

August 25, 2023

Colorado Department of Natural Resources
Colorado Water Conservation Board
1313 Sherman Street, Room 718
Denver, Colorado 80203

Re: Intergovernmental Loan Contract for Contract Number CMS 182705 CT2024-1240 for the Board of Water Works of Pueblo, Colorado

To Whom It May Concern:

We have acted as bond counsel to the Board of Water Works of Pueblo, Colorado (the "Board") for the sole purpose providing the bond counsel opinion required by the State of Colorado Department of Natural Resources Water Conservation Board ("CWCB") in paragraph 10 of the above-referenced Intergovernmental Loan Contract (the "Loan Contract").

The execution by the Board of the Loan Contract, including the documents attached thereto, was approved by the Board pursuant to Resolution No. 2023-09 passed and adopted on June 20, 2023 (the "Loan Resolution").

We have examined the constitution and the laws of the State of Colorado (the "State"), the home-rule charter (the "Charter") of the City of Pueblo, Colorado (the "City") and such certified proceedings, certificates, documents, opinions and other papers as we deem necessary to render this opinion. As to questions of fact material to our opinion, we have relied upon the certified proceedings and other certifications of public officials furnished to us without undertaking to verify the same by independent investigation. We have assumed the due authorization, execution and delivery of the Loan Contract by, and the enforceability of the Loan Contract against, the CWCB.

Based upon the foregoing, we are of the opinion, under existing law and as of the date hereof, that:

- (a) the Loan Contract has been duly executed by officers of the Board who are duly elected or appointed and are authorized to execute the Loan Contract and to bind the Board;
- (b) the Loan Resolution authorizing the execution and delivery of the Loan Contract was duly adopted by the Board;

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(c) there are no provisions in the Colorado Constitution, the Charter or any other State or local law applicable to the Board that prevent the Loan Contract from binding the Board;

(d) the Loan Contract will be valid and binding against the Board if entered into by the CWCB; and

(e) The Board is an enterprise duly recognized and existing as an “enterprise” under the Constitution and laws of the State of Colorado, including particularly Article X, Section 20 of the Colorado Constitution and has the power and authority to enter into the transactions contemplated by the Loan Resolution and to carry out its obligations thereunder.

The rights of the CWCB under the Loan Contract and the enforceability of the Loan Contract may be limited by the effect of, and by restrictions and limitations imposed by or resulting from, bankruptcy, insolvency, moratorium, reorganization, debt adjustment or other similar laws affecting creditors’ rights generally heretofore or hereafter enacted or other laws, judicial decisions, and principles of equity relating to the enforcement of contractual obligations generally, and are further subject as to enforceability to judicial discretion, to the exercise by the State and its governmental bodies of the police power inherent in the sovereignty of the State, and to the exercise by the United States of America of the powers delegated to it by the Constitution of the United States of America.

We express no opinion herein as to any matter not specifically set forth above. This opinion is given as of the date hereof and we assume no obligation to update, revise or supplement this opinion to reflect any facts or circumstances that may hereafter come to our attention or any changes in law that may hereafter occur.

This opinion may be relied upon solely by the addressee hereto in connection with the execution and delivery of the Loan Contract. This opinion may not be relied upon for any other purpose or by any person other than the addressee.

Sincerely,
Kutak Rock LLP



By: Mario T. Trimble, Partner