Summary of Water Court Application

Applicant requests four water storage rights with flow-through diversions and approval of a plan for augmentation. Some of the claimed priority dates are senior to CWCB's intervening and downstream instream flow water rights.

Staff Recommendation

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

CWCB Instream Flow Water Rights

The CWCB holds the following instream flow water rights in Water Division 1 in the St. Vrain Watershed that could be injured by this application:

Case Number	Stream	Upper Terminus	Lower Terminus	CFS Rate (Dates)	Approp. Date
74W7636	Boulder Creek	PSC Hydro Plant outfall	75th Street bridge	15 (1/1 - 12/31)	10/01/1973
90CW0193^	Boulder Creek	hdgt Farmers Ditch	75th Street bridge	12.17 (5/1 - 9/30)	10/01/1862
79CW0308^	Boulder Creek	hdgt Boulder & White Rk Ditch	75th Street bridge	1 (4/1 - 10/31)	06/01/1862
78W9376	Fourmile Creek	headwaters in vicinity	Forest Service boundary	3 (1/1 - 12/31)	07/11/1978
95CW0258	Fourmile Creek	Forest Service boundary	confl Boulder Creek	0.5 (9/16 - 3/31) 1.5 (4/1 - 9/15)	07/24/1995

^ Donated/Acquired Water Right

Potential for Injury

- The proposed plan for augmentation and exchange may not replace depletions in the proper time, place and amount, which could injure the CWCB's instream flow water rights.
- The proposed flow-through water right could injure the CWCB's instream flow water rights because it is fully depletive to a segment of the intervening instream flow.
- Some of the water rights are claimed with senior appropriation dates. The instream flow water rights might be subject to these water rights under C.R.S. 37-92-102(3)(b) if the new water rights are sufficiently documented.

Other Objectors

A Statement of Opposition was also filed by Pine Brook Water District.

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