

Consent Agenda Item 1f  
March 20-21, 2012 Board Meeting  
Case No. 2-11CW081; The City of Aurora, Colorado

**Summary**

The Applicant seeks to obtain rights of exchange in the Arkansas River Basin for a portion of the Columbine Ditch transbasin diversion that originates in the Colorado River Basin. Applicant intends to exchange water into storage in Clear Creek Reservoir, Twin Lakes Reservoir, and Turquoise Lake for subsequent use in the South Platte River Basin by the City of Aurora or to meet replacement obligations in the Arkansas River Basin.

**CWCB Appropriations**

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

<b>CWCB Case No.</b>	<b>Stream/Lake</b>	<b>Amount (cfs)</b>	<b>Approp. Date</b>	<b>Watershed</b>	<b>County</b>
5-85CW262	East Fork Eagle River	1.5	5/3/1985	Eagle	Eagle
2-77W4654	Lake Fork Creek	15	1/19/1977	Arkansas headwaters	Lake
2-77W4655	Lake Fork Creek	20	1/19/1977	Arkansas headwaters	Lake
2-75W4271	Lake Creek	15	5/1/1975	Arkansas headwaters	Lake

**Potential for Injury**

The proposed application could cause injury to CWCB's instream flow water rights if the amounts, type of use, and place of use of the exchanged water are not consistent with the final outcome of Case No. 5-09CW187, involving the Columbine Ditch transbasin rights, to which CWCB is a party. For all exchanges through instream flow reaches, the decree should contain terms and conditions to protect the instream flow water rights.

**Other Objectors**

Other objectors include Holbrook Mutual Irrigating Company, Fort Lyon Canal Company, City of Colorado Springs, Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District, Amity Mutual Irrigating Company and District 67 Irrigating Canals Association, United States of America, and Chaffee County.

