September 21-22, 2016 Board Meeting

Case No. 16CW3047 (Water Division 4); Specie Wilderness Water, LLC

Summary of Water Court Application

Applicant requests a change of use to provide replacement water for its requested augmentation plan to augment four new junior ponds.

Staff Recommendation

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

The CWCB holds the following instream flow water rights in the San Miguel Watershed, in Water Division 4, that could be injured by this application:

| CWCB Case Number | Stream | Upper Terminus | Lower Terminus | Rate/Timing (cfs) | Approp. Date |
|---------------------|------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|-----------------|
| 02CW0277 | San Miguel River | confl | pt immed u/s of confl Horsefly Cr | 93 (5/1 - 10/14) | 01/23/2002 |
| 02CW0279 | Specie Creek | confl unnamed tributary | confl San Miguel River | 1.6 (4/1 - 4/30) 4.3 (5/1 - 5/31) 0.2 (6/1 - 3/31) | 01/23/2002 |
| 84CW0436 | Fall Creek | headwaters in vicinity | confl San Miguel River | 5 (1/1 - 12/31) | 07/13/1984 |
| 93CW0267 | Saltado Creek | confl unnamed tributary | confl San Miguel River | 1 (7/1 - 4/30) 2 (5/1 - 6/30) | 11/09/1993 |

Potential for Injury

- The proposed change of water rights could cause an expansion of use and could alter the time, place and amount of historical return flows, which could injure the CWCB's instream flow water rights.
- The proposed plan for augmentation 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 filed by Howard M. Hughes, and J&M Hughes Ditch Company.

Attorney

The Attorney assigned to this case is Michael Toll, who can be contacted at michael.toll@coaq.gov, or 720-509-6304.

