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February 6, 2024

Lisa Darling, Chair  
Greg Johnson, Co-Chair  
Metro Roundtable

RE: Interest in At-Large Position

Dear Ms. Darling, Mr. Johnson, and Board Members,

Please accept this letter of interest for the open At-Large position on the Metro Roundtable. I have had the pleasure of attending the Metro Roundtable since 2019 as part of my role with the City of Aurora's Water Department and have been the alternate for the Arapahoe County Municipal seat for several years. I attend, not only to fulfill that role, but because the Roundtable has helped to inform and guide my work in water. I have a personal interest in open communication, collaboration, and problem solving around water in Colorado because I see the importance of the roles filled by all who make decisions around water in Colorado.

I would like to bring my connection between the municipal and agricultural interests to the table in the role of At-Large member. I've lived continuously in the Metro area for over 40 years, and I've been involved in the connection of municipal and agricultural interests for over 16 years with Aurora Water.

Along with my work leading the Aurora Water South Platte Basin team, I am actively involved as a member of the Brighton Ditch Company Board, the New Brantner Extension Ditch Company Board, and the Tetsel Ditch Company Board. I help to guide and inform decisions on activities in the ditches involving everything from maintenance decisions, deliveries, and daily shareholder concerns to emergency repairs, grant management, and legal challenges facing the ditches as the urban areas encroach on farmlands. I'm also involved in 13 other ditch systems along the mainstem of the South Platte where my team at Aurora operates an extensive agricultural leaseback program.

I am actively involved in advocacy for ditches throughout the state in my role as president of the Ditch and Reservoir Company Alliance. DARCA prides itself on its dedication to prioritizing community and engaging in advocacy and information exchanging with its predominantly agricultural membership.

I hope that those who know me find me engaging, honest, empathetic, and determined. I'd be honored to be allowed to fill a seat as the At-Large Member to help represent the nexus between multiple water uses in Colorado.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dawn M. Jewell". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Dawn M. Jewell  
South Platte Basin Water Resources Manager  
Aurora Water

# Dawn M. Jewell

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## Education

Metropolitan State University  
BS in Land Use, Environment,  
and Resources

## Key Skills

Colorado Water Law  
Project Management  
Communication  
Problem-solving  
Collaboration

## Summary

As the South Platte Basin Water Resources Manager at Aurora Water, my primary objectives are to ensure the City of Aurora has an adequate supply of water by developing and acquiring water rights, to protect the City's water rights through proactive negotiations, partnerships, and water court activities, and to administer the City's water rights through the proper management, diversion, and accounting of the City's water rights in the South Platte Basin. I manage a team of seven who focus on all aspects of these three objectives within the South Platte Basin and we pride ourselves on the positive relationships we've built and fostered in the basin.

During my 16 years in Water Resources in Colorado, I have been involved in complex water issues from a legal, policy, and technical point of view. I have broad experience in the intersection of multiple needs and purposes for water. I've been fortunate to work with NGOs, the agricultural community, utilities, state, and federal officials to understand and find resolution on complex issues.

## Work Experience

MAY 2017 - PRESENT  
**South Platte Basin Water Resources Manger** |  
Aurora Water

JULY 2011 – MAY 2017  
**Water Resources Engineer** | Aurora Water

SEPTEMBER 2007 – JULY 2011  
**Engineering Assistant** | Aurora Water

## Board Experience

JUNE 2011 - PRESENT  
**New Brantner Extension Ditch Company Board**

MARCH 2012 - PRESENT  
**Brighton Ditch Company Board**

FEBRUARY 2017 - PRESENT  
**Ditch and Reservoir Company Alliance Board**

NOVEMBER 2019 - PRESENT  
**South Platte Forum Committee**

DECEMBER 2020 - PRESENT  
**Tetsel Ditch Company Board**

OCTOBER 2015 – DECEMBER 2016  
**Platteville Irrigating and Milling Company Board**