program

- d. Applicant - San Miguel Watershed Coalition
Project - Integrated Hydrological Modeling of the San Miguel Watershed: A modern tool for water resource evaluations

- e. Applicant - Pacific Institute for Studies in Development, Environment, and Security
Project - Diversifying Colorado's Water Portfolio: The Potential for Stormwater Capture and Use to Contribute to a Water Resilient Future

- f. Applicant - Fort Collins Utilities
Project - Xeriscape Incentive Program Expansion

- g. Applicant - Fort Collins Utilities
Project - Fort Collins Utilities Water Efficiency Plan Update

- h. Applicant - University of Colorado Denver
Project - Examining the use of recycled water in agricultural production in Colorado

- i. Applicant - Aspen Global Change Institute Inc
Project - Roaring Fork Watershed - Evaluation of Soil

Action: Report by CWCB staff member Kevin Reidy. A motion to approve the staff recommendation was made by Jessica Brody, which was seconded by Robert Sakata. The motion was approved unanimously (8-0).

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
c. Resource Central	Resource Central Landscape Change Program	\$110,070	\$110,070
d. San Miguel Watershed Coalition	Integrated Hydrological Modeling of the San Miguel Watershed: A modern tool for water resource evaluations	\$150,000	\$150,000
e. Pacific Institute for Studies in Development, Environment, and Security	Diversifying Colorado's Water Portfolio: The Potential for Stormwater Capture and Use to Contribute to a Water Resilient Future	\$209,744.75	\$209,744.75
f. Fort Collins Utilities	Xeriscape Incentive Program Expansion	\$100,000	\$100,000
g. Fort Collins Utilities	Fort Collins Utilities Water Efficiency Plan Update	\$200,000	\$160,000
h. - University of Colorado Denver	Examining the use of recycled water in agricultural production in Colorado	\$150,000	\$150,000
i. Aspen Global Change Institute Inc.	Roaring Fork Watershed - Evaluation of Soil Moisture for Water Planning	\$140,683	\$140,683
Total Recommended for Approval			\$1,020,497.75

Water Storage & Supply, j-p

- j. Applicant - Deutsch Domestic Water Company, Inc
Project - DDWC Water Storage and Efficiency Improvements

- k. Applicant - City of Grand Junction
Project - Gunnison River Reservoirs Project

- l. Applicant - Upper Arkansas Water Conservancy District

Project - Round Mountain Reservoir #2 Construction Project

- m. Applicant - Huerfano County Water Conservancy District
Project - 90% Design, Bruce Canyon Reservoir
- n. Applicant - North Poudre Irrigation Company
Project - The Park Creek Enlargement Modification
- o. Applicant - Farmers Reservoir & Irrigation Company
Project - Standley Lake Spillway Raise Evaluation
- p. Applicant - Dominion Water & Sanitation District
Project - Design and Construction of Regional Rainwater

Action: Report by CWCB staff member Matt Stearns. Greg Felt disclosed that he is the Director of the Upper Arkansas Water Conservancy District and a Chaffee County Commissioner. A motion to approve the staff recommendation was made by Celene Hawkins, which was seconded by Jessica Brody. The motion was approved unanimously (8-0).

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
j. Deutsch Domestic Water Company, Inc.	DDWC Water Storage and Efficiency Improvements	\$585,000	Approve \$585,000
k. City of Grand Junction	Gunnison River Reservoirs Projects	\$263,949	Approve \$263,949
l. Upper Arkansas Water Conservancy District	Round Mountain Reservoir #2 Construction Project	\$500,000	Approve \$500,000
m. Huerfano County Water Conservancy District	90% Design, Bruce Canyon Reservoir	\$172,500	Approve \$172,500
n. North Poudre Irrigation Company	The Park Creek Enlargement Modification	\$100,000	Approve \$100,000
o. Farmers Reservoir & Irrigation Company	Standley Lake Spillway Raise Evaluation	\$204,406	Approve \$204,406

p. Dominion Water & Sanitation District	Design and Construction of Regional Rainwater	\$200,000	Approve \$200,000
Total Recommended for Approval			\$2,025,855

Watershed Health & Recreation, q-r

- q. Applicant - Colorado Parks & Wildlife - Denver
Project - Kemp Breeze State Wildlife Area Habitat

- r. Applicant - Colorado State University
Project - Recovery and Resilience of the Cache la Poudre

Action: Report by CWCB staff member Chris Sturm. Jessica Brody disclosed that her employer Denver Water is providing resources for agenda item 7q. A motion to approve the staff recommendation was made by Robert Sakata, which was seconded by Heather Dutton. The motion was approved unanimously (8-0).

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

Applicant	Project Name	Grant Request Amount	Staff Recommendation
q. Colorado Parks and Wildlife	Denver Kemp Breeze SWA Habitat Restoration	\$870,000	\$870,000
r. Colorado State University	Recovery and Resilience of the Poudre	\$472,520	\$315,171
Total Recommended for Approval			\$1,185,171

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

8a. Financial Projections and Cash Management Report

Action: Report by CWCB staff member Kirk Russell.

This is an informational item with no Board action required.

9 Change to Existing Loan
Finance Section

9a. Genesee Water and Sanitation District, Genesee Reservoir No. 1 Enlargement Project

Action: Report by CWCB staff member Cole Bedford. A motion to approve the staff recommendation was made by Robert Sakata, which was seconded by Heather Dutton. The motion was approved unanimously (8-0).

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends the Board approve a loan not to exceed \$5,555,000 (\$5,500,000 for Project costs and \$55,000 for the 1% service fee) to the Genesee Water and Sanitation District for costs related to the Genesee Reservoir No. 1 Enlargement, from the Construction Fund. This is an increase of \$1,313,000 (\$1,300,000 for Project costs and \$13,000 for the 1% service fee). The loan term shall remain 40 years at 2.50% per annum. Security for the loan shall be in compliance with CWCB Financial Policy #5.

10 Water Project Loans

Finance Section

10a Morrisania Water Supply Company – Ditch Rehabilitation Project

Action: Report by CWCB staff member Cole Bedford. A motion to approve the staff recommendation was made by Paul Bruchez, which was seconded by Steve Anderson. The motion was approved unanimously (8-0).

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends the Board approve a loan not to exceed \$141,400 (\$140,000 for project costs and \$1,400 for the 1% service fee) to the Morrisania Water Supply Company for costs related to the Headgate Rehabilitation and Pipeline Installation Project, from the Severance Tax Perpetual Base Fund. The loan term will be 20 years at an interest rate of 2.45% per annum. Security for the loan shall be in compliance with CWCB Financial Policy #5.

10b Smith and Emmons Ditch Company – Diversion Structures Replacement Project

Action: Report by CWCB staff member Cole Bedford. A motion to approve the staff recommendation was made by Robert Sakata, which was seconded by Jessica Brody. The motion was approved unanimously (8-0).

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends the Board approve a loan not to exceed \$414,100 (\$410,000 for project costs and \$4,100 for the 1% service fee) to the Smith and Emmons Ditch Company for costs related to the Diversion Structures Replacement Project, from the Severance Tax Perpetual Base Fund. The loan term will be 30 years at an interest rate of 3.90% per annum. Security for the loan shall be in compliance with CWCB Financial Policy #5.

10c Town of Keenesburg – Alluvial Water Rights Extension Project

Action: Report by CWCB staff member Joshua Godwin. A motion to approve the staff recommendation was made by Robert Sakata, which was seconded by Paul Bruchez. The motion was approved unanimously (8-0).

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends the Board approve a loan not to exceed \$2,121,000 (\$2,100,000 for project costs and \$21,000 for the 1% service fee) to the Town of Keenesburg, operating by and through its water activity enterprise, for costs related to the Alluvial Water Rights Extension Project, from the Severance Tax Perpetual Base Fund. The loan term will be 30 years at an interest rate of 2.70% per annum. Security for the loan shall be in compliance with CWCB Financial Policy #5.

10d **Uncompahgre Valley Water Users Association – Taylor Park**

Action: Report by CWCB staff member Cole Bedford. Steve Pope addressed the Board. Jackie Brown disclosed that her employer Tri State Generation & Electric Assoc. supplies power to the partner company of this applicant. A motion to approve the staff recommendation was made by Steve Anderson, which was seconded by Heather Dutton. The motion was approved unanimously (8-0).

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends the Board approve a loan not to exceed \$1,701,850 (\$1,685,000 for project costs and \$16,850 for the 1% service fee) to the Uncompahgre Valley Water Users Association for costs related to the Taylor Park Hydro Powerplant Project, from the Severance Tax Perpetual Base Fund. The loan term will be 30 years at an interest rate of 2.00% per annum. Security for the loan shall be in compliance with CWCB Financial Policy #5. Staff additionally recommends the following loan contract condition: 1. Prior to disbursement of funds, the Association shall provide documentation that all funding is secured and adequate to cover the Project cost estimate.

10e **North Poudre Irrigation Company – Park Creek Expansion Project**

Action: Report by CWCB staff member Cole Bedford. Jack Byers addressed the Board. A motion to approve the staff recommendation was made by Robert Sakata, which was seconded by Heather Dutton. The motion was approved unanimously (8-0).

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends the Board approve a loan not to exceed \$6,544,800 (\$6,480,000 for project costs and \$64,800 for the 1% service fee) to the North Poudre Irrigation Company for costs related to the Park Creek Expansion Project, from the Severance Tax Perpetual Base Fund. The loan term will be 30 years at an interest rate of 2.55% per annum. Security for the loan shall be in compliance with CWCB Financial Policy #5.

11 **Attorney General’s Report, Legal Briefing, and Executive Session**

Action: Report by Attorney General staff member Scott Steinbrecher and Counsel to the Board, Jen Mele. A motion to go into Executive Session was made by Jessica Brody, which was seconded by Steve Anderson. The motion was approved unanimously (8-0).

12 Executive Session

12a Colorado River Interstate Matters

12b 21CW3064 Cow Creek ISF Application

12c Assisting Basin Roundtables

Report from Executive Session

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Action: Report by Counsel to the Board, Jen Mele. A motion to go out of Executive Session was made by Celene Hawkins, which was seconded by Heather Dutton. The motion was approved unanimously (8-0)

14 Colorado River Interstate Matters

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.

CA **Engagement & Innovation Activities**

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- e. Applicant - Roaring Fork Conservancy**
- Project - Exploring social and environmental controls on the scalability of water conservation program**

Action: Report by CWCB staff member Amy Ostdiek. A motion to approve the staff recommendation was made by Paul Bruchez, which was seconded by Steve Anderson. The motion was approved unanimously (8-0).

Thursday, September 21, 2022

15 Basin Directors' Reports

15a Rio Grande River Basin Director's Report – *Heather Dutton*

15b Yampa-White River Basin Director's Report – *Jackie Brown*

15c Colorado River (Mainstem) Basin Director's Report – *Paul Bruchez*

15d San Juan/San Miguel-Dolores River Basin Director's Report – *Celene Hawkins*

15e Gunnison River Basin Director's Report – *Steve Anderson*

15f North Platte River Basin Director's Report – *Absent*

15g South Platte River Basin Director's Report – *Robert Sakata*

15h Arkansas River Basin Director's Report – *Greg Felt*

15i City and County of Denver Director's Report – *Jessica Brody*

**16 Program Guidance for the Special Release of the Colorado Watershed Restoration Program
Watershed and Flood Protection Section**

Action: Report by CWCB staff member Chris Sturm. A motion to approve the staff recommendation was made by Heather Dutton, which was seconded by Robert Sakata. The motion was approved unanimously (8-0).

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Board Approve the Program Guidance for the Special Release of the Colorado Watershed Restoration Program. Introduction The Colorado Watershed Restoration Program (CWRP) is designed to provide capacity building, planning, engineering, and project implementation funding for stream restoration and watershed protection efforts. It also provides technical assistance for design review, engineering analysis, pre wildfire preparedness, post wildfire hazard analysis, fluvial hazard zone mapping development, construction oversight, adaptive management, and monitoring. The Board first approved the CWRP guidance document and application in September 2008. The Board approved revisions to the program in May 2012 and July 2015 before merging it with the Watershed Health and Recreation category of the Colorado Water Plan grant program in May of 2022. The program dispersed over \$15.5 million from 2009-2022, and it leveraged over \$46 million in match funding. The Board also approved a Special Release of the Colorado Watershed Restoration Program in October 2013 to address planning needs associated with the

September 2013 Front Range floods. Another Special Release was approved in March 2021 to disperse funds appropriated for fire recovery. Total funding administrated through the Special Releases of CWRP exceed \$100 million.

17 Wildfire Ready Watersheds Update
Watershed and Flood Protection Section

Action: Report by CWCB staff member Chris Sturm.

This is an informational item with no Board action required.

18 Water Supply Reserve Fund Applications – September 2022 Board Meeting
Water Supply Planning Section

18a. Basin - Arkansas
Applicant - Cross Creek Metropolitan District
Name of Water Activity - Hale Reservoir Renovation - Cross Creek Park
Account Request - \$100,000

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

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends approval of up to \$100,000 from the Arkansas Basin Account to help fund the project: Hale Reservoir Renovation – Cross Creek Park. Project approval is contingent upon the applicants’ abilities to resolve issues and additional needs discussed below.
Water Activity Summary: The applicant proposes to achieve five goals with this project including: 1) rehabilitate Hale Reservoir dam, increasing the size of the lake and surrounding wetlands; 2) create a non-potable irrigation source for the park’s multi-use fields; 3) increase and improve environmental attributes and habitat; 4) create recreational amenities that allow open space access without damaging habitat; and 5) address and correct water quality and flood hazard issues with stormwater mitigation infrastructure.

18b. Basin - Yampa/White/Green
Applicant - Bear River Reservoir Company
Name of Water Activity - Stillwater Reservoir Repairs & Upgrades
Account Request - \$139,500

Action: Report by CWCB staff member Ben Wade. A motion to approve the staff recommendation was made by Heather Dutton, which was seconded by Paul Bruchez. The motion was approved unanimously (8-0).

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends approval of up to \$139,500 from the Yampa/White/Green Basin Account to help fund the project: Stillwater Reservoir Repairs & Upgrades. Project approval is contingent upon the applicants' abilities to resolve issues and additional needs discussed below. Water Activity Summary: If approved, WSRF funds would assist both phases of the applicant's proposal. The first phase, involves the applicant obtaining accurate cost estimates for the alternatives to mitigate seepage from the left abutment of Stillwater Reservoir. The cost estimates will enable the applicant to select the most efficient and effective repair projects from a list of alternatives already presented to them that are acceptable to the Division of Dam Safety/Division of Water Resources (DWR). This will allow the applicant to develop a detailed design plan for submission to DWR for final approval of the repair projects. The second phase is to replace the outlet's hydraulic power unit, hydraulic reservoir and hydraulic lines with the recommended upgrades and encase the new lines in conduit. These upgrades to the original 1939 equipment will ensure that the outlet system has optimal capability for safe and efficient operation now and for the foreseeable future.

19 Water Supply Reserve Fund Criteria & Guidelines Update

Water Supply Planning Section

Action: Report by CWCB staff member Ben Wade. A motion to approve the staff recommendation with the Boards suggested edits was made by Celene Hawkins, which was seconded by Heather Dutton. The motion was approved unanimously (8-0).

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends the Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB) approve of the revised 2023 Water Supply Reserve Fund Criteria and Guidelines (Guidelines).

20 House Bill 22-1151 turf Replacement Program Update

Water Supply Planning Section

Action: Report by CWCB staff member Russ Sands.

This is an informational item with no Board action required.

21 Water Plan Update

Water Supply Planning Section

Action: Report by CWCB staff member Russ Sands. Molly Mugglestone, Josh Kuhn, and Abby Burk addressed the Board during public comment.

This is an informational item with no Board action required.

22 Table Topic - Innovative, Drought Resilient Agriculture

Focusing on farming and geography in the Southwest and Rio Grande Basins

Board members Celene Hawkins, Paul Bruchez, and Heather Dutton organized speakers from their basins to talk about innovative, drought resilient agriculture. Sheldon Rockey with Rockey Farms, Sara Jones with Jones Family Farm, Tessa Peters with the Land Institute, Mike Preston with Weenuch-u

Development Corporation, Jay Loschert with Montezuma Land Conservancy, and Jude Schuenemeyer with Montezuma Orchard Restoration Project addressed the Board.

This is an informational item with no Board action required.

ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn the September 2022 Board meeting was made by Steve Anderson, which was seconded by Greg Felt. The motion was approved unanimously (8-0).