

Case No. 1-15CW3148; Central Colorado Water Conservancy District, the Groundwater Management Subdistrict of the Central Colorado Water Conservancy District, and the Well Augmentation Subdistrict of the Central Colorado Water Conservancy District

### **Summary of Water Court Application**

Applicants seek a new water right in Chatfield Reservoir for several uses including "streamflow enhancement" that "may be made in conjunction with the Colorado Water Conservation Board." CWCB staff has already begun working with Applicants on this case.

### **Staff Recommendation**

Staff requests ratification of the Statement of Opposition filed to coordinate with Applicants to protect CWCB's instream flow water rights and to protect CWCB's exclusive authority to hold instream flow water rights.

### **CWCB Instream Flow Water Rights**

Instream flow water rights that may be injured cannot be specifically identified because the place of use is not clearly defined in the application.

### **Potential for Injury**

- CWCB has exclusive authority to hold instream flow water rights. Applicant is working to develop a contract or other mechanism with CWCB for instream flow use of the water.
- Administrative exchanges may be required for Applicant's plan. Protective terms and conditions should be included in any final decree to prevent injury to the CWCB's instream flow water rights.

### **Other Objectors**

Statements of Opposition were also filed by Centennial Water and Sanitation District, the City of Aurora, the City of Littleton, Denver Water, Public Service Company of Colorado, the Town of Castle Rock, South Suburban Park and Recreation District, Colorado Division of Parks and Wildlife and the City of Englewood.

### **CWCB Attorney**

The Attorney assigned to this case is Philip Lopez, who can be contacted at philip.lopez@coag.gov, or 720-508-6312.

