Summary of Water Court Application

Applicant seeks to make absolute its 4 cfs remaining conditional direct flow water right. A 60 cfs water right was decreed in 99CW182. Of the 60 cfs, 56 cfs was made absolute in 08CW142. Beneficial use claimed is "piscatorial and recreational use in the trout fishery."

Staff Recommendation

Staff requests ratification of the Statement of Opposition filed to protect CWCB's instream flow water rights.

CWCB Instream Flow Water Rights

The CWCB holds the following instream flow water right(s) that could be injured by this application:

CWCB		Upper	Lower	Rate		Approp.	
Case No.	Stream	Terminus	Terminus	cfs	Timing	Date	Watershed
4- 87CW257	Taylor River	gage below Taylor Park Reservoir	confl. Spring Creek	50, 100	10/1-4/30, 5/1-9/30	10/2/1987	East-Taylor

Potential for Injury

Applicant's claim to make absolute its conditional right decreed for in-ditch piscatorial
and recreational use may not be valid given the recent ruling in St. Jude's Co. v. Roaring
Fork Club, L.L.C., 2015 CO 51, 351 P.3d 442 (Colo.2015) (holding that private, in-ditch
diversions for recreational and piscatorial use are not beneficial under Colorado water
law).

Other Objectors

No other Statements of Opposition were filed.

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