Consent Agenda Item 1.c

November 20-21, 2024 Board Meeting Case No. 24CW3116 (Water Division 5); City of Colorado Springs

Summary of Water Court Application

Application for Change of Conditional Water Right.

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Board ratify the filing of a Statement of Opposition filed on behalf of the Board in October 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 Blue River Watershed, that could be injured by this application:

Case Number	Stream	Upper Terminus	Lower Terminus	CFS Rate (Dates)	Approp. Date
86CW0204	Blue River	pond 5200' u/s Swan River	confl Swan River	10 (11/1 - 4/30) 20 (5/1 - 10/31)	03/14/1986
86CW0211	Blue River	confl Monte Cristo & Bemrose	Hwy 9 Bridge near Fredonia Gulch	1 (10/1 - 4/30) 2 (5/1 - 9/30)	03/14/1986
86CW0211	Blue River	Hwy 9 Bridge near Fredonia Gulch	confl Goosepasture Tarn	2 (10/1 - 4/30) 5 (5/1 - 9/30)	03/14/1986
86CW0217	Blue River	confl Swan River	confl Dillon Reservoir	16 (11/1 - 4/30) 32 (5/1 - 10/31)	03/14/1986
87CW0293	Blue River	outlet Dillon Reservoir	confl Straight Creek	50 (1/1 - 12/31)	10/02/1987
87CW0294	Blue River	confl Straight Creek	confl Willow Creek	50 (10/1 - 4/30) 55 (5/1 - 7/31) 52 (8/1 - 9/30)	10/02/1987
87CW0295	Blue River	confl Willow Creek	confl Rock Creek	58 (10/1 - 3/31) 75 (4/1 - 9/30)	10/02/1987
87CW0296	Blue River	confl Rock Creek	confl Boulder Creek	78 (10/1 - 10/31) 67 (11/1 - 3/31) 90 (4/1 - 4/30) 115 (5/1 - 8/31) 90 (9/1 - 9/30)	10/02/1987
87CW0297	Blue River	confl Boulder Creek	confl Slate Creek	70 (11/1 - 2/29) 78 (3/1 - 3/31)	10/02/1987

			90 (4/1 - 4/30) 125 (5/1 - 8/31) 90 (9/1 - 10/31)	
87CW0298	Blue River	inlet Green Mtn Res @ Doig Gulch	90 (10/1 - 11/30) 85 (12/1 - 2/29) 125 (5/1 - 9/30) 90 (3/1 - 4/30)	10/02/1987
87CW0299		confl Colorado River	60 (5/1 - 7/15) 85 (7/16 - 4/30)	10/02/1987

Potential for Injury

- The proposed change of water rights could cause an expansion of use, which could injure the CWCB's 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

Statements of Opposition were also filed by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Summit, Colorado River Water Conservation District, Denver Water, Grand Valley Water Users Association, Orchard Mesa Irrigation District, Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District, Town of Breckenridge, Ute Water Conservancy District, acting by and through the Ute Water Activity Enterprise, and Vail Summit Resorts, Inc.

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