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DATE: May 19, 2021

AGENDA ITEM: #13. Request for Authorization to Proceed to Trial in Case No.

18CW3195 (Water Division 1) (Application of The City of Brighton)

This case is set for a 7-day trial beginning on July 12, 2021. CWCB entered a stipulation with Applicant in this case that was accepted by the water court on November 12, 2020. Other opposers have not yet settled and the case remains open before the water court judge. Staff is requesting authorization to proceed to participate in the trial to the extent needed to defend CWCB's stipulation.

In this case, Applicant seeks a change of water rights, appropriative rights of exchange, and conditional appropriation of return flows. The CWCB filed a Statement of Opposition on January 31, 2019 to protect its many instream flow water rights in Water Division 1 that could have been injured by this application.

Staff Recommendation:

Pursuant to ISF Rule 8j., Staff recommends that the Board authorize Staff to proceed to participate at trial to the extent needed to defend CWCB's stipulation in this case.



