



AGENDA ACTION ITEM

DATE: 2024-08-12
TO: Board of County Commissioners
FROM: Teton Basin Water Users Association
ITEM TITLE: **Action Item – Fund Request**

Summary:

This Action Item is for the Board to consider providing funds for a GIS project to map out canals, ditches, pipelines, and right of ways within the TBWUA area

The Teton Basin Water Users Association (TBWUA) is a diverse group led by agricultural producers, conservation groups, municipal and county leaders, and experts in hydrology and economics of the rural west working together to develop a more stable water supply for all users in Teton Valley.

One of our goals that will benefit the county is to map all the water systems in the Valley. This includes the canals, ditches, pipelines, and right of ways within our membership area.

With the growth of the area this is a very important need which will allow government officials, developers, landowners and farmers to access the mapping system through the county GIS website.

Teton Basin Water Users is asking all the beneficiaries of this activity to contribute both monetarily and with labor to achieve this goal.

We are in the process of applying for grants and we need help in finding the matching funds to make this happen.

Sponsor's & Benefactors:

This could help reduce conflict with landowners and canal companies.

Fiscal Impact:

The Water Users group has found a potential sponsor, but they are looking for local interest. The TBWUA is seeking \$5-10k from the County to demonstrate local interest.

SUGGESTED MOTION:

Approve \$ from fund ____ to support the Teton Basin Water Users' Association mapping project.