



Nikki Knoebel, Mayor

VIA E-MAIL

November 2, 2022

Board of County Commissioner's
Routt County
c/o Jay Harrington, County Manager
522 Lincoln Avenue, Suite #30
Steamboat Springs, Colorado 80487

RE: Funding Request for the Sheriff Reservoir & Dam Headgate and Operating Equipment Installation

Dear Board of County Commissioners:

On behalf of the Town of Oak Creek and its Board of Trustees I am writing to request help to address a funding shortfall for the installation of a new headgate and operating equipment at the Sheriff Reservoir and Dam. The Town, in partnership with DOLA and the Colorado Water Conservation Board purchased the above referenced equipment and solicited bids twice for the installation of this equipment. The installation bids came in over three times the engineers estimate.

The Town asks the Commissioner's help to fund the equipment installation, specifically we request the County to match the Town's \$80,000 which will be used to request \$160,000 from DOLA to pay the cost to install the equipment. The headgate and operating equipment is over 68 years old and there is concern by Town staff and the State Dam Engineer that the operating equipment will fail.

Town of Oak Creek	\$80,000
Routt County	80,000
DOLA	160,000

We are hopeful that with the savings from the partnership to fund make-ready costs for the extension of broadband within the Town that some of these savings can be applied to this critical infrastructure need. The County's share of the make-ready cost is less than \$20,000; adding the \$80,000 contribution for this project will total less than \$100,000 contribution by the BCC for two needed infrastructure projects benefitting our County. Funding support from Routt County will allow the Town to qualify for a 50/50 DOLA grant.

Thank you for your consideration of this funding request. Please contact Town Administrator/Clerk, David Torgler, for any additional information you might need.

Sincerely,

Nikki Knoebel, Mayor

cc: David Torgler, Town Administrator/Clerk
Steve Jamieson, W. W. Wheeler, Project Engineer

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