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RE: Windy Gap Firming Project

Dear Mr. Tully and Mr. Peter,

The following letter is submitted on behalf of Grand County Water and Sanitation District #1. Grand County Water and Sanitation District (the District) is located near the top of the Fraser River Valley and provides water and sanitary sewer service to the majority of the Town of Winter Park and some of the surrounding area.

The District's water supplies are located on Vasquez and Little Vasquez Creeks, tributaries to the Fraser River. Directly above the District water supplies are diversion belonging to the Denver Water Department. The District's wastewater discharges to the Fraser River above Windy Gap.

The District has been made aware of the Environmental Impact Statement that is being prepared for the Denver Water Department's Moffat Collection System project. Because of the close proximity and the effects that they may have, the District feels that the Windy Gap and Moffat projects should be reviewed together and the cumulative impacts considered.

Grand County Water and Sanitation District owns Windy Gap water through Middle Park Water Conservancy District. The District needs this water for existing customers and future development. Without Middle Park's 3,000 acre feet of water being firming up and available in a reliable manner, the District's ability to continue to divert water may be in jeopardy.

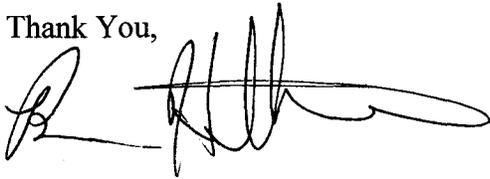
Removal of water from the headwaters of the western slope and the overall impact on water quantity and quality along the Fraser River and Colorado River Basins needs to be addressed within this process. Continued degradation of the water quality is affecting the ability of municipal wastewater treatment plants to meet discharge permits without huge expenditures of monies on up-grades to these treatment systems. Lower water quality and quantity also has

impacts on municipalities in the cost for providing drinking water treatment. Additional expenses caused from trans-mountain diversion will place undue hardships on headwater municipalities.

Grand County Water and Sanitation District #1 appreciates the opportunity to submit these comments.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Thank You,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bruce Hutchins', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Bruce Hutchins
Manager