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Senator Wayne Allard  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Senator Ken Salazar  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Emailed this date to:

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RE: CLUB 20 supports S.1477 to assist the Mancos Water Conservancy District

Dear Senators Allard and Salazar:

CLUB 20 would like to request your support of the Mancos Water Conservancy District's efforts to rehabilitate the canal structures and related facilities of the Mancos Project and their request for federal financial support by passage of Bill S.1477.

The Jackson Gulch Reservoir, which is supported by an inflow and outflow canal from the Mancos River, has successfully provided additional municipal and agricultural water (beyond what the Mancos River can provide) to residents of the Mancos Valley, Mesa Verde National Park, the town of Mancos and the Mancos Rural Water Company for the past 55 years. The canal system and related facilities are aging and environmental elements (weather, erosion, mudslides, rock falls, etc.) have contributed to deterioration of these structures. The District is very concerned that continued deterioration will soon lead to a catastrophic canal failure which will cease water inflow into the reservoir and threaten the water supply.

The District would like to rehabilitate the canals and related facilities which is financially more responsible than to make costly emergency repairs caused by a catastrophic failure. Such rehabilitation of the structures will ensure residents and visitors of a constant, stable water supply for many years into the future.

CLUB 20 supports the Mancos Water Conservancy District in their efforts to rehabilitate the canal structures and related facilities of the Mancos Project, but we recognize that the residents of the Mancos Valley simply cannot finance the entire cost of this effort. We therefore support the District's request for federal financial support via passage of S.1477.

Thank you for your understanding of the importance of this project and your efforts to secure passage of Bill S.1477.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Reeves Brown". The signature is stylized with a large, looped initial "R" and a horizontal line at the end.

Reeves Brown  
Executive Director