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Re: Aquifer Monitoring Proposal
Southern Denver Basin Bedrock Aquifers

Dear Ms Murphy:

The Division of Water Resources previously stated its support of the plan to improve the coverage and quality of water level information from the Denver Basin bedrock aquifers in the southern area of the Denver Basin. At present, there are a limited number of sites in our monitoring network located in the south and eastern parts of the basin that have provided long term data; particularly in the eastern portions of the aquifers underlying El Paso County. The proposed dedicated monitoring wells and additional 25 existing wells to be selected for monitoring will provide additional geologic and water level information needed to better define and understand ground water conditions in this area.

As long term water level trends are generally needed to track and characterize changing aquifer conditions, the Division will continue measuring water levels from the monitoring wells during its annual data collection activities in the basin after the initial three years. Again, we request that prior to taking over the monitoring program this information be made available for inclusion in our annual publication "Ground Water Levels in the Denver Basin Bedrock Aquifers".

Thank you for including us in the planning stage of this proposal. Please contact Dave McElhanev for technical assistance, review of the proposed monitoring locations, and any other questions you may have.

Sincerely,

Dick Wolfe, P.E.
State Engineer, Director

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