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DATE: July 17, 2025

AGENDA ITEM: 20c. Update and Public Comment on Proposed Acquisition for an Interest in the Shoshone Water Rights for Instream Flow Use on the Colorado River, Water Division 5

Staff Recommendation: This is an informational item requiring no Board action. At the meeting, staff will provide an update to the Board regarding any received Notices of Party Status along with any deadlines established by the Hearing Officer. An opportunity for public comment will also be provided.

Background: The Colorado Water Conservation Board (“CWCB”) conducted a virtual special meeting on July 1, 2025, to consider whether or not to grant the requests to hold a hearing on the proposed acquisition offered by the Colorado River Water Conservation District (“River District”) and Public Service Company of Colorado (“PSCo”) to the CWCB for an interest in the Shoshone Water Rights for instream flow (“ISF”) use on the mainstem of the Colorado River.

After consideration, the CWCB: (1) granted the requests for a hearing for the proposed acquisition of an interest in the Shoshone Water Rights for instream flow use on the Colorado River; (2) determined the hearing should be held in conjunction with the September 16-18, 2025, CWCB meeting, and (3) appointed Senior Assistant Attorney General Jackie Calicchio as the Hearing Office.

