

DENVER BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

Meeting Date: March 26, 2014

Board Item: II-D

**Intergovernmental Grant Agreement to
Implement Upper Colorado River Habitat Project
Contract # 15401A**

Action by Consent

Action

Information

Denver Water (DW) worked with Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) and the Colorado Wildlife Commission to develop an official state position for the Moffat Collection System Project's Fish and Wildlife Mitigation Plan.

In addition to the Fish and Wildlife Mitigation Plan, DW and the Northern Colorado Water Conservation District Municipal Subdistrict (Subdistrict) submitted Fish and Wildlife Enhancement Plans (Enhancement Plans) to improving existing aquatic habitat in the mainstem of the Colorado River between Windy Gap Reservoir and the Kemp-Breeze State Wildlife Area. The Enhancement Plans identify a combined \$6.0 million in funding for initial construction cost and \$1.5 million for adaptive management and/or maintenance for the Upper Colorado River Habitat Project. DW and the Subdistrict have also agreed, when possible, to provide in-kind services (such as labor, equipment, and materials) to help maximize the value of the funds contributed by the parties. In addition, CPW has agreed to provide in-house expertise and resources for stream restoration design.

Under the Enhancement Plan, and committed through this IGA, DW's share of the Upper Colorado River Habitat Project is \$2.0 million. DW will pay interest on this amount, based on half the annual percentage increase in the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics Consumer Price Index for Denver-Boulder-Greeley, beginning January 1, 2012. Pursuant to this IGA, DW will need to transfer all committed funds to CPW in the first quarter of DW's next budget year after acceptable permit are received and a construction contract has been issued.

Recommendation:

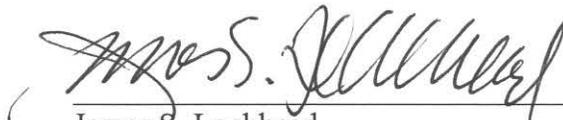
It is recommended that the Board approve the Intergovernmental Grant Agreement.

Approvals:

Respectfully submitted,



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