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**SAN MIGUEL WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT**

**April 21, 2011**

To: Colorado Water Conservation Board  
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This is notice to the Colorado water Conservancy Board that we are requesting Contestant Hearing Participation Status pursuant to Rule 5m in the matter regarding The Lower San Miguel River In stream Flow, 2CCR 408-2.

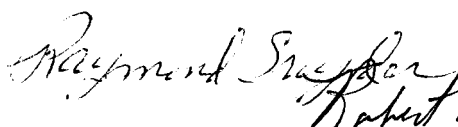

We are a water conservancy district whose purpose is to develop water resources for use in the Wrights Mesa area and to provide continuing, but limited assistance to the water entities in our district. We have provided funds for studies on the In Stream flow of the lower San Miguel River and other financial aid to several of the water entities in our area on various projects. We object to the CWCB ISF proposal for the following reasons.

The ISF proposal by CWCB does not show a fair assessment of the needs of the users and residents of the San Miguel watershed, and denies all users the flexibility to change their water rights for different uses and places of use as allowed by Colorado law. In addition, there has not been enough time to study the 50 year needs of the people and all the water users in the San Miguel watershed. A several year study with the CWCB engaging the water entities of the area should be consummated to address these issues.

The CWCB's calculations concerning the minimum amount of ISF to protect the natural environment are unreasonable and unrealistic. There have been two studies of which we have contributed funds for that stated the proposed flows are too high.

Please include our board on your ISF Subscription mailing lists for water division four, and include our name on the list of contested hearing participants pursuant to rule 5m.

Sincerely,

Raymond Snyder, President, Robert W. Bray, Secretary