# **Summary of Water Court Application**

The Applicant requests new storage (90,000 acre-feet) and direct flow (400 cfs) water rights for multiple uses including piscatorial and "maintenance and recovery of federally listed threatened and endangered species," which will likely require a contract with CWCB for instream flow use. CWCB has exclusive authority to hold instream flow water rights. Applicant consented to CWCB's Motion to Intervene so that any necessary contract could be negotiated during the pendency of the water court case.

### **Staff Recommendation**

Staff requests ratification of the Motion to Intervene and Statement of Opposition filed to maintain CWCB's exclusive authority to hold instream flow water rights.

## **Attorney**

The Attorney assigned to this case is Jennifer Mele, who can be contacted at jennifer.mele@state.co.us.

## Potential for Injury

• CWCB has exclusive authority to hold instream flow water rights. Applicant's request for uses of piscatorial and "maintenance and recovery of federally listed threatened and endangered species," may require a contract with CWCB for instream flow use.

#### Other Objectors

Statements of Opposition were filed by Oscar S. Wyatt Jr, Exxon Mobil Corporation, Roy E. Savage, Joan L. Savage, John W. Savage Jr., Daniel W. Savage, Marshall T. Savage, the Bureau of Land Managment, and Terracarta Energy Resources LLC.

