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AGENDA ITEM: 22. Proposed Name Changes to Decreed Instream Flow Water Rights Consistent With Actions of Colorado Geographic Naming Advisory Board

Staff recommendation:

This is an informational item only and no Board action is required.

Background

The Colorado Geographic Naming Advisory Board (Advisory Board) was established by Governor Jared Polis to evaluate proposals concerning name changes, new names, and name controversies of geographic features and certain public places in the State of Colorado and then making official recommendations to the Governor. The Advisory Board cooperates with the United States Board of Geographic Names (BGN), who gives final determinations for standardizing the names of geographic and natural features.

In accordance with Secretary's Order 3404 the BGN has approved replacement names for all official features that included the word "Sq___" in their name. The Geographic Names Information System (GNIS) is being updated to reflect these changes.

The CWCB has several decreed ISF water rights that use the derogatory name identified in order 3404. To remain consistent with the actions of the Advisory Board and BGN, CWCB staff will seek to change in water court ISFs with the derogatory name with the BGN approved replacement name. The ISFs currently affected are listed in table 1 along with the replacement name chosen by BGN. In the future if the Advisory Board, and BGN approve the replacement of other stream names which the CWCB holds ISF water right decrees a similar action will be taken by CWCB staff.



Table 1.

Case Number	Water Division	County	Removed Name	Replacement Name	Latitude	Longitude
79CW0120	2	Chafee	Squaw Creek	Tabeguache Creek	38.583115	-106.081753
84CW0152	3	Hinsdale	Little Squaw Creek	Little Spruce Creek	37.728611	-107.2344978
84CW0164	3	Hinsdale	Squaw Creek	Grizzly Creek	37.7244442	-107.2542204
76W3641	3	Hinsdale	Squaw Lake	Grizzly Lake	37.63730138	-107.2568408
77W3650	5	Summit	Squaw Creek	Colorow Creek	39.658875	-106.638645