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9195 E. Mineral Avenue, Suite 200
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Attention: Steve Boand, Acting SHMO

Re: PHASE 2 APPROVAL – FEMA DR-4145-CO, HMGP Project 41-R
    Flood Control-Sanderson Gulch Reach 1 Improvements

Dear Mr. Reynolds:

We are pleased to notify you that Phase 2 of the above referenced project has been approved. The total project cost for Phase 1 and Phase 2 activities is $10,841,422, with a federal share of $5,290,603. The non-federal match requirement of $5,550,819 will be provided through local and State funding. The Grantee must award the project within 45 days from the date of this letter. The subgrantee must then begin the project immediately.

On November 23, 2015 FEMA approved Phase 1 funding for the completion of the environmental assessment. FEMA has reviewed the Phase 1 deliverables and determined that the project is eligible for funding. The first obligation of funds in the amount of $1,763,534 has been approved, and is referenced in the enclosed Obligation Report. Federal funds will be released according to the following Strategic Funds Management Schedule:

1. 9/30/2016 $1,763,534
2. 7/31/2017 $1,763,534
3. 1/31/2018 $1,763,534

All projects should be completed within 36 months of the end of the DR-4145-CO application period and closeout documentation submitted to FEMA within 90 days of project completion. When the Grantee extends subgrant periods of performance (POPs), changing the approved work schedule, FEMA must be informed either by letter or in the quarterly report. Also, subgrant POPs must be monitored closely to ensure individual subgrant POPs are not approved beyond the grant POP. Quarterly reports must be completed until the project is officially reconciled by FEMA. Quarterly performance and financial reports are due on January 31, April 30, July 31, and October 31.

Enclosed are environmental document(s) applicable to this project. In your award letter to the subgrantee, please send them a copy of these documents and make them aware of the importance of complying with all conditions written in the Record of Environmental Consideration (REC) or the Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI). Failure to comply with these conditions could delay or jeopardize federal funding and the success of the project.

As you know, a project cannot be changed in any way without authorization from FEMA. Any changes to the design, permitting, or construction of the project as described in the REC or FONSI must be reported to FEMA and will require additional environmental review. Any correspondence between the subgrantee and federal, state or local agencies related to environmental issues post award must also be reported.

It is also the responsibility of the subgrantee to monitor the environmental conditions stated in the environmental documents and report compliance in their quarterly reports. Once the project is completed and ready to be submitted for closeout, FEMA requires a description of how the environmental conditions were met, a signed copy of the enclosed Environmental Closeout Declaration form, and any copies of required permits not previously submitted with quarterly reports.

We will work closely with you and your staff to ensure the success of the project. FEMA's goal is for all approved projects to begin immediately and to be completed within the timeframes specified in the project sub-application. Please be aware that this project and future projects may be disallowed for non-performance per 44 CFR Part 13.43, or for violation of any federal, state, or local environmental law or regulation.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Rich Hansen, Colorado's program manager, at (303) 235-4807 or richard.hansen@fema.dhs.gov.

Sincerely,

Michael E. Hillenburg
Hazard Mitigation Assistance Branch Chief

Enclosures:
Obligation Report
REC