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**TO:** Colorado Water Conservation Board Members

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**DATE:** May 17, 2017

**AGENDA ITEM:** 15. Public Comment on 2017 Instream Flow Appropriations in Water  
Division 7

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## Background

At its March 23, 2017 meeting, the Board declared its intent to appropriate 2 instream flow (ISF) water rights in water division 7. The purpose of this agenda item is to provide notice to the public for these 2 proposed appropriations (see table below), and to provide an opportunity for public comment pursuant to Rule 5e. of the Rules Concerning the Colorado Instream Flow and Natural Lake Level Program (ISF Rules). Detailed information regarding these stream segments is available on the CWCB website located at:

<http://cwcb.state.co.us/environment/instream-flow-program/Pages/2017ProposedISFRecommendations.aspx>

Anyone wishing to contest one or more of these ISF appropriations must file a Notice to Contest with the Board, pursuant to ISF Rule 5k., by May 31, 2017. If either of these ISF appropriations are uncontested, then Staff will ask the Board to take final action on the uncontested appropriations at its July 2017 meeting.

The Board's appropriation of these instream flow water rights protects healthy environments and enhances environmental and recreational economic values, both of which are goals identified in Colorado's Water Plan.

## Staff recommendation

This is an informational item with no Board action required.

### Instream Flow Recommendations

Div	Stream	Watershed	County	Length (miles)	Upper Terminus	Lower Terminus	Flow (CFS)
7	Little Sand Creek	Piedra	Hinsdale	8.10	Headwaters	Confluence Weminuche Creek	1.5 (12/01 - 02/29) 1.9 (03/01 - 03/31) 3.6 (04/01 - 04/15) 6.6 (04/16 - 07/31) 3.0 (08/01 - 09/15) 2.2 (09/16 - 09/30) 3.0 (10/01 - 11/30)



7	Vallecito Creek	Upper San Juan	La Plata	0.51	Weminuche Wilderness Boundary	U.S. Forest Service Property Boundary	20 (01/01 - 03/15) 33 (03/16 - 04/15) 92 (04/16 - 08/31) 70 (09/01 - 10/31) 45 (11/01 - 11/15) 31 (11/16 - 12/14) 25 (12/15 - 12/31)
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