

May 12, 2022

Colorado River Water Conservation District
Community Funding Partnership
201 Centennial St., suite 200
Glenwood Springs, CO 81601

RE: Support for Shelton Ditch Headgate Project

Dear Colorado River District,

This letter is to express our approval for funding of the Shelton Ditch Company's grant application to rebuild its headgate located just south of the Yampa River. As you know these old ditch company headgates were installed anywhere from 1895 to 1920 (the Shelton's was installed in 1920) and they help supply vital water distribution to various users within the County; mostly agricultural uses. The Shelton Ditch runs all the way from the Yampa River just west of Carpenter Ranch back to the Yampa River west of the Town of Hayden and has 52+ acre feet that flows through it each year.

The Shelton Ditch headgate is in dire shape and we support all the irrigation ditch companies repairing their headgates so they can continue to manage and ensure water delivery to its valuable users.

We appreciate the grant funding opportunities you have provided to water users on the Western Slope and the benefits provided to healthy rivers and watersheds.

Respectfully,

M. Elizabeth Melton, Chair

