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Kent Zimmerman
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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Re: DRAFT WSF 2017 Annual Report #4121

Dear Mr. Zimmerman,

This letter provides an outline of the annual progress report for the WSF Grant #4121 titled Western Water Use Management Model Update (WWUMM Update). The WWUMM Update has made significant progress toward completing several major tasks that include:

- The technical portion of the internal model review has been completed which analyzed the modeling and identified any outstanding data transfer issues.
- The land use dataset extension and updating is nearly complete which will be used in the modeling to determine crop consumptive use, surface water demand, and ground water pumping through 2016 within South Platte and North Platte Natural Resources Districts. The task is projected to be completed by June 2017.
- The task to reconfiguration and streamline of the modeling databases is also nearly complete and will significantly increase the modeling efficiency in completing future updates and analyses. This task is projected to be completed by June 2017.

The total project budget is \$392,500. To date, the project has \$133,265.76 in expenses of which WSF has contributed \$79,959.46. The South Platte and North Platte Natural Resources Districts have contributed \$53,306.30.

The project is progressing as planned and we anticipate that the project is on track to be completed by June 2018.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rod L. Horn".

Rod L. Horn
General Manager SPNRD