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RE: Project Accelerator Program

Dear Project Accelerator Team,

Eagle County supports the development of the Eagle River Watershed Regional Outdoor Water Efficiency Program, led by the Eagle River Watershed Council (ERWC). Protecting our mountain ecosystem is a key priority of Eagle County's strategic plan. Our waterways supply our community with drinking water, offer quality of life benefits to our residents, support critical wildlife habitat and offer exceptional recreation opportunities which serve as an economic driver within our community.

Eagle County's population is expected to continue to grow over the next decade and we are already witnessing the impact of climate change on our water resources. In this context, improving our community's water efficiency is one of the critical actions we must take to ensure there is enough water to support people and the environment into the future. We believe that the regional outdoor water efficiency program will help us to achieve our community's goals of protecting our critical ecosystems and securing our community's water future by driving efficiency upgrades through rebates, direct assistance to large water users, developing and recommending policies that support water efficiency, and providing ongoing education and outreach to community members and visitors.

Eagle County plans to provide continued support to this effort through technical program assistance and assistance with education and outreach efforts.

We respectfully encourage WaterNow Alliance to support ERWC through funding and support from the regional Project Accelerator Program. If you have any questions regarding our support, please contact Maureen Mulcahy, Natural Resources Policy Manager, by email at [maureen.mulcahy@eaglecounty.us](mailto:maureen.mulcahy@eaglecounty.us) or by phone at (970) 471-8830.

Sincerely,

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