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Dear Colorado Water Stewardship Project Supporter-

Thank you for your support of the Colorado Water Stewardship Project.

The Colorado Water Congress membership believes our work on ballot initiatives and protection against imposition of the Public Trust to be among CWC's top priorities. Because this ongoing effort on behalf of all our members does require funding to maintain its effectiveness, the Executive Committee of the Colorado Water Stewardship Project is requesting contributions from participating organizations to support activities in 2021.

We operate on an October 1 to September 30th calendar year, and we wanted to reach out to you at this point and see if you would be interested in contributing to the Project in 2021. The overall project budget for 2021 is \$50,000. This amount will enable our continued work on ballot initiatives, court cases, and protection against the imposition of the Public Trust Doctrine in Colorado. For additional information on the value and importance of the Project, please see our attached 2021 Strategy Outline and 2020 Summary. Our focus in 2021 is to continue to monitor proposed initiatives for the 2021-22 ballot and replenish the project budget. You can access the 2019-20 ballot initiative tracking sheet on the CWC website.

We are requesting your continued support for the Project in 2021. We will send you an invoice in late December/early January with the same amount. If there is a different amount you would like to contribute, please let us know. We are reaching out to you early so that you have time to review the 2021 Strategy Outline and a summary of 2020 Accomplishments. We would be happy to answer any questions you may have on the efforts of the Project and the importance your contribution makes to funding our efforts.

The strategy for 2021 is for the CWC to maintain a long-term capacity to respond to ballot measures as Colorado law allows for public entities, including title setting and appeals prior to petition circulation. (Actual campaign work remains the responsibility of the private sector.)

Should any credible ballot initiative threat emerge, there will be a direct appeal for additional funds to address that specific measure. A strong CWC response would be essential, being mindful that all CWC work must comply with the same restrictions placed on any public entity by the Fair Campaign Practices Act.

Your continued participation will help protect all Colorado water users from potentially damaging ballot proposals. We appreciate your support of this vital program. If you have any questions, please contact Chane Polo at Chane@cowatercongress.org.

Sincerely,

Doug Kemper
Executive Director