Consent Agenda Item 1.j March 16-17, 2016 Board Meeting Case No. 6-15CW3058; Upper Yampa Water Conservancy District

Summary of Water Court Application

Applicant seeks an umbrella plan for augmentation with exchanges for the Elk River Watershed area. Replacment water to be used for augmentation includes numerous water rights downstream of diversions.

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 more than 40 instream flow water rights in the Elk River watershed that could be injured by this application.

Potential for Injury

• The proposed plan for augmentation and exchange may not replace depletions in the proper time, place and amount, which could injure the CWCB's instream flow water rights.

Other Objectors

Statements of Opposition were also filed by Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, Inc., Public Service Company of Colorado, Colorado Division of Parks and Wildlife, the State Engineer's Office, and the City of Steamboat Springs.

CWCB Attorney

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