Consent Agenda Item 1.c

September 18-19, 2024 Board Meeting Case No. 24CW3060 (Water Division 5); 143 Darling Farm, LLC

Summary of Water Court Application

Application For Storage Water Right And Approval Of Plan For Augmentation Including Exchange.

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Board ratify the filing of a Statement of Opposition filed on behalf of the Board in July 2024 to protect CWCB's instream flow water rights.

CWCB Instream Flow Water Rights

The CWCB holds water rights, including the following instream flow water rights in Water Division 5 in the Roaring Fork River Watershed, that could be injured by this application:

Case Number	Stream	Upper Terminus	Lower Terminus	CFS Rate (Dates)	Approp. Date
W-2941 (1976)	-	outlet Capitol Lake	confl Snowmass Creek	10 (1/1 - 12/31)	01/14/1976
W-2943B (1976)	Snowmass Creek	confl Capitol Creek	confl Roaring Fork River	12 (4/1 - 10/15) 11 (10/16 - 3/31)	01/14/1976
85CW0639	River	confl Fryingpan River	confl Crystal River	75 (10/1 - 3/31) 145 (4/1 - 9/30)	11/08/1985
85CW0646	3	confl Maroon Creek	confl Fryingpan River	30 (10/1 - 3/31) 55 (4/1 - 9/30)	11/08/1985
92CW0281 (increase)	Snowmass Creek	confl Capitol Creek	confl Roaring Fork River	10.5 (4/1 - 10/15)	09/15/1992

Potential for Injury

- The proposed plan for augmentation and exchange may not replace depletions in the proper time, place, and amount, which could injure the CWCB's instream flow water rights.
- The apparent flow through operation could injure the CWCB's instream flow water right because it is fully depletive to a segment of the stream. The flow through operation is potentially partially consumptive, which could injure downstream instream flow water rights.

• Terms and conditions should be included in the decree to ensure that the proposed decree will not injure the CWCB's instream flow water rights.

Other Objectors

No other Statements of Opposition were filed.

Attorney Representing CWCB

John R. Newman, Assistant Attorney General, is assigned to this case and can be contacted at john.newman@coag.gov, or 720-508-6860.

