

Resolution
Board of Directors
Tri-County Water Conservancy District



**TRI-COUNTY
WATER**
CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

Whereas Tri-County, the County of Ouray, Colorado and the Ouray County Water Users Association entered into an agreement October 31, 2017 to jointly develop certain water rights owned by Tri-County; and

Whereas, the Board of Directors has considered a proposal by Ouray County to develop Ram's Horn Reservoir and a new pipeline to deliver water from it and from Cow Creek to Ridgway Reservoir; and

Whereas, water rights to allow storage for additional uses and for a new pipeline are needed to implement the proposal and to provide additional water , for Applicants and all of their water users; and

Whereas, the water rights for Ram's Horn Reservoir are owned by Tri-County; and

Whereas, the additional water rights should also be owned by Tri-County, at least in part; and,

Whereas, Ouray County, Tri-County and the Ouray County Water Users Association have the intent to appropriate the water contemplated for beneficial purposes, including irrigation, augmentation, domestic, municipal, recreational, piscatorial, fishery, and hydro purposes,

Now Therefore, it is **RESOLVED** that the Board affirms its intention to appropriate water rights for beneficial purposes, as described in the draft Application for Water Rights for **Surface Diversion for the Cow Creek – Ridgway Reservoir Pipeline, Alternate Points of Diversion for the Cow Creek – Ridgway Reservoir Pipeline Project, Rams Horn Reservoir Use Enlargement, and Conditional Appropriative Right of Exchange, and the application is hereby approved, subject to additional revisions as determined appropriate by Ouray County and the Ouray County Water Users Association.**

Tri-County's attorney and staff are authorized to proceed with the filing of this application, in coordination with Ouray County and the Ouray County Water Users' Association. Michael J. Berry is authorized to verify the application.

ADOPTED this 20th day of November, 2019 by unanimous vote:

Tri-County Water Conservancy District

Jack Sibold, Board President