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**Colorado Water
Conservation Board**

Department of Natural Resources

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July 15 & 16, 2020 Board Meeting Agenda

A meeting of the CWCB will be held on Wednesday, July 15, 2020 commencing at 8:30 AM and continuing through Thursday, July 16, 2020. The meeting will be held virtually.

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Although dates and times are indicated in this notice and in the following agenda, the CWCB may address and take action on noticed items in any order. Any known changes to the agenda will be announced at the beginning of the meeting. This notice, any late notice(s) of additional items, and briefing memos prepared for the CWCB will be posted at 1313 Sherman Street, Suite 721, Denver, CO 80203, and on our website at <https://cwcb.colorado.gov/>.

The CWCB meeting will be made available through live audio streaming on GoTo Webinar, although Board workshops are not. To listen to the proceedings, click the "Listen to the meeting LIVE!" link on the CWCB website homepage and select the link for the proper day and time. The link will be posted just prior to the start of the meeting.

The CWCB encourages citizens to express their views and provide feedback to the Board on the agenda items. This can be done by sending an email to viola.bralish@state.co.us by sending a letter to a Board member or to the Chair of the Board, or by attending the meeting. If you want to make a public comment during the meeting you must fill out a [comment sheet](#) 5 days prior to the meeting date and email it to the [Board Coordinator](#). The Board will appreciate hearing your views when it reaches that agenda item. If you have any questions, need special accommodations as a result of a disability, or require further information on any CWCB activity, please contact Viola Bralish at 303-866-3441, ext. 3206. All programs, services, and activities of the CWCB are operated in compliance with the Federal Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).



Wednesday, July 15, 2020	
8:30 - 8:32	CWCB Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance
8:32 – 8:35	1. Review and Approve Agenda
8:35 – 8:37	2. Review and Approve May 20, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes
8:37 – 8:40	3. Approve and/or Remove Consent Agenda Items
8:40	Board Meeting Dates in 2020 a. September 16 & 17 – South Platte Basin b. November 18 & 19 – Denver Metro
8:40 -9:20	4. Directors' Reports a. DNR Executive Director b. CWCB Director c. IBCC Director d. Agriculture Commissioner e. State Engineer f. Division of Parks and Wildlife Director g. Water Resource and Power Development Authority
9:20 – 9:30	5. 2020 Iowa Gulch ISF Appropriation, Water Division 2 – Final Action <i>Stream and Lake Protection Section</i>
9:30 - 10:00	6. Proposed Revisions to Rules Concerning the Colorado Instream Flow and Natural Lake Level Program, 2 CCR 408-2 <i>Stream and Lake Protection Section</i>
10:00 -10:15	7. Alternative Transfer Method Grant Program <i>Interstate, Federal, and Water Information Section</i> a. Manassa Land and Irrigation Company, Manassa Land and Irrigation Consumptive Use Pilot b. Rio Grande Water Conservation District, Alamosa River ATM Project c. Colorado Water Trust, McKinley Ditch Deficit Irrigation Study
10:15 -10:30	Morning Break
10:30 -11:30	8. Demand Management Update <i>Interstate, Federal, and Water Information Section</i>
11:30 -11:50	9. South Platte River Special Use Permit Application <i>Watershed and Flood Protection Section</i>

11:50 -12:35	LUNCH
12:35 – 1:05	10. Budget Update <i>Administration & Operations Section</i>
1:05 – 1:15	11. Financial Matters – Construction Fund and Severance Tax Perpetual Base Fund <i>Finance Section</i> Financial Projections and Cash Management Report
1:15 – 1:55	12. Water Project Loans <i>Finance Section</i> a. Rural Ditch Company - Diversion Structure Improvement b. Fort Morgan Farms, LLC – Delta Water Storage Phase 1 c. Amity Mutual Irrigation Company - Queen Reservoir Dam Rehabilitation
1:55 – 2:05	13. Water Project Loans and Grants – This agenda item has been removed <i>Finance Section</i> Arkansas Groundwater Users Association – Stonewall Springs South Reservoir Storage Purchase
2:05 – 2:15	14. Changes to Existing Loans <i>Finance Section</i> Grand Mesa Water Conservancy District - Peak Reservoir & Blanche Park Reservoir Rehabilitation
2:15 – 2:30	15. Basin Implementation Plan and Water Plan Updates <i>Water Supply Planning Section</i>

2:30 – 2:55	16. WSRF Grant Applications <i>Water Supply Planning Section</i>			
	Water Supply Reserve Fund Application Grants at the July 2020 CWCB Board Meeting			
	Agenda Item	Basin	Applicant	Name of Water Activity
	a.	Gunnison	Boles and Manny Ditch Company	Boles and Manny Ditch Infrastructure Improvement Project
	b.	Gunnison	Cedar Mesa Ditch Company	Cedar Mesa Ditch Piping Project
	c.	Gunnison	R & K Straheli Farms	Vouga Reservoir Rehabilitation
	d.	Gunnison	Trout Unlimited	Upper Gunnison Multiple Diversion Improvements
	e.	Southwest	Upper Road 42 Water Association	Upper Road 42 Water Line Extension Phase I – Feasibility Study
	f.	Yampa/White /Green	Nicholas and Ann Charchalis	Drescher Dam Rehabilitation – Engineering Design
	g.	Yampa/White /Green	Community Agricultural Alliance	Yampa-White-Green Education and Outreach
2:55 – 3:00	17. Attorney General’s Report, Legal Briefing, and Executive Session			
3:00 – 3:15	Break to Transition to Executive Session			
3:15 – 3:40	18. Executive Session a. Basin Fund MOA b. Demand Management			
3:40 – 3:45	19. Report from Executive Session			
3:45 – 3:50	20. Water Plan Grants Overview for FY 19/20 and Recommendations for FY 20/21			
3:50 – 4:50	21. Water Plan Grants			
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	21 a – e. Agriculture			
	a	Cedar Mesa Ditch Company	Assistance with Piping Lower Cedar Mesa Ditch	

b	Grand River Ditch Company	Davis Point Pipeline
c	Lower Arkansas Valley Water Conservancy District	Soil Health Demonstration Plots
d	Trout Unlimited	Applying Technology to Monitor Grass Consumptive Use at Scale
e	Trout Unlimited	Upper Gunnison Multiple Diversion Improvement Project
21 f – i. Water Conservation and Land Use		
f	Colorado Springs Utilities	Irrigation Efficiency Improvement Project
g	Peak Spatial Enterprises	Colorado’s H2info Water Provider Tool – Phase 2
h	Sonoran Institute	Colorado Growing Water Smart
i	Year One Inc., Mile High Youth Corps	MHYC’s Single Family Energy & Water Audits and Installs
21 j - t. Engagement and Innovation		
j	10.10.10, A Project of CO Nonprofit Development Center	Tackling Wicked Problems in Water, Climate
k	Big Thompson Watershed Coalition	Building the Community – Information Connection for Watershed Health
l	Coalition for the Poudre River Watershed	Engaging Stakeholders & Communities in the Poudre Through Citizen Science, Collaboration, & Outreach
m	Colorado Open Lands	Education for Understanding of Critical Resource Issues
n	DNR – Low Head Dam Steering Committee	Colorado Low Head Dam – Public Safety Initiative 2020
o	Keystone Policy Center	For the Love of Colorado Coalition – Public Ed Initiative
p	Lincoln Hills Cares	Replicable Youth-Driven Innovation Engine to Help Make the South Platte River Swimmable & Fishable
q	Montezuma Land Conservancy	Montezuma Land Conservancy and Southwest Colorado Research Center
r	Mountain Studies Institute	Animas River Community Forum
s	National Young Farmers Coalition	Young Farmers and Ranchers Water Leadership
t	Sangre de Cristo Acequia Association	Acequia Community Education and Outreach Program
21 u - kk. Environment and Recreation		
u	City of Alamosa	Revitalize the Rio Phase 1

v	City of Englewood – Acoma	Tufts Storm Drainage Improvement Project
w	Costilla County Conservancy District	Upper Culebra Watershed Assessment
x	Ducks Unlimited, Inc	Rio Grande Irrigated Meadows
y	Ducks Unlimited, Inc	South Platte Wetland Restorations and Planning
z	Estes Valley Watershed Coalition	Upper Big Thompson Assessment, Revegetation and Bio stabilization
aa	Fourmile Watershed Coalition	Tolland Ranch Feasibility Study
bb	High Country Conservation Advocates (HCCA)	Wet Meadows and Riparian Restoration, Water Attenuation and Climate Change Resiliency Project
cc	Montezuma County Noxious Weed Department	Phreatophyte Project
dd	Mountain Studies Institute	Animas River Removal & Replacement of Invasive Phreatophytes, Phase II Continuation & Strategic Mapping
ee	National Forest Institute	Taylor Park Erosion Control & Riparian Restoration Project
ff	Poudre Learning Center	Phreatophyte Removal from Poudre Learning Center Riparian Habitat
gg	River Network	Support to Increase Environmental and Recreational Project Proposals
hh	Trout Unlimited	Canyon Creek Fish Passage Project
ii	Trout Unlimited	Conejos Meadows Resilient Habitat Project
jj	Windy Gap Water Activity Enterprise	Colorado River Connectivity Channel
kk	Yampa Valley Stream Improvement Charitable Trust	Yampa River Habitat & Recreation Improvement Project at Pleasant Valley
21 ll - ss. Water Storage and Supply		
ll	Arkansas Groundwater Users Association	Stonewall Springs South Reservoir Storage Purchase
mm	Blue River Valley Ranch Lakes Association	Bobo Strait Reservoir Dredging
nn	Castle Rock Water	Castle Rock Reservoir No. 2

	oo	Cherry Creek Project Water Authority	Walker Reservoir
	pp	Cimarron Canal and Reservoir Company	Fish Creek Reservoir #2 Repair
	qq	Colorado River Water Conservation District	Crystal River Basin Augmentation Study
	rr	Colorado Water Protective and Development Association	Highline Recharge Pond Construction
	ss	Huerfano County Water Conservancy District	50% Design of Maria Stevens Reservoir Enlargement

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Thursday, July 16, 2020

8:30 – 10:00	<p>22. Basin Directors' Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Gunnison River Basin Director's Report b. North Platte River Basin Director's Report c. South Platte River Basin Director's Report d. Arkansas River Basin Director's Report e. City and County of Denver Director's Report f. Rio Grande River Basin Director's Report g. Yampa-White River Basin Director's Report h. Colorado River (Mainstem) Basin Director's Report i. San Juan/San Miguel-Dolores River Basin Director's Report
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10:00 **ADJOURN**



CWCB Consent Agenda July 15 & 16, 2020

Matters may be placed on the Consent Agenda when the recommended action follows established policy or precedent, there has been a negotiated settlement, or the matter is uncontested and non-controversial. Staff provides memos to CWCB members explaining the matters on the Consent Agenda. Matters on the Consent Agenda are noticed for hearing in the same manner as other agenda items. If a member of the CWCB requests further consideration of an item on the Consent Agenda, the item will be withdrawn from the Consent Agenda and discussed during the meeting or at the next meeting, with action taken after discussion of the item. If a member of the CWCB requests further consideration of an item on the Consent Agenda that pertains to a pending or imminent court action, the matter will be withdrawn from the Consent Agenda and may be discussed during executive session of the same meeting, and any action on that item will be taken in public session. The Consent Agenda may be voted on without reading or discussing individual items. Any CWCB member may request clarification about any matter on the Consent Agenda.

1. Statements of Opposition

Stream & Lake Protection Section

The Board will be asked to ratify Statements of Opposition that have been filed by staff to protect instream flow and natural lake level water rights and to protect CWCB's exclusive authority to hold instream flow water rights in the following water court cases:

- a. Case No. 19CW3068 (Water Division 5): Application of Piney Valley Ranches Trust*
- b. Case No. 20CW3013 (Water Division 4): Application of JAK Ventures, LLC

**Motion to Intervene & Statement of Opposition Filed.*