

Summary

This is an application for a change of water right, conditional storage water rights, and approval of a plan for augmentation located near Parkdale in Fremont County. Applicant is seeking to change the type of use of the Somerville No. 2 Ditch from irrigation to include recreation, wildlife, piscatorial, wetlands, fire protection, and augmentation. Applicant also intends to change the place of use to include storage in Benedictine Ponds 1 and 2, which are located downstream from the ditch headgate.

Out-of-priority depletions caused by evaporation from the two ponds and consumption from additional landscape irrigation on Applicant's property will be replaced by consumptive use credits associated with the dry up of lands historically irrigated under the Somerville No. 2 Ditch.

CWCB Appropriation

The CWCB holds the following instream flow water right that could be injured by this application:

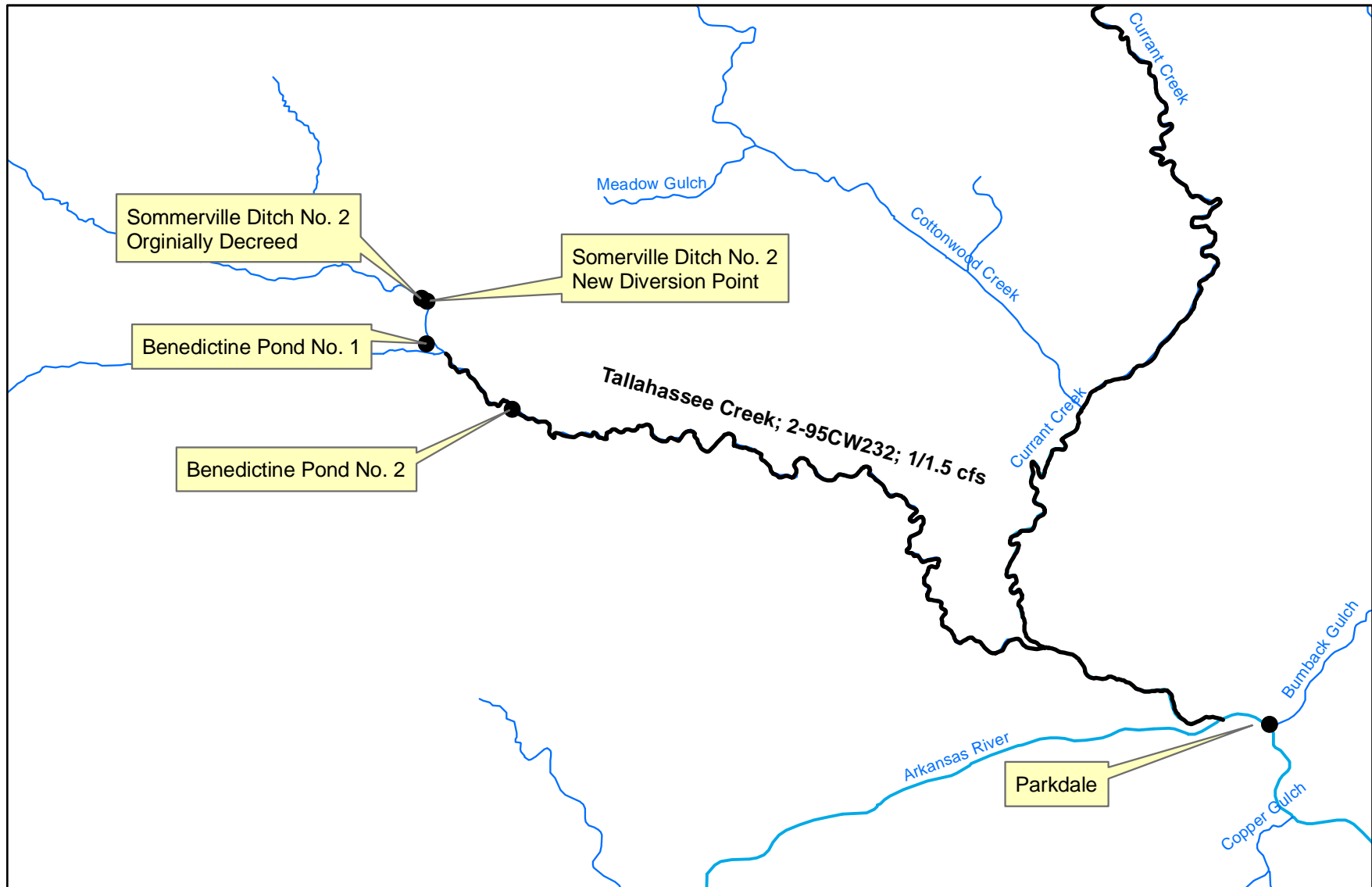
CWCB Case No.	Stream/Lake	Amount (cfs)	Approp. Date	Watershed	County
2-95CW232	Tallahassee Creek	1/1.5	11/6/95	Arkansas River	Fremont

Potential for Injury

Applicant's additional landscape irrigation and year-round operation of the ponds may cause an expansion of use of the Somerville No. 2 Ditch. Furthermore, the plan for augmentation may not be adequate to replace depletions in time, location and amount to prevent injury to the Board's instream flow water right.

Other Objectors

Other objectors include Upper Arkansas Water Conservancy District and the State and Division Engineers.



March 17-18, 2009 Board Meeting
Consent Agenda Item 1b; Statement of Opposition
Case No. 2-08CW097; Benedictine Fellowship of St. Laurence

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