

## **BEFORE THE COLORADO WATER CONSERVATION BOARD**

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### **IN THE MATTER OF PROPOSED INSTREAMFLOW APPROPRIATIONS WATER DIVISION 6: WILLOW CREEK (UPPER AND LOWER ISF INCREASES)**

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#### **NOTICE OF PREHEARING CONFERENCE & DEADLINES FOR SUBMISSIONS**

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The Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB) has designated Senior Assistant Attorney General Patrick E. Kowaleski as Hearing Officer for the contested proposed instream flow appropriations on Willow Creek. The hearing on this matter will be held in conjunction with the CWCB's meeting November 16-17, 2016, in Denver, Colorado. You will be notified of the precise time of the hearing once it is scheduled.

Pursuant to Rule 5c. of the Rules Concerning the Colorado Instream Flow and Natural Lake Level Program, the Hearing Officer hereby establishes the following deadlines for written submissions, designation of witnesses and exhibits, and the date of the prehearing conference.

#### **Friday, September 9, 2016: Prehearing Statements Due**

On or before 4:45 p.m., each Party shall file an electronic copy and five hard copies of its prehearing statement with the CWCB. The prehearing statement shall identify all exhibits, engineering data, biological data and reports or other information that the Party will rely upon at the hearing and shall contain:

- i) a specific statement of the factual and legal claims asserted (issues to be resolved) and the legal basis upon which the Party will rely;
- ii) copies of all exhibits to be introduced at the hearing;
- iii) a list of witnesses to be called and a brief description of their testimony;
- iv) any alternative proposal to the proposed instream flow appropriation;
- v) all written testimony to be offered into evidence at the hearing; and,
- vi) any legal memoranda.

By this deadline, each Party shall also deliver a copy of its prehearing statement, by email, to all other Parties, the Hearing Officer and the Assistant Attorney General representing the Staff, Derek Turner.

The CWCB will not consider information, other than rebuttal statements, submitted by the Parties after this deadline except for good cause shown.

**Thursday, September 15, 2016: Prehearing Conference 2:00 p.m.**

The prehearing conference scheduled for September 15 will afford the Parties the opportunity to address such issues as time limitations for each Party to present at the hearing, avoiding presentation of any duplicative information, consolidation of concerns, etc. The Parties may formulate stipulations respecting the issues to be raised, witnesses and exhibits to be presented, and any other matters which may be agreed to or admitted by the Parties. At the prehearing conference, each Party shall identify any objections to the procedures or evidence it anticipates raising at the hearing unless such objections could not have been reasonably determined by the time of the prehearing conference.

A prehearing conference will be held on Thursday, September 15, 2016, at 2:00 p.m. on the 7<sup>th</sup> Floor, Conference Room 7207, Colorado Department of Law, Ralph L. Carr Colorado Judicial Center, 1300 Broadway, Denver, Colorado 80203. You will need to go through security to enter the building, and to check in at the lobby desk. Ask the desk attendant to contact Sarah Glover at (720) 508-6299, and she will meet you in the lobby and escort you upstairs to the conference room.

If you would like to participate by telephone, you can call-in at the time designated for the prehearing conference to: **1-877-820-7831** and then enter the Participant Passcode: **564669**.

Please let the Hearing Officer know by email if you plan to participate by telephone.

**Monday, October 17, 2016: Rebuttal Statements Due**

On or before 4:45 p.m., each Party shall file an electronic copy and five hard copies of any rebuttal statement, including testimony, legal memoranda and exhibits, with the CWCB. By this deadline, each Party shall also deliver its rebuttal statement, by hard copy or email, to all other Parties, Contested Hearing Participants, the Hearing Officer and the Assistant Attorney General representing the Staff. The CWCB will not consider information submitted by any Party after this deadline except for good cause shown.

**Wednesday – Thursday, November 16-17, 2016: Hearing Date**

The hearing for this matter is scheduled for the CWCB's meeting November 16-17, 2016, in Denver, Colorado. The exact location and time of the hearing is yet to be determined.

Dated this 18<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2016.



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### Certificate of Service

Contested CWCB ISF Appropriations on  
Willow Creek (Upper and Lower ISF Increases)

I hereby certify that on August 18, 2016, a true and correct copy of the foregoing NOTICE OF PREHEARING CONFERENCE & DEADLINES FOR SUBMISSIONS was served via email, to the parties referenced in the Party Status below:

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