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AGENDA ITEM #6: Chatfield Reallocation Project - water user storage space transfer

Project Status

The Chatfield Reservoir Reallocation project was approved through a Record of Decision that was issued by the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works) in May 2014. More recently, a Water Storage Agreement between the State of Colorado and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers was signed, allowing the project to move forward to the design and implementation phases.

Storage Space Transfer Request

Over a decade ago, a group of interested water providers entered into Letters of Commitment (agreements) with the CWCB for potential storage space in the reallocation project. Among other provisions, the agreements established distribution amounts for the proposed 20,600 acre-foot storage pool.

The agreements also anticipated transfers of storage space over time and established a protocol for how storage shares could be bought and sold by the water providers, or transferred to the CWCB. Previous transfers by water providers have taken place beginning in 2007, which were approved by the CWCB pursuant to the established process.

Currently, the Central Colorado Water Conservancy District (Central) intends to acquire an additional 1,425 acre-feet of space in the project, which is being relinquished by the Western Mutual Ditch Company. Participating water providers in the project are completing the redistribution documents and will obtain all necessary signatures in the near future. Staff is seeking approval from the Board for the storage space transfer from Western Mutual Ditch Company to Central.

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Board approve, in concept, the redistribution of 1,425 acre-feet of Chatfield project storage space from the Western Mutual Ditch Company to the Central Colorado Water Conservancy District. Staff further recommends that the Board allow the CWCB Director to sign the associated transfer documents once completed.

