

Consent Agenda Item 1.a

May 21-22, 2025 Board Meeting

Case No. 25CW3003 (Water Division 6); Alpine Mountain Ranch Metropolitan District

Summary of Water Court Application

Application for Change of Water Right.

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Board ratify the filing of a Statement of Opposition filed on behalf of the Board in March 2025 to protect CWCB's instream flow water rights.

CWCB Instream Flow Water Rights

The CWCB holds water rights, including the following instream flow water right in Water Division 6 in the Upper Yampa River watershed, that could be injured by this application:

Case Number	Stream	Upper Terminus	Lower Terminus	CFS Rate (Dates)	Approp. Date
W-1381 (1977)	Priest Creek	headwaters in vicinity	confl Walton Creek	2 (1/1 - 12/31)	09/23/1977

Potential for Injury

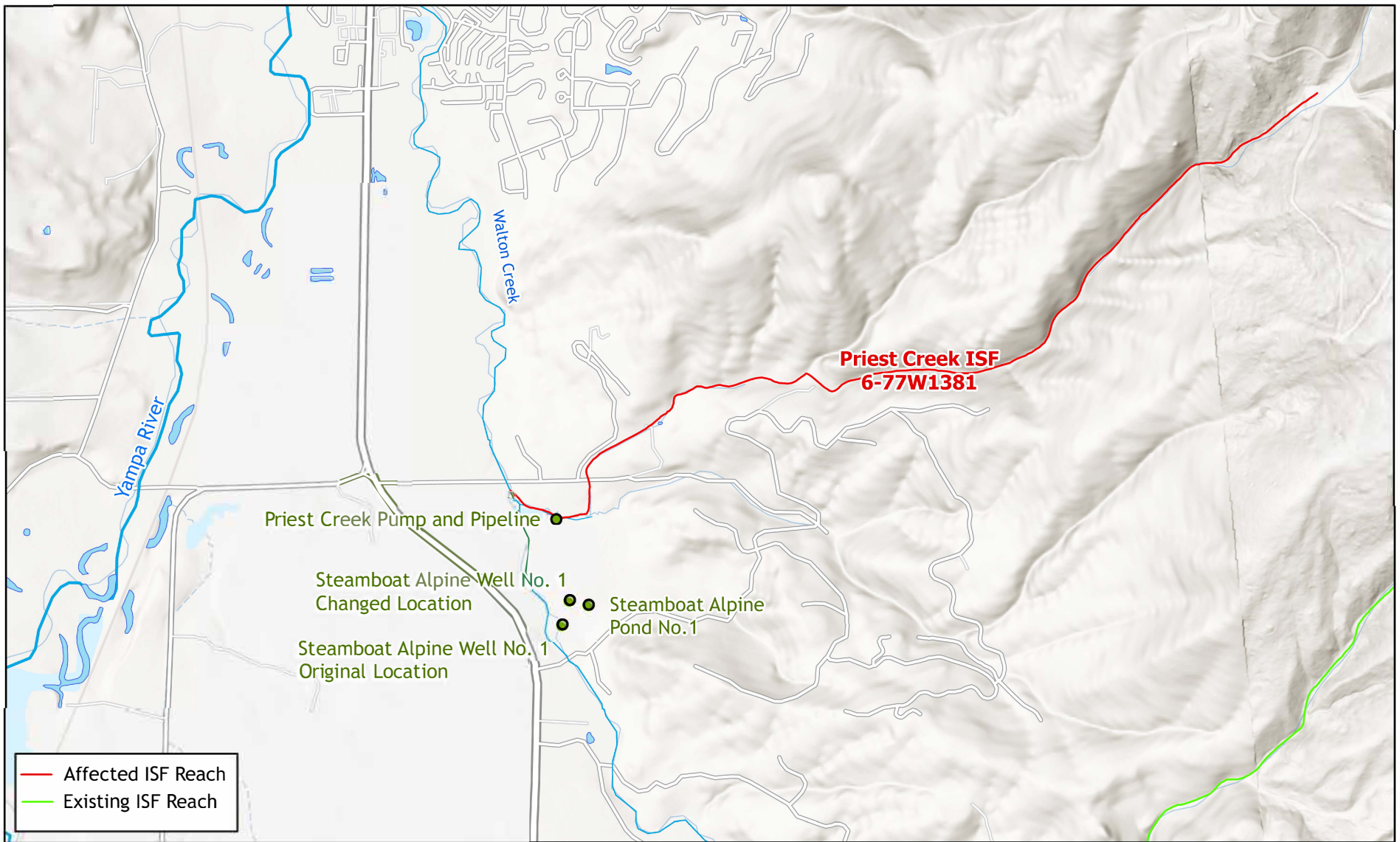
- The details of the amendment to the augmentation plan decreed in Case No. 05CW66 are unclear and may not replace depletions in the proper time, place, and amount, which could injure the CWCB's instream flow water right.
- The proposed change of water rights could cause an expansion of use which could injure the CWCB's instream flow water right.
- Terms and conditions should be included in the decree to ensure that Applicants' operations will not injure the CWCB's instream flow water rights.

Other Objectors

A Statement of Opposition was also filed by the State and Division Engineers.

Attorney Representing CWCB

Jennifer L. Mele, First Assistant Attorney General, is assigned to this case and can be contacted at jennifer.mele@coag.gov, or 720-508-6282.



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