March 19-20, 2025 Board Meeting

Case No. 24CW3047 (Water Division 4); Cimarron Mountain Club, Inc.

## **Summary of Water Court Application**

Application for Conditional Surface Water Rights, Conditional and Absolute Water Storage Rights, and Plan for Augmentation with Exchange Project Right.

#### **Staff Recommendation**

Staff recommends that the Board ratify the filing of a Statement of Opposition filed on behalf of the Board in January 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 4 in the Upper Gunnison River Watershed, that could be injured by this application:

Case Number	Stream	Upper Terminus	Lower Terminus	CFS Rate (Dates)	Approp. Date
84CW0395	Cimarron	confl Fox Creek	confl Little	15 (11/1 - 5/31)	05/04/1984
	River		Cimarron River	25 (6/1 - 10/31)	
84CW0398	Cimarron	confl Little	confl Gunnison	16 (1/1 - 12/31)	05/04/1984
	River	Cimarron River	River		

## 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.
- 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 Eagles Rest Subdivision, Phase I, Homeowners' Association, Inc.

# **Attorney Representing CWCB**

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