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July 11, 2023

Colorado River District Community Funding Partnership
201 Centennial Street, Suite 200
Glenwood Springs, CO 81601

RE: Community Funding Partnership Grant- Blue Stone Ditch Project Letter of Support

Dear Grant Committee:

The Mesa County Board of County Commissioners (“Mesa County”) is pleased to offer its support for the Grand Valley Water Users Association’s (“GVWUA”) application for funding from the Colorado River District for the replacement of the diversion headgates and related components at the Roller Dam (“Headworks Project”).

Mesa County supports this project as it aims to increase efficiency, foster improved operations, and enable precise measurement at the point of diversion, while preserving the beauty and historic presence of this iconic dam. Ensuring sustainable water flows to the Vinelands Power Plant for energy generation and effectively boosting water flow to the 15-mile Reach of the Colorado River, the Roller Dam is a vital component for the success of many important resources along the Colorado River, including the Upper Colorado River Endangered Fish Recovery Program.

Mesa County advocates for and strongly supports all initiatives aimed at safeguarding our invaluable water resources. Ensuring water reliability for senior water rights across Mesa County is crucial to the viability of agriculture throughout the county. It is our understanding that the Headworks Project will further that reliability and resiliency through tangible and enduring water savings that contribute significantly to the broader objective of achieving water sustainability in Colorado.

We appreciate your consideration of this important project.

Sincerely,

Janet Rowland
Chair, Mesa County Commissioner

Cody Davis
Commissioner

Bobbie Daniel
Commissioner

cc: Mesa County Administration