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Subject: Re Tier-1 application reconsideration

Dear Craig,

Please forward my thanks to the panel for passing my water harvesting proposal. I think they will be pleased by the amount of water resources this will create for the people of the four county area. Please also ask the panel on my behalf to reconsider approving my other two proposals. As you know, I separated my original proposal into parts at your request.

Water Harvesting Road Drainage Proposal:

A series of workshops on water harvesting road drainage will help change the culture and practices of the people who have a huge impact on our drainage network - the people who build and maintain road drainage features, many of which unnecessarily exacerbate flooding of small tributaries, which has a very large overall affect on our watersheds. A small amount of money expended on training for this group can have a huge impact on our water supply over time. I am specifically referring to teaching them how to improve road drainage features that reduce the flash flood contribution from the thousands of small watercourses that our roads must pass.

Watershed Restoration Proposal:

This proposal addresses water supply and demand in a very complex and subtle way that results in a huge benefit to New Mexico water users. Correcting gullying and other runoff problems, and restoring floodplain connectivity to incised stream systems will detain the water in our natural watercourses for much longer, giving us a greater opportunity to put this water to beneficial use before it flows out of New Mexico mountains and out of the state. The synergistic effect of the many positive environmental impacts is huge, so please consider that the benefits of this proposal may be more powerful than apparent when analyzed by the present evaluation criteria. I will be happy to be more specific about the positive environmental effects during the Tier II application.

Thank you very much for considering this appeal for reconsideration,

Van Clothier