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Southwest Water Conservation District 841 East 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue Durango, Colorado 81301

RE: SWCD Proposal for Formal Resolution Involving Principles to Govern Colorado's Participation in a Demand Management Program

Dear Southwest Water Conservation District Board:

The Dolores County Board of County Commissioners (DCBOCC) extends our appreciation for your presentation at our last board meeting held in Rico, Colorado. Our thanks to both Bruce Whitehead and Doug Stowe for their information shared in regards to the State of Colorado's Participation in Upper Division States' Demand Management Program and Storage Account in Lake Powell or other initial units of the Colorado River Storage Project Act.

This letter is to show our support for the SWCD proposal for a formal resolution setting forth principles to govern Colorado's participation in a Demand Management Program, and that the Colorado State Engineer endorse the principles with respect to his authorities. We strongly feel that these parameters will set guidelines that allow for fair participation by all. We want these demands to remain voluntary and that reductions in existing consumptive use will not impact our local agricultural economy or other local parsimonies.

We want this program to benefit the state and not to create any disproportionate impacts to any region of Colorado. Especially, the Southwest region and the smaller rural populations that often sees impacts that benefit the front range and their stakeholders in larger proportions.

Thanks again for taking the time to update us on your efforts that benefit our local counties and their constituents.

Sincerely,

Dolores County Board of County Commissioners

Steve Garchar, Chair

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