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**DATE:** November 17-18, 2021

**AGENDA ITEM:** 23.c Request for Authorization to Proceed to Trial in Case No.

14CW3013, Application of Edgemont Ranch Metropolitan District

(Water Division 7)

This case is set for a 5-day trial beginning on December 7, 2021. CWCB entered a stipulation with Applicant in this case that was accepted by the water court on October 28, 2021. Other opposers have also settled, but the case remains open before the water court judge. Staff is requesting authorization to proceed to participate in a trial that may occur in this case to the extent needed to defend CWCB's stipulation.

## Background:

In this case, the Applicant seeks a change of water rights which could cause an expansion of use and change in the amount, location, or timing of return flows, which could injure the CWCB's instream flow water rights. The CWCB filed a Statement of Opposition on August 20, 2014 to protect its instream flow water rights on the Florida River.

## Staff Recommendation:

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



