Consent Agenda Item 1.f May 2010 Board Meeting Case No. 3-09CW034; San Luis Valley WCD

Summary

This is an application for a change of water rights, augmentation plan and conditional substitute supply and exchange involving the Anaconda Ditch in Alamosa, Rio Grande, Saguache, Hinsdale and Mineral Counties. Applicant proposes to change a portion of several priorities for the Anaconda Ditch for use as augmentation water in the San Luis Valley WCD's umbrella augmentation plan. Under the plan, the changed water rights will be available for use to replace depletions from structures which may be added to the plan in the future.

CWCB Appropriations

The CWCB holds decrees for a large number of instream flow water rights in the Upper Rio Grande basin that fall within the San Luis Valley Water Conservancy District boundaries that could be injured by this application.

Potential for Injury

The proposed change of water rights will occur downstream of instream flow water rights on the Rio Grande mainstem, and therefore, is unlikely to cause injury to the Board's instream flow rights. However, the District boundaries encompass many other instream flow segments, and those other instream flow rights could be injured if future depletions are not properly replaced in time, place and amount.

Other Objectors

Other objectors include the Rio Grande Water Users Assn., James Warner, and the State and Division Engineers.

