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## March 15 - 16, 2022 Board Meeting Agenda

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A meeting of the CWCB will be held on Tuesday, March 15, 2022 commencing at 8:30 AM and continuing through Wednesday, March 16, 2022. The meeting will be held at the Denver Marriott West 1717 Denver West Boulevard Golden 80401 and virtually on Zoom.

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**Tuesday, March 15, 2022**

8:30-8:32	<b>CWCB Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance</b>
8:32-8:35	<b>1. Board Appointments and Election of Officers</b>
8:35-8:37	<b>2. Review and Approve Agenda</b>
8:37-8:40	<b>3. Review and Approve January 24 - 25, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes</b>
8:40-8:45	<b>4. Approve and/or Remove Consent Agenda Items</b>
8:45	<b>Board Meeting Dates in 2022</b>  a. May 18 & 19 - TBD b. July 20 & 21 - TBD c. September 21 & 22 - TBD d. November 16 & 17 - TBD
8:45-9:45	<b>5. Directors' Reports</b> a. DNR Executive Director/IBCC Director b. CWCB Director c. Agriculture Commissioner d. State Engineer e. Division of Parks and Wildlife Director f. Water Resource and Power Development Authority
9:45-9:55	<b>6. Financial Matters - Construction Fund and Severance Tax Perpetual Base Fund</b> <i>Finance Section</i>  a. Financial Projections and Cash Management Report
9:55-10:10	<b>Morning BREAK</b>
10:10-10:20	<b>7. Change to Existing Loan</b> <i>Finance Section</i>  a. South Platte Ditch Company - Diversion Structure Rehabilitation
10:20-10:35	<b>8. Severance Tax Trust Fund - Policy 18 Review</b> <i>Finance Section</i>

10:35-10:55	<p><b>9. Request for Authorization to Proceed to Trials in Stipulated Opposition Cases:</b>  <i>Stream and Lake Protection Section</i></p> <p>a. Case No. 18CW3121 (Water Division 1): Application of the City of Aurora, Colorado, acting by and through its Utility Enterprise  b. Case No. 18CW3077 (Water Division 2): Application of Colorado Division of Parks and Wildlife (Note: Mueller Park)  c. Case No. 19CW3112 (Water Division 5): Application of Highland Investment Co., LLC</p>
10:55-11:10	<p><b>10. Proposed Renewable Temporary Lease of Stagecoach Reservoir Water for Instream Flow Use on the Upper Yampa River, Water Division 6 (2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting)</b>  <i>Stream and Lake Protection Section</i></p>
11:10-11:25	<p><b>11. Cache la Poudre Instream Flow Augmentation Plan, Case No. 21CW3056 (Water Division 1)</b>  <i>Stream and Lake Protection Section</i></p>
11:25-11:35	<p><b>12. Public Comment on 2022 ISF Appropriations in Water Divisions 4, 5, and 6</b>  <i>Stream and Lake Protection Section</i></p>
11:35-11:45	<p><b>13. Public Notice of 2023 ISF Recommendations</b>  <i>Stream and Lake Protection Section</i></p>
11:45-12:45	<b>LUNCH</b>
12:45-1:15	<p><b>14. Update on Federal Funding</b>  <i>Nate Pearson - CO Dept. of Natural Resources</i></p>
1:15-1:35	<p><b>15. Legislative Update</b>  <i>Lauren Ris - CWCB</i></p>
1:35-2:00	<p><b>16. Water Plan Grant, Environment and Recreation Category - Criteria Update</b>  <i>Watershed and Flood Protection Section</i></p>
2:00-2:15	<p><b>17. South Platte River - DISH Easement Discussion</b>  <i>Watershed and Flood Protection Section</i></p>
2:15-2:30	<b>Afternoon BREAK</b>
2:30-2:50	<p><b>18. Spring Drought and Flood Climate Report</b>  <i>Water Supply Planning Section &amp; Watershed and Flood Protection Section</i></p>

2:50-3:10	<b>19. Water Plan Update</b> <i>Water Supply Planning Section</i>
	<b>RECESS</b>

**Wednesday, March 16, 2022**

8:30 - 10:00	<b>20. Basin Directors' Reports</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. San Juan/San Miguel-Dolores River Basin Director's Report</li><li>b. Gunnison River Basin Director's Report</li><li>c. North Platte River Basin Director's Report</li><li>d. South Platte River Basin Director's Report</li><li>e. Arkansas River Basin Director's Report</li><li>f. City and County of Denver Director's Report</li><li>g. Rio Grande River Basin Director's Report</li><li>h. Yampa-White River Basin Director's Report</li><li>i. Colorado River (Mainstem) Basin Director's Report</li></ul>
10:00 - 10:15	<b>Morning BREAK</b>
10:15- 10:20	<b>21. Attorney General's Report, Legal Briefing, and Executive Session</b>
10:20- 11:35	<b>22. Executive Session</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. <b>Case No. 3:19 - CV - 08285-MTL (District of Arizona): Save the Colorado, et al., v. U.S. Dept. of the Interior, et al.</b></li><li>b. <b>Colorado River Interstate Matters</b></li><li>c. <b>Two Rivers Water Company Loan</b></li></ul>
11:35- 11:40	<b>23. Report from Executive Session</b>
11:40- 12:10	<b>24. Colorado River Updates</b> <i>Interstate, Federal, and Water Information Section</i>
12:10- 1:10	<b>LUNCH</b>

1:10-1:50

**25. WSRF Grant Applications**

*Water Supply Planning Section*

**Water Supply Reserve Fund Application Grants  
at the March 2022 CWCB Board Meeting**

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Basin</b>	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Name of Water Activity</b>	<b>Total Request</b>
<b>a.</b>	Arkansas	Arkansas Groundwater & Reservoir Association	West Pueblo Reservoir Project (WPRP)	\$841,104
<b>b.</b>	Arkansas	Upper Arkansas Conservation District	Sunnyside Irrigation Ditch Rehabilitation	\$127,300
<b>c.</b>	Arkansas	Center for Snow & Avalanche Studies	Colorado Dust on Snow	\$240,000
	Colorado			
	Gunnison			
	Metro			
	Rio Grande			
	South Platte			
	Southwest			
	Yampa/White/Green			
<b>d.</b>	Gunnison	Orchard City Irrigation District	Fruitgrowers Dam Outlet Gates Improvement Project	\$150,000
<b>e.</b>	Gunnison	Town of Olathe	Water Meters & Water Conservation	\$182,399
<b>f.</b>	Gunnison	Trout Unlimited	Stewart Ditch Diversion Improvement Project	\$140,000
<b>g.</b>	Metro	Arapahoe County	Arapahoe County Water Supply Study	\$125,000
	South Platte			
<b>h.</b>	Metro	Trout Unlimited	Lower South Boulder Creek – WSR Ditch Structure Automation Demonstration Project	\$167,000
	South Platte			
<b>i.</b>	Rio Grande	Colorado Rio Grande Restoration Foundation	Conejos River Partnership Project 1B	\$330,000

	<b>j.</b>	Rio Grande	San Luis Valley Water Conservancy District	Shaw Reservoir Rehabilitation Project	\$342,600
	<b>k.</b>	Southwest	Pagosa Area Water & Sanitation District	Treatment Plant Project	\$186,800
	<b>l.</b>	Southwest	Town of Pagosa Springs	Recreational & Ecological Enhancement Project – Yamaguchi South	\$166,180

1:50-2:50

**26. Water Plan Grants**

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Project Title</b>	<b>Funding Recommendation</b>
<b>26 a - d. Agricultural Projects</b>			
<b>a</b>	Trout Unlimited	Gunnison River Drought Resiliency and Restoration Project	\$275,194.00
<b>b</b>	Rio Grande Headwaters Land Trust	San Luis Creek Conservation Partnership	\$450,000.00
<b>c</b>	The Nature Conservancy	Maybell Diversion Construction on the Yampa River	\$750,000.00
<b>d</b>	Boulder County Parks and Open Space	Howell Ditch Diversion Reconstruction and Boulder Creek Restoration Project	\$250,000.00
<b>26 e - k. Conservation and Land Use Planning</b>			
<b>e</b>	Mile High Flood District	Denver One Water Plan Implementation	\$100,000.00
<b>f</b>	Arapahoe County	Admin I Turf Conversion & Conservation Planning for Additional Existing Sites	\$138,203.00
<b>g</b>	Multiplier	Advancing High Impact Water Efficiency Solutions in Colorado Communities	\$139,235.00
<b>h</b>	Year One, Inc. DBA Mile High Youth Corps	Single Family Energy & Water Audits and Installs	\$146,809.00
<b>i</b>	Colorado Water Wise	Guidebook Update	\$150,192.00
<b>j</b>	Denver Dept. of Public Health and Environment	Graywater Education and Outreach Program	\$290,713.00
<b>k</b>	Sonoran Institute	Colorado Growing Water Smart	\$360,466.00
<b>26 l - m. Engagement and Innovation Activities</b>			
<b>l</b>	The Park People	WATERED: Water Advocacy via Trees and Engagement to Relieve Efforts of Drought	\$104,000.00
<b>m</b>	Colorado School of Mines	Direct Potable Reuse (DPR) Demonstration - Phase II	\$150,000.00
<b>26 n - q. Water Storage and Supply</b>			
<b>n</b>	West End Economic Development Corporation	Wright's Mesa Water Supply Planning	\$110,590.00
<b>o</b>	Palmer Land Conservancy	Climate Resilient Agricultural Futures and Transformations (CRAFT)	\$664,987.00
<b>p</b>	Town of Buena Vista	Infiltration Gallery Expansion	\$1,107,750.00



	<b>q</b>	Northern Water	Phase I: CO Aerial Snowpack Measurement	\$1,877,400.00	
	<b>26 r - bb. Environment and Recreation</b>				
	<b>r</b>	National Forest Foundation	Trail Creek Wetland Restoration Project - Phase 2	\$133,400.00	
	<b>s</b>	Trout Unlimited Denver	Upper Gunnison Stream Restoration Package	\$137,170.00	
	<b>t</b>	Colorado Rio Grande Restoration Foundation	Rio Grande Canal Boater Safety and Accessibility Project	\$148,000.00	
	<b>u</b>	Town of Meeker	Meeker River Park	\$150,000.00	
	<b>v</b>	Blue River Watershed Group	Blue River Integrated Water Management Plan	\$150,000.00	
	<b>w</b>	Trout Unlimited Denver	Stewart Ditch Diversion Improvement Project	\$169,736.00	
	<b>x</b>	Southwest Conservation Corps	Animas River Phreatophytes Phase II	\$177,602.50	
	<b>y</b>	Town of Pagosa Springs	Recreational and Ecological Enhancement of the San Juan River - Yamaguchi South	\$195,000.00	
	<b>z</b>	Trout Unlimited	Lower S. Boulder Watershed Res Phase II	\$250,000.00	
	<b>aa</b>	Eagle Vail Metro District	Stone Creek Restoration Phase II	\$413,915.00	
	<b>bb</b>	Roaring Fork Conservancy	Crystal River at Riverfront Park Restoration and Efficiency Project	\$798,574.00	
2:50- 3:10	<b>27. Loan Delinquency Action</b> <i>Finance Section</i>				
	a. Two Rivers Water & Farming Company, and Two Rivers Farms F-2, Inc.				
3 : 1 0	<b>ADJOURN</b>				

## CWCB Consent Agenda March 15 -16, 2022

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*

*Staff recommends the Board ratify CWCB's filing of the following Statements of Opposition:*

- a. Case No. 21CW3236 (Water Division 1): Application of City of Boulder, Colorado
- b. Case No. 21CW3081 (Water Division 2): Application of Heath Mills
- c. Case No. 21CW3086 (Water Division 2): Application of Town of Poncha Springs
- d. Case No. 21CW3026 (Water Division 3): Application of Sustainable Water Augmentation Group, Inc.
- e. Case No. 21CW3075 (Water Division 4): Application of Aegis Ranch Ventures, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company
- f. Case No. 21CW3076 (Water Division 4): Application of Elk Ridge Mining and Reclamation, LLC
- g. Case No. 21CW3166 (Water Division 5): Application of Peter M. McGrath and Janet E. Fox
- h. Case No. 21CW3171 (Water Division 5): Application of Eric A. Rudd
- i. Case No. 21CW3175 (Water Division 5): Application of Snowmass Club LLC, Snowmass Club Investors LLC, ABA Investors, LLC, and Woodmont Properties at Bridgewater, LLC
- j. Case No. 21CW3176 (Water Division 5): Application of Bar A Ranch
- k. Case No. 21CW3180 (Water Division 5): Application of Town of Minturn
- l. Case No. 21CW3182 (Water Division 5): Application of The Crystal River Ranch Co., LLC
- m. Case No. 21CW3052 (Water Division 6): Application of Remnant Investors, LLLP, a limited liability limited partnership
- n. Case No. 21CW3058 (Water Division 6): Application of David Y. Cogswell

### **2. ~~HB1051 Reporting Guidelines~~—This item has been removed from the agenda by staff**

#### *Water Supply Planning Section*

### **3. PEPO Grants Program**

#### *Water Supply Planning Section*

#### 4. Water Plan Grants

Agenda Item	Water Plan Grant Category	Applicant	Project Title	Funding Recommendation
a.	Agricultural Projects	Dave Miller Mutual Ditch Company	Dave Miller Ditch Piping Project	\$84,325
b.	Agricultural Projects	Drylands Agroecology Research	Dryland Research Expansion Phase II	Not Recommended
c.	Agricultural Projects	Brighton Ditch Company	South Platte River Bank Stabilization Project	Not Recommended
d.	Agricultural Projects	Brink, Inc.	Modeling the Effects of Conservation Practices on Salinity Discharges from Irrigated Fields*	\$66,850.00
e.	Agricultural Projects	Fort Collins Conservation District	Cache La Poudre Basin Nutrient Trading Pilot Project	\$38,645.00
f.	Conservation & Land Use Planning	Town of Olathe	Water Meter Upgrade and Water Conservation Outreach	Not Recommended
g.	Conservation & Land Use Planning	Western Resource Advocates	Pursuing a Statewide Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance	Not Recommended
h.	Conservation & Land Use Planning	Dominion Water & Sanitation District	Sterling Ranch Rainwater Harvesting Project Feasibility Study and Operational Plan	\$57,500.00
i.	Conservation & Land Use Planning	High Country Conservation Center	Advancing Irrigation Efficiency Across Summit County	\$99,413.00

<b>j.</b>	Engagement & Innovation Activities	Coalition for the Poudre River Watershed	Phase 2- Engaging Stakeholders & Communities in the Poudre Through Citizen Science, Collaboration, & Outreach	Not Recommended
<b>k.</b>	Engagement & Innovation Activities	Boulder Watershed Collective	Forested Watershed Community Education	Not Recommended
<b>l.</b>	Engagement & Innovation Activities	Water Education Colorado	Advancing a Coordinated and Collaborative Approach to Water Education and Outreach via the Water Educator Network through 2025	\$55,000.00
<b>m.</b>	Engagement & Innovation Activities	Lincoln Hills Cares	Replicable Youth-Driven Innovation Engine to Help Make the South Platte River Swimmable and Fishable	\$84,480.00
<b>n.</b>	Engagement & Innovation Activities	One World One Water Center/ MSU Denver	Your Water, Your Life Contest	\$87,000.00
<b>o.</b>	Engagement & Innovation Activities	Colorado State University	Expanding Residential Rain Garden Installations in Front Range Communities	\$90,300.00
<b>p.</b>	Engagement & Innovation Activities	Ditch and Reservoir Company Alliance	Ditch and Reservoir Outreach, Education, and Advocacy Programming	\$98,375.00

<b>q.</b>	Water Storage & Supply	Cross Creek Metropolitan District	Hale Reservoir Restoration, Cross Creek Park	Not Recommended
<b>r.</b>	Water Storage & Supply	Grand Mesa Water Users Association	Grand Mesa Water Users' Efficiency Project	Not Recommended
<b>s.</b>	Watershed Restoration & Recreation	Headwaters Alliance	Lower Willow Creek Stream and Floodplain Restoration	Not Recommended
<b>t.</b>	Watershed Restoration & Recreation	Trout Unlimited Denver	Portland Uncompahgre Restoration Project	Not Recommended