

Grant County Water Commission
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July 14, 2011

Craig Roepke, Deputy Director
New Mexico Interstate Stream Commission
P. O. Box 25102
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504-5102

Re: Tier 1 Application

Dear Mr. Roepke:

On behalf of the Grant County Water Commission and its members, I am submitting a final Tier 1 Application for AWSA funding to support a regional water project. It is attached.

We have done our best to address the review comments made about our preliminary submittal that caused it to fail Criterion #3. Our hydrologist is available for any further explanation that might be needed. We expect that substantially more analysis would have to be performed before a project could actually be implemented, but we believe that we have demonstrated genuine concern at this stage regarding the comments made and have outlined strategies for ensuring that no harm would come to the Gila environment as a result of our proposal.

We have also modestly scaled back the project at the request of the Mayor of Bayard. Projects specific to Bayard are no longer included but Mayor Kelly remains in support of the shared regional elements.

Please call if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Alex C. Brown
Chair