Consent Agenda Item 1.a

May 17-May 18, 2017 Board Meeting Case No. 17CW3008 (Water Division 4); Sound of Music, L.L.C.

Summary of Water Court Application

Applicant seeks a change of water right and approval of augmentation plan to augment its requested new junior storage right.

Staff Recommendation

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

CWCB Instream Flow Water Rights

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

Case Number	Stream	Upper Terminus	Lower Terminus	CFS Rate (Dates)	Approp. Date
84CW0435	-		confl San Miguel River	2 (1/1 - 12/31)	07/13/1984
84CW0429	San Miguel River	confl S Fk San Miguel River	conf Fall Creek	20 (1/1 - 12/31)	07/13/1984
02CW0277	San Miguel River		pt immed u/s of confl Horsefly Cr	93 (5/1 - 10/14) 61 (10/15 - 4/30)	01/23/2002

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 also filed by Berman Buckskin Ranch (BBR) LLC, Pleasant Valley Ditch Association, Ptarmigan Ranch Owners Association, and Wilson Mesa Ranch Holdings LLC.

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