March 22-23, 2017 Board Meeting

Case No. 16CW3101 (Water Division 2): Town of Buena Vista

# **Summary of Water Court Application**

Applicant seeks a water storage right with a 1905 appropriation date for many uses including augmentation.

### **Staff Recommendation**

Staff recommends that the Board ratify the filing of a Statement of Opposition in this case to protect CWCB's instream flow water rights. A Statement of Opposition was filed on behalf of the Board in February 2017.

The CWCB holds the following instream flow water right in Water Division 2 in the Arkansas Headwaters Watershed that could be injured by this application as follows:

Case Number	Stream	Upper Terminus	Lower Terminus	CFS Rate (Dates)	Approp. Date
	Creek		confl Arkansas River	20 (1/1 - 12/31)	03/14/1979

## Potential for Injury

• The water right is claimed with an appropriation date senior to the instream flow. The instream flow water right might be subject to these water rights under C.R.S. 37-92-102(3)(b) if the new water rights are sufficiently documented and verified. Applicant must demonstrate that the claimed appropriation occurred on the appropriation date claimed in the application.

#### Other Objectors

Statements of Opposition were also filed by Bob Woolmington, Lee Rooks, Kelly Ranch, and the City of Salida.

#### Attorney

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

