Consent Agenda Item 1.a

January 27-28, 2025 Board Meeting

Case No. 24CW3133 (Water Division 1); The Republican River Water Conservation District

Summary of Water Court Application

Application for Change of Water Rights.

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Board ratify the filing of a Statement of Opposition filed on behalf of the Board in November 2024 to protect CWCB's exclusive authority to hold instream flow water rights. This Statement of Opposition was filed jointly with the State Engineer and Division 1 Water Engineer, "Engineers."

Potential for Injury

CWCB has exclusive authority to hold instream flow water rights. § 37-92-102(3), C.R.S. Applicant claims a "Compact compliance instream flow use" but has not requested a contract or other devise from CWCB to allow such a claim for instream flow use.

The Engineers and CWCB support the efforts of the Applicant "to assist this state to carry out the state's duty to comply with the limitations and duties imposed upon the state by the Republican River compact." § 37-50-104, C.R.S.

Other Objectors

Statements of Opposition were also filed by Ron Ruff and The Yuma County Water Authority Public Improvement District.

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