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**CWCB: Please support the Shosone water rights transfer for environmental flows in the Colorado River!**

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**WordPress** <info@savethecolorado.org>  
Reply-To: ajalt@comcast.net  
To: viola.bralish@state.co.us

Wed, May 28, 2025 at 7:47 AM

Colorado Water Conservation Board:

This letter is public input on the proposed transfer of Shoshone power plant water rights to the Colorado River District to support downstream flows in the Colorado River.

These water rights have always flowed downstream and must continue to flow downstream.

These are no obstacles to preserving natural drainages other than planning. The front range has its options far better for everyone than draining one of the most essential watersheds on this planet!

Please, please take this responsibility seriously.

Expect success, AJ Alt

Albert Alt  
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**Anna Belinski** <akbelinski@gmail.com>  
To: viola.bralish@state.co.us

Tue, Jul 8, 2025 at 8:57 AM

Dear Viola,

I am emailing to express my support for the inclusion of the Shoshone Water Rights through the State's Instream Flow Program and urge the CWCB to accept the proposed acquisition. This is a critical source of water for the Colorado River and our community. My name is Anna Belinski, I live in Basalt, and was born and raised in the Roaring Fork Valley. Please accept these flows into the State's Instream Flow Program and secure this vital protection for the Colorado River, and communities that rely on it.

Thank you,

Anna Belinski

*Housing Attorney, Alpine Legal Services*

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**WordPress** <info@savethecolorado.org>  
Reply-To: ashleyfolino@yahoo.com  
To: viola.bralish@state.co.us

Mon, Jun 9, 2025 at 10:29 PM

Hello Colorado Water Conservation Board,

Please accept this letter as public comment on the proposed transfer of Shoshone power plant water rights to the Colorado River District to support environmental flows in the Colorado River.

Thank you for starting a public process to consider this water rights transfer. I strongly support the transfer so that environmental flows are guaranteed in the Colorado River from the continental divide all the way to the state line with Utah. These water rights will maintain and potentially enhance environmental flows that protect fish and riparian areas, will support recreational opportunities including fishing and boating, and will help protect against a lower basin compact call that could force curtailment in Colorado.

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Thank you,  
Sincerely,

Ashley Boyd  
3116 Basin Drive

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**WordPress** <info@savethecolorado.org>  
Reply-To: ajmarkevich@gmail.com  
To: viola.bralish@state.co.us

Thu, Jun 12, 2025 at 4:55 PM

Hello Colorado Water Conservation Board,

Please accept this letter as public comment on the proposed transfer of Shoshone power plant water rights to the Colorado River District to support environmental flows in the Colorado River.

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Thank you,  
Sincerely,

Alex Markevich  
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**Anthony Powell** <powell.ae@gmail.com>  
To: viola.bralish@state.co.us

Mon, Jul 7, 2025 at 9:02 AM

Colorado Water Conservation Board,

I am writing in support of accepting the proposed change to the Shoshone water rights. The Shoshone right, as it has been traditionally used, is a foundational part of how the water flowing in the main stem of the Colorado River in Colorado is administered. That call allows for flows above the call to stay at maintained levels as well as provide a very low consumptive use call with a high priority to the benefit of downstream water right holders.

Please go through the due diligence and make this change that will secure a resource for the benefit of the users of water in the Main Stem system (all users including those in our natural world and those that benefit from the water in the river that don't hold water rights and those that do).

Thanks and good luck.

Tony Powell

Eagle, CO

A water user and beneficiary of water flowing in the Colorado Main stem. I am also a water resources engineer, PE, and work for Precision Water Resources Engineering.

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**aleta powers** <apowershko@yahoo.com>  
To: viola.bralish@state.co.us

Thu, Jul 10, 2025 at 1:54 PM

1. *I support the inclusion of the Shoshone Water Rights through the State's Instream Flow Program and urge the CWCB to accept the proposed acquisition.*
2. *My name is Aleta Powers and I had irrigation water for pastureland in western Colorado. I also enjoy walking and hiking along the Colorado River from glenwood canyon to Loma.*
3. *Please accept these flows into the State's Instream Flow Program and secure this vital protection for the Colorado River, and communities that rely on it.*

*Sincerely,**Aleta Powers*

Sent from my iPhone

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**Angela Todd** <angela.todd.2023@gmail.com>  
To: viola.bralish@state.co.us

Thu, Jul 3, 2025 at 3:22 PM

Hello Ms. Bralish:

I am an environmental scientist and resident of Ridgway, Colorado. I am also on the Board of the Uncompahgre Watershed Partnership and I am passionately interested in water issues in the American West. I support the inclusion of the Shoshone Water Rights through the State's Instream Flow Program and urge the Colorado Water Conservation Board to accept the proposed acquisition. Please accept these flows into the State's Instream Flow Program and secure this vital protection for the Colorado River, and communities that rely on it.

Thank you,

Angela Todd  
[angela.todd.2023@gmail.com](mailto:angela.todd.2023@gmail.com)  
720-537-6650

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**WordPress** <info@savethecolorado.org>  
Reply-To: goodeb22@gmail.com  
To: viola.bralish@state.co.us

Tue, May 27, 2025 at 4:21 PM

Hello Colorado Water Conservation Board,

Please accept this letter as public comment on the proposed transfer of Shoshone power plant water rights to the Colorado River District to support environmental flows in the Colorado River.

Thank you for starting a public process to consider this water rights transfer. I strongly support the transfer so that environmental flows are guaranteed in the Colorado River from the continental divide all the way to the state line with Utah. These water rights will maintain and potentially enhance environmental flows that protect fish and riparian areas, will support recreational opportunities including fishing and boating, and will help protect against a lower basin compact call that could force curtailment in Colorado.

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Thank you,  
Sincerely,

Beth Goode

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**WordPress** <info@savethecolorado.org>  
Reply-To: brande.lindsey@gmail.com  
To: viola.bralish@state.co.us

Wed, May 28, 2025 at 2:48 AM

Hello Colorado Water Conservation Board,

Please accept this letter as public comment on the proposed transfer of Shoshone power plant water rights to the Colorado River District to support environmental flows in the Colorado River.

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Thank you,  
Sincerely,

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**Save what's right, save Shoshone water right.**

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**Benjamin Magtutu** <pigs\_swim@hotmail.com>  
To: "viola.bralish@state.co.us" <viola.bralish@state.co.us>

Wed, Jul 9, 2025 at 8:03 PM

I support the inclusion of the Shoshone Water Rights through the State's Instream Flow Program and urge the CWCB to accept the proposed acquisition.

My name is Ben Magtutu, I live in Delta CO. I am a farmer and a river enthusiast. There are so many reasons to keep this water flowing west. I believe the biggest might be that if this water is allowed to flow East it will allow for more ephemeral growth, only to be right back in the same desperation for water when the growth this water allows has exceeded its water needs. In short, this water solves nothing for the Eastern Slope, short of temporary growth. Please accept these flows into the State's Instream Flow Program and secure this vital protection for the Colorado River, and communities that rely on it.

Thank you!

Ben Magtutu

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**Bryce Metzger** <bgmtzger3@gmail.com>  
To: viola.bralish@state.co.us

Tue, Jul 8, 2025 at 10:03 AM

To whom it may concern,

I support the inclusion of the Shoshone Water Rights through the State's Instream Flow Program and urge the CWCB to accept the proposed acquisition.

My name is Bryce Metzger, & I'm a resident of Frisco, Colorado. As an avid whitewater rafter and fly fisherman, these waters are my second home, and the public lands accessible via the river, and the river itself bring me a great deal of peace, natural wonder, and time to connect with the land, river, & friends. This water right will bring more dollars to our communities, more water to our farmers, and keep the spirit of the Colorado River as it is intended. This has wide reaching effects that will stem all the way to the border of Utah at Ruby Horsethief canyon and beyond. In years like this when snowpack runoff is marginal, it will keep the river flowing westward as it was intended. For example this year the Blue River was set to run for two weeks below Dillon Dam, per Denver Water's press release - it ran for 4 days until Denver Water opened the Roberts tunnel, cutting flow off to the Western Slope. This robbed our community of a recreation economy that once provided Gold Medal fisheries and a whitewater resource. Now it's a trickle of its former glory.

Please accept these flows into the State's Instream Flow Program and secure this vital protection for the Colorado River, and communities that rely on it.

Happy Trails,  
Bryce Metzger

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**WordPress** <info@savethecolorado.org>

Tue, May 27, 2025 at 8:28 AM

Reply-To: NewDNA@gmail.com

To: viola.bralish@state.co.us

Hello Colorado Water Conservation Board,

Please accept this letter as public comment on the proposed transfer of Shoshone power plant water rights to the Colorado River District to support environmental flows in the Colorado River.

At least 28 of America's biggest cities are sinking. According to a new study, the main cause is humans pumping too much water from the ground under our feet.

Join EarthSky's Dave Adalian at 12:15 CT (17:15 UTC) today for this rescheduled discussion with climate hazard researcher Leonard Ohenhen. [https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A\\_\\_www.youtube.com\\_watch-3Fv-3DsVNP59XwQTU&d=DwIDaQ&c=sdnEM9SRGFuMt5z5w3AhsPNahmNicq64TgF1JwNR0cs&r=Fqhkwy5N57b65KQdBikVkZ9EMKh3U1L1ZCW2wwyZCPg&m=PYb-0bqcuMnWzWF4hTOF4mHPzPgyLyndDoyYDcQkXGc0fYI2-kCFCA6yLzIJyQrT&s=cvjoeG-\\_XsRdeHwq6zM5-YwRGheuxAaYhH7ZTI5vZzw&e=...](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__www.youtube.com_watch-3Fv-3DsVNP59XwQTU&d=DwIDaQ&c=sdnEM9SRGFuMt5z5w3AhsPNahmNicq64TgF1JwNR0cs&r=Fqhkwy5N57b65KQdBikVkZ9EMKh3U1L1ZCW2wwyZCPg&m=PYb-0bqcuMnWzWF4hTOF4mHPzPgyLyndDoyYDcQkXGc0fYI2-kCFCA6yLzIJyQrT&s=cvjoeG-_XsRdeHwq6zM5-YwRGheuxAaYhH7ZTI5vZzw&e=...)

Sinking cities: The science and the threat

Thank you for starting a public process to consider this water rights transfer. I strongly support the transfer so that environmental flows are guaranteed in the Colorado River, from the continental divide all the way to the state line with Utah. These water rights will maintain and potentially enhance environmental flows that protect fish and riparian areas, will support recreational opportunities including fishing and boating, and will help protect against a lower basin compact call that could force curtailment in Colorado.

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Sincerely,

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**Bralish - DNR, Viola** <viola.bralish@state.co.us>

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## Keep Shoshone Flowing!

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**Brandi in Colorado** <istandupeight@gmail.com>

Sun, Jul 13, 2025 at 6:08 PM

To: viola.bralish@state.co.us

Cc: Brandi in Colorado! <istandupeight@gmail.com>

Hi Viola,

I support the inclusion of the Shoshone Water Rights through the State's Instream Flow Program and urge the CWCB to accept the proposed acquisition.

Please accept these flows into the State's instream Flow program and secure this vital protection for the Colorado River and communities that rely on it.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Brandi Resa

Eagle, Colorado



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**Ben West** <benjaminlwest@gmail.com>  
To: viola.bralish@state.co.us

Wed, Jul 9, 2025 at 11:43 AM

Good morning

I support the inclusion of the Shoshone Water Rights through the State's Instream Flow Program and urge CWCB to accept the proposed acquisition. My name is Ben West, I am a Glenwood Springs resident, I have a family of concerned river advocates and we all urgently request that you please accept these flows into the State's Instream Flow Program and secure the protection of the Colorado River, and communities that rely on it.

Thanks so much!!

Ben West  
970.773.1313

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**WordPress** <info@savethecolorado.org>

Wed, May 28, 2025 at 6:45 AM

Reply-To: starrose1@live.com

To: viola.bralish@state.co.us

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Thank you,  
Sincerely,

Carmen Carmen

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**carolyn cipperly** <carolynvt@hotmail.com>

Fri, Jul 11, 2025 at 9:51 AM

To: "viola.bralish@state.co.us" &lt;viola.bralish@state.co.us&gt;

*Dear Ms Bralish**I support the inclusion of the Shoshone Water Rights through the State's Instream Flow Program and urge the CWCB to accept the proposed acquisition.****I live in Glenwood Springs and utilize the river for recreational purposes quite often. Much of our economy relies on the river for agriculture and recreation, even firefighting. The Shoshone water needs to supply our Western communities in perpetuity.****Please accept these flows into the State's Instream Flow Program and secure this vital protection for the Colorado River, and communities that rely on it.****Regards,******Carolyn Cipperly***

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**WordPress** <info@savethecolorado.org>

Tue, May 27, 2025 at 3:51 PM

Reply-To: achance1@hotmail.com

To: viola.bralish@state.co.us

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Thank you,  
Sincerely,

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**Chris Lyle** <clyle@stillwatersci.com>

Tue, Jul 8, 2025 at 11:28 AM

To: "viola.bralish@state.co.us" &lt;viola.bralish@state.co.us&gt;

Hello Viola,

Just wanting to send you my comment for the permanent protection of the Shoshone Water Rights.

I support the inclusion of the Shoshone Water Rights through the State's Instream Flow Program and urge the CWCB to accept the proposed acquisition.

My name is Chris Lyle, and I live in Glenwood Springs, Colorado. I am an avid rafter and kayaker who regularly paddles the Glenwood Canyon section of the Colorado River. I'm also a restoration engineer and geomorphologist working throughout Colorado's watersheds. I see firsthand how consistent, protected river flows are critical not only for recreation, but for the ecological health and resilience of our river systems.

Please accept these flows into the State's Instream Flow Program and secure this vital protection for the Colorado River, and the communities, ecosystems, and economies that depend on it.

Sincerely,  
Chris Lyle

**Chris Lyle**  
Restoration  
Engineer/Geomorphologist  
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**Chris Lyle** <christopherscottlyle@gmail.com>  
To: viola.bralish@state.co.us

Mon, Jul 7, 2025 at 2:53 PM

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**c miller** <jbuex@hotmail.com>

Fri, Jul 4, 2025 at 7:58 AM

To: "viola.bralish@state.co.us" &lt;viola.bralish@state.co.us&gt;

*I support the inclusion of the Shoshone Water Rights through the State's Instream Flow Program and urge the CWCB to accept the proposed acquisition.*

*My name is Christopher Miller. I live in Des Moines, Iowa, but I have a long time in water usage and rights. I have attended several conferences hosted by the Colorado River District. With the demands facing the Colorado River Basin, it is critical that good decisions are made. I believe that this acquisition is vital protection for the Colorado, its communities, and the future. Thank you.*

*Christopher Miller*



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Reply-To: cjpeteronf@yahoo.com  
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Mon, Jun 9, 2025 at 10:31 PM

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**Casey Sande** <caseysande001@gmail.com>  
To: viola.bralish@state.co.us

Wed, Jul 9, 2025 at 5:29 PM

Hello,

I support the inclusion of the Shoshone Water Rights through the State's Instream Flow Program and urge the CWCB to accept the proposed acquisition.

My name is Casey Sande, I live in Fruita, Colorado and enjoy recreating on the water in Western Colorado - i.e., rafting, kayaking, swimming, and fishing.

I am requesting that you please accept these flows into the State's Instream Flow Program and secure this vital protection for the Colorado River, and communities that rely on it.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Best,  
Casey Sande

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**Chuq Yang** <chuqyang@gmail.com>  
To: viola.bralish@state.co.us

Tue, Jul 8, 2025 at 6:52 AM

I support the inclusion of the Shoshone Water Rights through the State's Instream Flow Program and urge the CWCB to accept the proposed acquisition.

My name is Chuq Yang. I live in Avon and use the Eagle and Colorado Rivers frequently.

Please accept these flows into the State's ISF Program and secure this vital protection for the Colorado River and the communities that rely on it. It is understandable that an agreement needs to be reached, and the Front Range cannot be allowed to take more than it needs. The Shoshone Water Rights are critical to protect the water supply for both the Western Slope and the Eastern Colorado.

Sincerely,

Charles Yang

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## Support for Including Shoshone Hydropower Plant Water Rights in Colorado's Instream Flow Program

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**D Bouchard** <destinybouchard4@gmail.com>  
To: viola.bralish@state.co.us

Thu, Jul 10, 2025 at 10:50 AM

Dear Colorado Water Conservation Board,

I am writing to express my strong support for accepting the Shoshone Hydropower Plant's historic water rights into Colorado's Instream Flow Program.

This action is a vital step toward protecting consistent, year-round flows in the Colorado River, which are essential to the health and sustainability of Western Colorado. These flows support not only the environment and aquatic ecosystems, but also the livelihoods of communities, agriculture, recreation industries, and local economies that depend on a healthy and flowing river.

The Shoshone water rights have long served as a critical foundation for cooperative water management on the Western Slope. Formalizing their protection through the Instream Flow Program ensures these benefits continue for future generations, especially in the face of increasing drought and climate uncertainty.

I urge you to move forward with this important measure to safeguard the Colorado River and the many communities it sustains.

Thank you for your leadership and stewardship.

Sincerely,

Destiny Bouchard

Fraser, CO

July 8, 2025

Colorado Water Conservation Board  
1313 Sherman Street, Room 718  
Denver, CO 80203

RE: Letter of Support: Shoshone Water Rights Preservation

Dear Colorado Water Conservation Board Members:

The Colorado River Outfitters Association (CROA) strongly supports the permanent protection of the Shoshone Water Rights and urges the Colorado Water Conservation Board to accept the use of the Shoshone Water Rights for instream flow purposes.

CROA is a trade association representing 44 river outfitters, many of whom raft and fish the Colorado River from Gore Canyon to the Colorado-Utah border. To run an outfitting business, operators depend on predictable flows to sell and run outings. The Shoshone water rights help ensure predictable flows. The Shoshone Hydro Plant has some of the largest, most senior nonconsumptive water rights on the Colorado River. These rights ensure essential water flows down the Colorado River's mainstem, providing vital ecosystem, habitat, and restoration benefits from the river's headwaters in Grand County to Grand Junction.

Without the Shoshone water rights, Colorado River flows would be significantly lower, (especially in drought years), diminishing over 250 miles of connected ecosystems that rely on the river's flows to support Gold Medal fisheries and critical habitat for native, threatened, and endangered fish.

These water rights are vital to Colorado's agricultural and recreation economies, which support thriving Western Slope communities. Additionally, Shoshone flows improve drinking water quality by diluting salinity and sediment in the source water, reducing municipal treatment and infrastructure costs.

The Shoshone Water Rights Preservation Coalition represents a broad, diverse, and long-standing alliance between local partners, the Colorado River District, irrigation entities, environmental and recreation interests, and the State of Colorado. To date, the coalition has raised over \$57 million towards the \$99 million purchase price underscoring the critical importance of this resource to the region. Over thirty water entities, local governments, and regional partners have contributed over

\$15 million in funding alongside \$20 million each from the State of Colorado and the Colorado River District. The Colorado River Outfitters Association strongly supports the Colorado River District's efforts to permanently secure the Shoshone water rights. We urge you to accept the acquisition and support a once-in-many-generation opportunity to protect Colorado River flows for future generations.

Sincerely,

David Costlow  
Executive Director

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**WordPress** <info@savethecolorado.org>  
Reply-To: eldoradh@rmi.net  
To: viola.bralish@state.co.us

Wed, May 28, 2025 at 7:25 PM

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**Dan Harper** <Dan.Harper@imail.org>

Wed, Jul 9, 2025 at 7:31 AM

To: "viola.bralish@state.co.us" &lt;viola.bralish@state.co.us&gt;

Hello-

I support the inclusion of the Shoshone Water Rights through the State's Instream Flow Program and urge the CWCB to accept the proposed acquisition. I live and work in Fruita, right on the river. I eat food grown with this water. This water is far too important to thousands of lives on the western slope. This water generates millions of dollars' worth of recreational spending from out-of-state tourists. We cannot afford to let this water go. Please accept these flows into the State's Instream Flow Program and secure this vital protection for the Colorado River, and communities that rely on it.

Thank you,

Dan

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**Dan Harper, CBET**

Clinical Engineering Manager

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## Keep Shoshone flowing

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**David Johnson** <dk80446@yahoo.com>

Sun, Jul 6, 2025 at 1:16 PM

To: "viola.bralish@state.co.us" &lt;viola.bralish@state.co.us&gt;

I support the inclusion of Shoshone water rights through the state's Instream Flow Program and urge the CWBC to accept the proposed aquisition.

I am a life long resident of Colorado and fish the Colordo river and It's tributaries often. Please accept these Flows into the State's Instream Flow Program and secure this vital protection for the Colorado River and the communities that rely on it. Thank you again for your consideration,  
David Johnson

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**WordPress** <info@savethecolorado.org>

Tue, May 27, 2025 at 4:39 PM

Reply-To: d.w.m@comcast.net

To: viola.bralish@state.co.us

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**WordPress** <info@savethecolorado.org>  
Reply-To: danjminnick@gmail.com  
To: viola.bralish@state.co.us

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the lack of this water will destroy eco systems and the recreation that is supports. Also, if this water is diverted to the front range, this will move this destruction even further up stream.

Thank you,  
Sincerely,

Dan and Allison Minnick

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To: viola.bralish@state.co.us

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**Dan Rasfeld** <rasfeld@gmail.com>  
To: viola.bralish@state.co.us

Wed, Jul 9, 2025 at 8:47 AM

I completely support the initiative to include the Shoshone Water Rights into the Instream Flow Program and as such strongly advocate CWCB to accept the proposed acquisition. Though I currently live in Laramie, I was a long-time Colorado resident, and regularly return to the West Slope in order to spend my vacations and enjoy the natural beauty there, particularly the Colorado River. Maintaining the river is critical to many people both from a natural standpoint, but also economically as this is one of the main draws for me to spend my money in the region. Please accept these flows into the state's instream flow program, and thus protect the Colorado River, as well as the surrounding communities.

Respectfully,  
Daniel Rasfeld

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**WordPress** <info@savethecolorado.org>  
Reply-To: DIA7@live.com  
To: viola.bralish@state.co.us

Wed, May 28, 2025 at 4:32 PM

Hello Colorado Water Conservation Board,

Please accept this letter as public comment on the proposed transfer of Shoshone power plant water rights to the Colorado River District to support environmental flows in the Colorado River.

Thank you for starting a public process to consider this water rights transfer. I strongly support the transfer so that environmental flows are guaranteed in the Colorado River from the continental divide all the way to the state line with Utah. These water rights will maintain and potentially enhance environmental flows that protect fish and riparian areas, will support recreational opportunities including fishing and boating, and will help protect against a lower basin compact call that could force curtailment in Colorado.

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Thank you,  
Sincerely,

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**Dian Stauter** <dianstauter@gmail.com>  
To: viola.bralish@state.co.us

Sun, Jul 6, 2025 at 12:26 PM

I absolutely support these awayer Rights 100%



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**Public Comment - Shoshone Water Rights as ISF right**

1 message

**david swenson** <kdswenson@msn.com>

Tue, Jul 8, 2025 at 10:02 AM

To: "viola.bralish@state.co.us" &lt;viola.bralish@state.co.us&gt;

I support the inclusion of the Shoshone Water Rights through the state's Instream Flow Program and urge the CWCB to accept the proposed acquisition.

My Name is David Swenson, Parachute, Colorado and I have been a water resources engineer in both public and private companies for over 35 years.

Please accept these flows into the State's Instream Flow Program and secure this vital protection for the Colorado River and communities that rely on it. If these rights were to be abandoned or sold off to front range communities it would be catastrophic to western Colorado and states downstream. The Shoshone Water Rights help maintain flows in the Lower Colorado River Basin and serve many different communities. From the towns and cities being developed on the western slope to recreational businesses to farming and ranching operations (many of which are several generations old), would all be negatively affected if the rights were to be abandoned.

In addition, the Lower Colorado Basin states, California, Arizona, and New Mexico would also be negatively affected as much of the water that flows to them would be appropriated for use on the front range of Colorado causing even more hardship to western slope communities.

The designation as an ISF right, would ensure the same historical stream flows and thus protect western Colorado from continuous drought conditions.

Sincerely,  
David Swenson  
[kdswenson@msn.com](mailto:kdswenson@msn.com)

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**Dave Troutman** <detroutman@gmail.com>  
To: viola.bralish@state.co.us

Tue, Jul 8, 2025 at 6:21 AM

*I support the inclusion of the Shoshone Water Rights through the State's Instream Flow Program and urge the CWCB to accept the proposed acquisition.*

*My name is David Troutman and I am a Board member of the Upper Colorado Watershed Environmental Team based in Grand County. These flows are needed to support minimum flows in the Colorado.*

*Thanks for your support on this important matter.  
David Troutman*

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## Support for Shoshone Water Rights into ISF Program

1 message

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**Eric A. Maatta** <ericmaatta@gmail.com>

Thu, Jul 3, 2025 at 5:16 PM

To: viola.bralish@state.co.us

Dear Members of our CWCB -

I'm writing to offer my strongest support for allowing the Shoshone Water Rights acquisition to proceed. As a resident of Grand Junction, and a frequent traveller throughout the upper and lower Colorado River basin, I am keenly aware of how important this protection will be for so many throughout the river's course from the Western Slope downstream. The funding to obtain these water rights has received broad-based support from communities, utilities, counties, non-profits, etc.

Thank you for taking my opinion into account.

Sincerely,

Eric Maatta

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**Eric Petterson** <eric@redmtneenv.com>

Thu, Jul 3, 2025 at 4:39 PM

To: "viola.bralish@state.co.us" &lt;viola.bralish@state.co.us&gt;

Dear Ms. Bralish,

I strongly support the inclusion of the Shoshone Water Rights through the State's Instream Flow Program. The eastern slope has taken plenty of water from the west slope, and have not shown significant or meaningful steps in water conservation compared to the water firming projects that have been implemented. By accepting the proposed acquisition, and securing long term protection for the Colorado River and our western slope communities that rely on the waters of the Colorado River, you can not only help the Colorado River, the abundant wildlife, agricultural and recreational resources associated with it, but can also help the Front Range see the importance of water conservation, and living within their means. This isn't just important for west slope communities, but is vital for Colorado as a whole.

Eric Petterson

[eric@redmtneenv.com](mailto:eric@redmtneenv.com)[www.redmtneenv.com](http://www.redmtneenv.com)

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**WordPress** <info@savethecolorado.org>

Tue, May 27, 2025 at 4:10 PM

Reply-To: etownr@aol.com

To: viola.bralish@state.co.us

Hello Colorado Water Conservation Board,

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**WordPress** <info@savethecolorado.org>  
Reply-To: ernwalt@comcast.net  
To: viola.bralish@state.co.us

Mon, Jun 9, 2025 at 10:31 PM

Hello Colorado Water Conservation Board,

Please accept this letter as public comment on the proposed transfer of Shoshone power plant water rights to the Colorado River District to support environmental flows in the Colorado River.

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**Greg Goodrum** <goodrum.greg@gmail.com>  
To: viola.bralish@state.co.us

Wed, Jul 9, 2025 at 7:23 AM

Hi,

My name is Greg Goodrum, and I am writing to urge the Colorado Water Conservation Board to include the Shoshone Water Rights in Colorado's Instream Flow Program. As a Utah (and previously Arizona) resident, I have been extremely fortunate to enjoy both whitewater rafting and fly fishing along the Upper Colorado, Gunnison, and Frying Pan Rivers. Western Colorado's Rivers are incomparable resources for Coloradans and Western US Americans that deserve protection under the State's Instream Flow Program and help support local communities where other rural life ways are fast disappearing. I also think that establishing the Shoshone Water Rights is critical to protecting Western Colorado's farming, ranching, and environmental economies rather than supporting unsustainable developments that are reliant on paper water supplies from the over-allocated Colorado River. I urge the Colorado Water Conservation Board to include the Shoshone Water Rights in the State's Instream Flow Program to protect Western Colorado's Rivers for fish, wildlife, and people. Thank you for your consideration.

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**Greg Goodrum**  
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**Grant** <grant.loomis@gmail.com>  
To: viola.bralish@state.co.us

Thu, Jul 10, 2025 at 5:17 PM

Hello,

My name is Grant Loomis and I'm a rafter from Denver, Colorado. I support the inclusion of the Shoshone Water Rights through the State's Instream Flow Program and urge the CWCB to accept the proposed acquisition. Please accept these flows into the State's Instream Flow Program and secure this vital protection for the Colorado River, and communities that rely on it.

I have been rafting on the Colorado for nearly 10 years and hope to continue this tradition through family and friends.

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Cheers,  
Grant Loomis**IMG\_0084.HEIC**  
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**WordPress** <info@savethecolorado.org>  
Reply-To: gwilson@earthlaw.org  
To: viola.bralish@state.co.us

Tue, May 27, 2025 at 8:14 AM

Hello Colorado Water Conservation Board,

Please accept this letter as public comment on the proposed transfer of Shoshone power plant water rights to the Colorado River District to support environmental flows in the Colorado River.

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Thank you,

Grant Wilson  
Executive Director  
Earth Law Center

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**Hank Wiethake** <hankwiethake@yahoo.com>

Sun, Jul 6, 2025 at 7:47 PM

To: viola.bralish@state.co.us

Cc: Erin Wiethake &lt;ewiethake@gmail.com&gt;, Lili Wiethake &lt;liliwiethake@gmail.com&gt;, Penelope Wiethake &lt;pgwiethake@gmail.com&gt;, Dalilah Wiethake &lt;drwiethake@icloud.com&gt;

*Viola,*

*My name is Hank Wiethake and I support the inclusion of the Shoshone Water Rights through the State's Instream Flow Program and urge the CWCB to accept the proposed acquisition.*

*I live in Dillon CO with my wife and three daughters. We raft and fish in the summer and ski and hike in the winter. Preserving our water for human consumption and recreation is very important to us.*

*Please accept these flows into the State's Instream Flow Program and secure this vital protection for the Colorado River, and communities like mine that rely on it.*

*Please let me know what I can do to help protect the Colorado River!*

Sincerely,

**Hank Wiethake**[HankWiethake@Yahoo.com](mailto:HankWiethake@Yahoo.com)

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## Shoshone Power Plant water right

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**John Almy** <jmalmy@gmail.com>  
To: viola.bralish@state.co.us

Wed, Jul 9, 2025 at 5:52 AM

My name is John Almy and I live in Delta, Colorado. I worked for 20 years as a water resource professional in Western Colorado. I believe it is appropriate for the State to acquire the water rights associated with the Shoshone Power Plant and convert them to an instream flow beneficial use under Colorado State law. I think this strategy would benefit the citizens of the western slope by ensuring the Colorado River and its tributaries are less likely to be dried up by transbasin diversions. This is a unique opportunity that should not be missed.

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**WordPress** <info@savethecolorado.org>  
Reply-To: jangell@earthlink.net  
To: viola.bralish@state.co.us

Tue, May 27, 2025 at 3:44 PM

Hello Colorado Water Conservation Board,

Please accept this letter as public comment on the proposed transfer of Shoshone power plant water rights to the Colorado River District to support environmental flows in the Colorado River.

Thank you for starting a public process to consider this water rights transfer. I strongly support the transfer so that environmental flows are guaranteed in the Colorado River from the continental divide all the way to the state line with Utah. These water rights will maintain and potentially enhance environmental flows that protect fish and riparian areas, will support recreational opportunities including fishing and boating, and will help protect against a lower basin compact call that could force curtailment in Colorado.

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Thank you,  
Sincerely,

JL Angell  
2391 Ponderosa Rd

Rescue CA 95672

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**Jackie B** <jackie.blumberg@gmail.com>  
To: viola.bralish@state.co.us

Wed, Jul 9, 2025 at 3:25 PM

Greetings Ms. Bralish,

I work in my official capacity as a Dam Safety Engineer on the West Slope but am writing to you as a citizen, one who has lived in Glenwood Springs and now lives in Fruita. I have seen the segment of the Colorado River where Xcel Energy withdraws water through their penstocks to feed the turbines at the Shoshone Diversion Dam (a dam I administered briefly during my time in Glenwood). I was shocked at how bone dry the river became only to flow once again below the turbine release point.

I want to express my support for the inclusion of the Shoshone Water Rights through the State IFP and encourage the CWCB to take action by completing procurement. We need to keep water flowing west in the system. The water right is extremely senior, is non-consumptive and feeds agriculture, recreation, pescatorial, businesses and communities. Please acquire the flows into the IFP. It is the logical thing to do.

Respectfully,  
Jackie Blumberg  
Dam Safety Engineer, Citizen of the West Slope & Water Fan-Girl

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**Jesse Ceplecha** <jescep@gmail.com>  
To: viola.bralish@state.co.us

Wed, Jul 9, 2025 at 9:08 AM

Hello Viola,

*I support the inclusion of the Shoshone Water Rights through the State's Instream Flow Program and urge the CWCB to accept the proposed acquisition. My name is Jesse Ceplecha and I live in Fort Collins. Please preserve the water in Western Colorado. Flowing water is important to people's well being and not all our water should be used for growth and profit when we live in a climate that requires watering lawns which we mostly do with drinking water. Once the water is gone it won't be back. I spend many hours on the waters of western colorado. The rivers in these areas support many environments, ecosystems, and animals that would otherwise not survive or flourish with reduced flows. We need to support, protect, and care for these diminished and threatened waters more than ever.*

*Thank you for your time.*  
*Jesse Ceplecha*

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**Joanne Fagan** <jfagan@ccs84.com>

Sat, Jul 5, 2025 at 2:12 PM

To: "viola.bralish@state.co.us" &lt;viola.bralish@state.co.us&gt;

Hi Viola,

As a longtime resident of the western slope, I would like to log my support for the inclusion of the Shoshone Water Rights through the State's Instream Flow Program and urge the CWCB to accept the proposed acquisition. I believe it is a benefit to all users of the Colorado River and the state as a whole. Keeping the flows in the River will help protect water quality as well as water quantity, protect the ecosystem and endangered aquatic species, and support both agriculture and the recreational of the River.

I encourage the CWCB to accept the water associated with the Shoshone water right into the State's Instream flow program.

Thanks,

Joanne Fagan

PO Box 1073

Ridgway, CO 81432

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**WordPress** <info@savethecolorado.org>  
Reply-To: giselle351@gmail.com  
To: viola.bralish@state.co.us

Thu, May 29, 2025 at 6:43 AM

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**Grant** <grant.loomis@gmail.com>  
To: viola.bralish@state.co.us

Thu, Jul 10, 2025 at 5:17 PM

Hello,

My name is Grant Loomis and I'm a rafter from Denver, Colorado. I support the inclusion of the Shoshone Water Rights through the State's Instream Flow Program and urge the CWCB to accept the proposed acquisition. Please accept these flows into the State's Instream Flow Program and secure this vital protection for the Colorado River, and communities that rely on it.

I have been rafting on the Colorado for nearly 10 years and hope to continue this tradition through family and friends.

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Cheers,  
Grant Loomis**IMG\_0084.HEIC**  
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**WordPress** <info@savethecolorado.org>

Tue, May 27, 2025 at 8:14 AM

Reply-To: gwilson@earthlaw.org

To: viola.bralish@state.co.us

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Thank you,

Grant Wilson  
Executive Director  
Earth Law Center

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**Hank Wiethake** <hankwiethake@yahoo.com>

Sun, Jul 6, 2025 at 7:47 PM

To: viola.bralish@state.co.us

Cc: Erin Wiethake &lt;ewiethake@gmail.com&gt;, Lili Wiethake &lt;liliwiethake@gmail.com&gt;, Penelope Wiethake &lt;pgwiethake@gmail.com&gt;, Dalilah Wiethake &lt;drwiethake@icloud.com&gt;

*Viola,**My name is Hank Wiethake and I support the inclusion of the Shoshone Water Rights through the State's Instream Flow Program and urge the CWCB to accept the proposed acquisition.**I live in Dillon CO with my wife and three daughters. We raft and fish in the summer and ski and hike in the winter. Preserving our water for human consumption and recreation is very important to us.**Please accept these flows into the State's Instream Flow Program and secure this vital protection for the Colorado River, and communities like mine that rely on it.**Please let me know what I can do to help protect the Colorado River!*

Sincerely,

**Hank Wiethake**[HankWiethake@Yahoo.com](mailto:HankWiethake@Yahoo.com)

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## Shoshone Power Plant water right

1 message

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**John Almy** <jmalmy@gmail.com>  
To: viola.bralish@state.co.us

Wed, Jul 9, 2025 at 5:52 AM

My name is John Almy and I live in Delta, Colorado. I worked for 20 years as a water resource professional in Western Colorado. I believe it is appropriate for the State to acquire the water rights associated with the Shoshone Power Plant and convert them to an instream flow beneficial use under Colorado State law. I think this strategy would benefit the citizens of the western slope by ensuring the Colorado River and its tributaries are less likely to be dried up by transbasin diversions. This is a unique opportunity that should not be missed.

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**WordPress** <info@savethecolorado.org>  
Reply-To: jangell@earthlink.net  
To: viola.bralish@state.co.us

Tue, May 27, 2025 at 3:44 PM

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**Jackie B** <jackie.blumberg@gmail.com>  
To: viola.bralish@state.co.us

Wed, Jul 9, 2025 at 3:25 PM

Greetings Ms. Bralish,

I work in my official capacity as a Dam Safety Engineer on the West Slope but am writing to you as a citizen, one who has lived in Glenwood Springs and now lives in Fruita. I have seen the segment of the Colorado River where Xcel Energy withdraws water through their penstocks to feed the turbines at the Shoshone Diversion Dam (a dam I administered briefly during my time in Glenwood). I was shocked at how bone dry the river became only to flow once again below the turbine release point.

I want to express my support for the inclusion of the Shoshone Water Rights through the State IFP and encourage the CWCB to take action by completing procurement. We need to keep water flowing west in the system. The water right is extremely senior, is non-consumptive and feeds agriculture, recreation, pescatorial, businesses and communities. Please acquire the flows into the IFP. It is the logical thing to do.

Respectfully,  
Jackie Blumberg  
Dam Safety Engineer, Citizen of the West Slope & Water Fan-Girl

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**Jesse Ceplecha** <jescep@gmail.com>  
To: viola.bralish@state.co.us

Wed, Jul 9, 2025 at 9:08 AM

Hello Viola,

*I support the inclusion of the Shoshone Water Rights through the State's Instream Flow Program and urge the CWCB to accept the proposed acquisition. My name is Jesse Ceplecha and I live in Fort Collins. Please preserve the water in Western Colorado. Flowing water is important to people's well being and not all our water should be used for growth and profit when we live in a climate that requires watering lawns which we mostly do with drinking water. Once the water is gone it won't be back. I spend many hours on the waters of western colorado. The rivers in these areas support many environments, ecosystems, and animals that would otherwise not survive or flourish with reduced flows. We need to support, protect, and care for these diminished and threatened waters more than ever.*

*Thank you for your time.*  
*Jesse Ceplecha*

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**Joanne Fagan** <jfagan@ccs84.com>

Sat, Jul 5, 2025 at 2:12 PM

To: "viola.bralish@state.co.us" &lt;viola.bralish@state.co.us&gt;

Hi Viola,

As a longtime resident of the western slope, I would like to log my support for the inclusion of the Shoshone Water Rights through the State's Instream Flow Program and urge the CWCB to accept the proposed acquisition. I believe it is a benefit to all users of the Colorado River and the state as a whole. Keeping the flows in the River will help protect water quality as well as water quantity, protect the ecosystem and endangered aquatic species, and support both agriculture and the recreational of the River.

I encourage the CWCB to accept the water associated with the Shoshone water right into the State's Instream flow program.

Thanks,

Joanne Fagan

PO Box 1073

Ridgway, CO 81432



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**WordPress** <info@savethecolorado.org>  
Reply-To: giselle351@gmail.com  
To: viola.bralish@state.co.us

Thu, May 29, 2025 at 6:43 AM

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**WordPress** <info@savethecolorado.org>  
Reply-To: jtfriestad@gmail.com  
To: viola.bralish@state.co.us

Wed, May 28, 2025 at 12:59 PM

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**WordPress** <info@savethecolorado.org>  
Reply-To: jan.jeffries@bresnan.net  
To: viola.bralish@state.co.us

Wed, May 28, 2025 at 8:02 AM

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**WordPress** <info@savethecolorado.org>  
Reply-To: randy@monroescienceed.com  
To: viola.bralish@state.co.us

Tue, May 27, 2025 at 4:11 PM

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**WordPress** <info@savethecolorado.org>  
Reply-To: jayemundy@gmail.com  
To: viola.bralish@state.co.us

Mon, Jun 9, 2025 at 10:31 PM

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Please remember that every day IS earth day and locally IS globally.

Thank you,  
Sincerely,

Jaye Mundy  
1625 Kiwi St  
PO Box 28  
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**Jack Norton: Owner Crosscut Reclaimed:Reclaim,Repurpose,Renew**

Sun, Jul 6, 2025 at

&lt;jack@crosscutreclaimed.com&gt;

6:17 AM

To: viola.bralish@state.co.us

Good morning,

I'm writing today to express my support for permanently protecting the Shoshone instream flow and water rights. I am a resident of Grand County, a conservationist, a fisherman and a resident of a community that rely's on the Blue River for our water supply. I've personally seen major harm done to the ecosystem of the Blue River this year including riverbanks with dead sculpin, decreased hatches of aquatic insects and declining trout populations due to historic low flows in the Blue River.

I understand that water needs to be managed and is vital to all Colorado people but unchecked and potentially unsustainable growth on the front range should not be allowed to determine the health and viability of western slope rivers, residents and agriculture.

Thank you,

Jack Norton

Owner, Crosscut Reclaimed

<http://www.crosscutreclaimed.com>[jack@crosscutreclaimed.com](mailto:jack@crosscutreclaimed.com)

970-485-0603

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**JUDEE PARISH** <judeep899@aol.com>  
To: viola.bralish@state.co.us

Sun, Jul 13, 2025 at 3:25 PM

*I support the inclusion of the Shoshone Water Rights through the State's Instream Flow Program and urge the CWCB to accept the proposed acquisition. Judee Parish, 37245 US 6, 302 Avon, Co. 81620 I reside in Eagle County Avon Colorado and depend on the water from Shoshone Please accept these flows into the State's Instream Flow Program and secure this vital protection for the Colorado River, and communities that rely on it. Judee Parish*

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**Re: Shoshone Water Rights Support**

1 message

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**J Reed Roesler** <rossreedler@gmail.com>  
To: viola.bralish@state.co.us

Thu, Jul 3, 2025 at 8:08 AM

Please let me add this fact...this is my 6th season rafting the Upper Colorado.

I raft with anywhere from 2 to 5 paddlers, including myself. It's a small raft.

In that small raft, my best guess is that I have taken upwards of 100 guests down some part of the Upper Colorado.

They are invariably awed by the river, its whitewater and its canyons.

Consider my email signed by all these guests.

John Roesler  
Edwards, CO

On Thu, Jul 3, 2025 at 6:21 AM J Reed Roesler <rossreedler@gmail.com> wrote:

I support the inclusion of the Shoshone Water Rights through the State's Instream Flow Program and urge the CWCB to accept the proposed acquisition.

My name is John Roesler and since retirement from Peoria, Illinois some 5+ years ago, I now live in Edwards, CO. Winter skiing has been a life-long passion, but I was not sure what to make of my summers until my wife and I bought a whitewater raft in 2020.

I experimented, all on the Upper Colorado, and took training courses, and now, 5 years later, am rafting 3 to 4 days a week, taking friends, family and friends of friends and family with me, all to enjoy the incredible asset we have in our backyard, almost exclusively running anywhere between the BLM boat ramps at Pumphouse and Two Bridges, a span of about 18 miles.

I completely rely on the flows that the Shoshone water rights provide for. Without it, countless river runners will be deprived of an unparalleled natural asset.

Please accept these flows into the State's Instream Flow Program and secure this vital protection for the Colorado River and the communities of rafters that rely on it.

John Roesler  
Edwards, CO





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Colorado Water Conservation Board

July 9, 2025

1313 Sherman Street, Room 718

Denver, CO 80203

RE: Letter of Support: Shoshone Water Rights Preservation

Dear Colorado Water Conservation Board Members,

The Eagle River Coalition strongly supports the permanent and absolute protection of the Shoshone water rights and urges the Colorado Water Conservation Board to accept the use of the Shoshone water rights for instream flow purposes. This protection simply upholds the status quo of water in the Colorado River for future generations.

The Shoshone Hydroelectric Plant, located on the Colorado River in Glenwood Canyon, collectively holds some of the largest, most senior non-consumptive water rights on the Upper Colorado River. These rights ensure essential water flows through the Colorado River's mainstem and upstream tributaries, including the Eagle River, providing vital ecosystem, habitat, and restoration benefits from the river's headwaters in Grand County to the state line and throughout the West.

As a community-based organization dedicated to the health of the Eagle River Watershed, the Eagle River Coalition works to restore, protect, and enhance rivers and streams within Eagle County. The Shoshone flows are critical to our mission, sustaining aquatic habitat, riparian ecosystems, recreational opportunities, and the local economies that depend on them.

Because of climate change, there is an increased risk of longer and more intense droughts. The Shoshone flows are especially vital during dry years. As persistent drought and increasing temperatures continue to strain our water systems, the Shoshone water rights play a critical role in maintaining consistent streamflows when natural supplies are most vulnerable. These flows help preserve water quality and maintain cooler water temperatures, which are essential for the health of the endangered and sensitive aquatic species that reside there.

Additionally, these sustained flows underpin the agricultural operations that are the backbone of local economies downstream, ensuring that irrigation needs can be met without overtaxing already stressed supplies. The Shoshone flows support the vibrant recreation economy of the Colorado River Basin—particularly rafting and fishing—which is dependent on reliable river levels. Without the protections of the Shoshone water rights, the ecological, cultural, and economic fabric of Western Colorado would be at serious risk, especially as climate pressures continue to intensify.

Preserving the instream flow of the Shoshone water right is a permanent and priceless investment in the health and vitality of the Colorado River and all who depend on it. We urge you to accept the acquisition and support a once-in-many-generation opportunity to protect Colorado River flows in perpetuity.

Sincerely,  
Eagle River Coalition Board of Directors

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Pete Wadden', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Pete Wadden, President

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Vicki Flynn', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Vicki Flynn, Executive Director

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**CWCB: Please support the Shosone water rights transfer for environmental flows in the Colorado River!**

1 message

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**WordPress** <info@savethecolorado.org>  
Reply-To: jrsaccardi@gmail.com  
To: viola.bralish@state.co.us

Thu, May 29, 2025 at 8:48 AM

Hello Colorado Water Conservation Board,

Please accept this letter as public comment on the proposed transfer of Shoshone power plant water rights to the Colorado River District to support environmental flows in the Colorado River.

Thank you for starting a public process to consider this water rights transfer. I strongly support the transfer so that environmental flows are guaranteed in the Colorado River from the continental divide all the way to the state line with Utah. These water rights will maintain and potentially enhance environmental flows that protect fish and riparian areas, will support recreational opportunities including fishing and boating, and will help protect against a lower basin compact call that could force curtailment in Colorado.

These water rights have always flowed downstream and must continue to always flow downstream.

Thank you,  
Sincerely,

John Saccardi  
1420 Foxtail Dr

Broomfield Colorado 80020  
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**Public comment: Please accept the Shoshone Water Right into the ISF program**1 message

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**John Sanderson** <jsanderson0135@gmail.com>  
To: viola.bralish@state.co.us

Thu, Jul 3, 2025 at 4:25 PM

Dear Colorado Water Conservation Board,

I urge you to keep the Colorado River flowing by accepting the Shoshone Water Rights in Colorado's Instream Flow Program.

My water comes from Fort Collins Utilities, which means my water comes from the Poudre River, the North Platte Basin, and the Colorado River through the CBT project. I understand Northern Water is (rightfully) concerned about the future of water on the Front Range and has expressed concern about locking up the Shoshone Water Right for the West Slope. As a CBT beneficiary, I am grateful for Northern's work. At the same time, I have spent much of my career working on water issues, and I know how critical that water right is for the environment, for recreation, and for West Slope agricultural water users. The Shoshone water's role in supporting endangered fish is particularly important, providing a strong rationale for including them in the ISF Program. I suspect this water right may also have a role in addressing the Colorado River interstate conundrum.

Please accept these flows into Colorado's ISF program to protect this vital piece of the Colorado River.

With respect for the important work you do,

John Sanderson

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**Public Comment – Please Accept Shoshone Water Rights into ISF Program**1 message

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**Jeremy Syz** <jeremysyz@gmail.com>

Wed, Jul 9, 2025 at 6:21 AM

To: "viola.bralish@state.co.us" &lt;viola.bralish@state.co.us&gt;

Hello

*I support the inclusion of the Shoshone Water Rights through the State's Instream Flow Program and urge the CWCB to accept the proposed acquisition. My name is Jeremy Syz and I have lived in Boulder since 2010, and I have recreated in nearly every watershed in the state, by raft, kayak, pack raft, and backpacking.*

*Please accept these flows into the State's Instream Flow Program and secure this vital protection for the Colorado River, and communities that rely on it.*

*Thank you,*

Jeremy Syz  
719.510.8800

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**CWCB: Please support the Shosone water rights transfer for environmental flows in the Colorado River!**

1 message

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**WordPress** <info@savethecolorado.org>  
Reply-To: jgv426@gmail.com  
To: viola.bralish@state.co.us

Tue, May 27, 2025 at 5:12 PM

Hello Colorado Water Conservation Board,

Please accept this letter as public comment on the proposed transfer of Shoshone power plant water rights to the Colorado River District to support environmental flows in the Colorado River.

Thank you for starting a public process to consider this water rights transfer. I strongly support the transfer so that environmental flows are guaranteed in the Colorado River from the continental divide all the way to the state line with Utah. These water rights will maintain and potentially enhance environmental flows that protect fish and riparian areas, will support recreational opportunities including fishing and boating, and will help protect against a lower basin compact call that could force curtailment in Colorado.

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Thank you,  
Sincerely,

Joel Vignere  
PO Box 194  
Vignere  
Lakeside MT 59922  
4068443479

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## In support of Shoshone Water Rights into instream program

1 message

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**Kara Armano** <ski3pin@yahoo.com>

Mon, Jul 7, 2025 at 3:54 PM

To: "viola.bralish@state.co.us" &lt;viola.bralish@state.co.us&gt;

Hello,

I am in support of including the Shoshone Water Rights on the Colorado River into the Instream Flow Program for the State and urge CWCB to accept the proposed acquisition.

I am Kara Armano and live in Hesperus, Colorado but lived in Glenwood Springs for over a decade. I am familiar with water issues throughout the Western Slope as the current president of our local Trout Unlimited chapter (Five Rivers TU), fly fishing guide, and water drinker and user. It is vital to protect the water rights at this important point for all water users, recreation, fish and wildlife, and the communities who rely upon this water.

Thank you for taking public comments on this important matter.

Kara Armano  
970-319-5708

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**CWCB: Please support the Shosone water rights transfer for environmental flows in the Colorado River!**

1 message

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**WordPress** <info@savethecolorado.org>  
Reply-To: kevinbran@yahoo.com  
To: viola.bralish@state.co.us

Wed, May 28, 2025 at 7:39 AM

Hello Colorado Water Conservation Board,

Please accept this letter as public comment on the proposed transfer of Shoshone power plant water rights to the Colorado River District to support environmental flows in the Colorado River.

Thank you for starting a public process to consider this water rights transfer. I strongly support the transfer so that environmental flows are guaranteed in the Colorado River from the continental divide all the way to the state line with Utah. These water rights will maintain and potentially enhance environmental flows that protect fish and riparian areas, will support recreational opportunities including fishing and boating, and will help protect against a lower basin compact call that could force curtailment in Colorado.

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Thank you,  
Sincerely,

Kevin Branstetter

Garden Valley CA 95633

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**Public Comment - Please Accept Shoshone Water Rights into ISF Program**

1 message

**Kelsey Czyzyk** <kaczyzyk@gmail.com>

Thu, Jul 10, 2025 at 2:51 PM

To: "viola.bralish@state.co.us" &lt;viola.bralish@state.co.us&gt;

Hello Viola and members of CWCB,

I support the inclusion of the Shoshone Water Rights through the State's Instream Flow Program and urge the CWCB to accept the proposed acquisition. My name is Kelsey Czyzyk, I live, work, and recreate in Carbondale, CO within the Colorado River Basin. I am passionate about water conservation, so much so that I've dedicated my career to river and ecological restoration. Please accept these flows into the State's Instream Flow Program and secure this vital protection for the Colorado River, and communities that rely on it.

Thank you for your support,  
Kelsey

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**Kelsey Czyzyk, PE**

(she/her)

Water Resources/River Engineer

[kaczyzyk@gmail.com](mailto:kaczyzyk@gmail.com) • 484.788.8190 (cell)

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**CWCB: Please support the Shosone water rights transfer for environmental flows in the Colorado River!**

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**WordPress** <info@savethecolorado.org>  
Reply-To: caseydkcd@aol.com  
To: viola.bralish@state.co.us

Wed, May 28, 2025 at 2:16 PM

Hello Colorado Water Conservation Board,

Please accept this letter as public comment regarding the proposed transfer of Shoshone power plant water rights to the Colorado River District to support environmental flows in the Colorado River.

Thank you for starting a public process to consider this water rights transfer.

I strongly support the rights transfer so that environmental flows are guaranteed in the Colorado River from the continental divide all the way to the state line with Utah. These water rights will:

- maintain and potentially enhance environmental flows that protect fish and riparian areas
- support recreational opportunities including fishing and boating, and
- help protect against a lower basin compact call that could force curtailment in Colorado.

These water rights have always flowed downstream and must continue to always flow downstream. Any water needs on the east side of the Rockies must be dealt with in other ways.

Thank you,  
Sincerely,

Kathleen Doyle  
607 Cascade Drive

Golden CO 80403-1583

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**Public Comment – Please Accept Shoshone Water Rights into ISF Program**

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**Katie Goodrich** <katie@mogollc.com>

Mon, Jul 7, 2025 at 2:38 PM

To: "viola.bralish@state.co.us" &lt;viola.bralish@state.co.us&gt;

Hello,

I support the inclusion of the Shoshone Water Rights through the State's Instream Flow Program and urge the CWCB to accept the proposed acquisition. I'm an attorney and formerly worked in the field of water law. I'm also an avid flyfisherwoman, rafter, and recreator in Colorado's wild places. I live in Granby, and in fact just got off of the upper Colorado, where I was rafting this morning. Protecting these water rights is consistent with historical use and the instream flow benefits seem like a no-brainer to me. It will benefit fish, locals, and even tourism.

Please accept these flows into the State's Instream Flow Program and secure this vital protection for the Colorado River, and communities that rely on it.

Thank you for your time and attention, and for the excellent work you do as a part of the CWCB.

Katie

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Katie Goodrich  
*Attorney at Law*  
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Denver, CO 80202

Main: 303.357.1317  
Direct: 720.954.2199  
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**CWCB: Please support the Shosone water rights transfer for environmental flows in the Colorado River!**

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**WordPress** <info@savethecolorado.org>

Wed, May 28, 2025 at 12:32 AM

Reply-To: katesails@msn.com

To: viola.bralish@state.co.us

Hello Colorado Water Conservation Board,

Please accept this letter as public comment on the proposed transfer of Shoshone power plant water rights to the Colorado River District to support environmental flows in the Colorado River.

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Thank you,  
Sincerely,

Kate Holland  
655 S Alton Way  
1A  
Denver CO 80247

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## Shoshone Waters Rights

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**Kirk Klancke** <kirkklancke@gmail.com>

Fri, Jul 4, 2025 at 11:57 AM

To: "viola.bralish@state.co.us" &lt;viola.bralish@state.co.us&gt;

Dear Viola,

I am writing to encourage the CWCB to include the Shoshone water rights in the State's Instream Flow Program. My name is Kirk Klancke and I have lived on the headwaters of the Colorado River for 55 years. In those 5 + decades, I have watched the Front Range grow and the water in the headwaters of the Colorado River diminish. With the loss of flows I have witnessed sediment transport and stream temperature issues bring the Upper Colorado River to near critical aquatic health conditions. The Shoshone water right is the oldest water right impacting the health of the Upper Colorado River and the river's best chance of remaining an economic driver for both the West Slope and the Front Range. It is critical for the Upper Colorado River that the Shoshone flows stay on the West Slope.

Please help, through your ISF program, to keep every drop of the Shoshone water right in the Upper Colorado River where it can do the most good for everybody in Colorado on both sides of the Divide and the river itself. Thank you for this consideration.

Kirk Klancke

President, Colorado River Headwaters Chapter of Trout Unlimited

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**WordPress** <info@savethecolorado.org>  
Reply-To: learkirsten@gmail.com  
To: viola.bralish@state.co.us

Wed, May 28, 2025 at 7:32 AM

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Thank you,  
Sincerely,

Kirsten Lear

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## Public Comment - ACCEPT Shoshone Water Rights into ISF Program

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**Kim Newbury Rediker** <kimnewbury@gmail.com>  
To: "viola.bralish@state.co.us" <viola.bralish@state.co.us>

Thu, Jul 3, 2025 at 5:30 PM

I support the inclusion of Shoshone Water Rights through the State's Instream Flow Program and urge the CWCB to accept the proposed acquisition.

My name is Kim Rediker, I live in Vail, Colorado, and I am adamant that we protect year-round river flows. It is crucial that the Shoshone Hydropower Plant's historic water rights are accepted into Colorado's Instream Flow Program - to support our Eagle County communities' agriculture, recreation, environment, and economies.

Please accept these flows into the State's Instream Flow Program and secure this vital protection for the Colorado River and our western slope communities.

Sincerely,

Kim Rediker  
[2477 Garmisch Drive](#)  
[Vail CO 81657](#)

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**Public Comment - Please permanently protect Shoshone water rights for our communities and for nature**

1 message

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**Kimala Rein** <kimalarein@gmail.com>  
To: viola.bralish@state.co.us

Mon, Jul 7, 2025 at 5:36 PM

to: [viola.bralish@state.co.us](mailto:viola.bralish@state.co.us)

Dear Colorado Water Conservation Board,

*I support the inclusion of the Shoshone Water Rights through the State's Instream Flow Program and urge the CWCB to accept the proposed acquisition.*

*My name is Kimala Rein, I live in Grand Junction. CO. I support local farmers as well as the recreation industry that exists here and the many parts of nature that depend on the waters. I really want you to please accept these flows into the State's Instream Flow Program and secure this vital protection for the Colorado River, and communities that rely on it.*

Kimala Rein  
[1135 Chipeta Ave](#)  
[Grand Junction, CO](#)  
[81501](#)



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**CWCB: Please support the Shosone water rights transfer for environmental flows in the Colorado River!**

1 message

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**WordPress** <info@savethecolorado.org>  
Reply-To: liza\_connelly@yahoo.com  
To: viola.bralish@state.co.us

Tue, May 27, 2025 at 3:51 PM

Hello Colorado Water Conservation Board,

Please accept this letter as public comment on the proposed transfer of Shoshone power plant water rights to the Colorado River District to support environmental flows in the Colorado River.

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Thank you,  
Sincerely,

Liza Connelly  
60 Glen Road

Brookline MA 02445  
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**WordPress** <info@savethecolorado.org>

Wed, May 28, 2025 at 6:17 AM

Reply-To: pittle.r.us@gmail.com

To: viola.bralish@state.co.us

Hello Colorado Water Conservation Board,

I am a mother who cares about water protection.

Please accept this letter as public comment on the proposed transfer of Shoshone power plant water rights to the Colorado River District to support environmental flows in the Colorado River.

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Thank you,

Sincerely,

Lois Hansen

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**Public Comment – Please Accept Shoshone Water Rights into ISF Program**

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**San Juan Water Services** <sanjuanwaterservices@gmail.com>

Wed, Jul 9, 2025 at 9:01 PM

To: viola.bralish@state.co.us

Dear CWCB,

My name is Logan Hartle and I support the inclusion of the Shoshone Water Rights through the State's Instream Flow Program and urge the CWCB to accept the proposed acquisition.

I grew up in Grand Junction and have lived in Durango since 2008. I am the General Manager and Operator in Responsible Charge (ORC) at Elbert Creek Water Company and the Owner and ORC for San Juan Water Services. My career commitment is to support my community with safe, reliable, and sustainable water services. As Colorado grows, it is extremely important to keep water in the Colorado River for water security, recreational use, and the environment. Please accept these flows into the State's Instream Flow Program and secure this vital protection for the Colorado River, and communities that rely on it.

Best regards,

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Logan Hartle, ORC

San Juan Water Services LLC

(970) 919-0087

[sanjuanwaterservices@gmail.com](mailto:sanjuanwaterservices@gmail.com)

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**CWCB: Please support the Shosone water rights transfer for environmental flows in the Colorado River!**

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**WordPress** <info@savethecolorado.org>  
Reply-To: hi2cherie@yahoo.com  
To: viola.bralish@state.co.us

Wed, May 28, 2025 at 4:20 AM

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Sincerely,

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## Public Comment – Please Support Accepting Shoshone Water Rights into ISF Program

1 message

**Lisa Mahoney** <lisa@coloroadventureguides.com>  
To: viola.bralish@state.co.us

Mon, Jul 7, 2025 at 3:09 PM

To the Colorado Water Conservation Board,

On behalf of Colorado Rafting Company, I'm writing to express our full support for the inclusion of the Shoshone Water Rights into Colorado's Instream Flow (ISF) Program. We strongly urge the CWCB to approve this acquisition and secure permanent protections for these crucial non-consumptive flows.

We are a locally owned and operated commercial outfitter headquartered in the heart of Colorado's mountains. Every year, we welcome thousands of guests to experience the Colorado River and its tributaries—not just as a source of recreation, but as a place to share our love and respect for Colorado's for wildlife, agriculture, rural communities, and tourism economy.

The Shoshone flows are essential to maintaining river health, navigability, and consistent water levels throughout much of the year. These flows don't just support our business—they support fish habitat, ecosystem integrity, and the spirit of the Colorado River itself.

**Please accept these flows into the State's Instream Flow Program and secure this vital protection for the river, the communities that depend on it, and future generations of Coloradans and visitors alike.**

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Lisa Mahoney  
Co-Owner  
Colorado Rafting Company

Lisa Mahoney  
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## Public Comment – Please Accept Shoshone Water Rights into ISF Program

1 message

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**Lindsee** <lindsee@gmail.com>  
To: viola.bralish@state.co.us

Wed, Jul 9, 2025 at 4:48 PM

Hello,

I support the inclusion of the Shoshone Water Rights through the State's Instream Flow Program and urge the CWCB to accept the proposed acquisition.

My name is Lindsee Sande, I live in Fruita, Colorado and live and love to recreate on the water in Western Colorado.

I am requesting that you please accept these flows into the State's Instream Flow Program and secure this vital protection for the Colorado River, and communities that rely on it.

Thank you for your time,

Sincerely  
Lindsee Sande  
*Resident of Western Colorado*

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**CWCB: Please support the Shosone water rights transfer for environmental flows in the Colorado River!**

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**WordPress** <info@savethecolorado.org>  
Reply-To: rebeccagroovypeace@gmail.com  
To: viola.bralish@state.co.us

Wed, May 28, 2025 at 6:09 AM

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Thank you,  
Sincerely,

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**Mathieu Dumoulin** <mattrealestatebroker@gmail.com>  
To: viola.bralish@state.co.us

Tue, Jul 8, 2025 at 10:23 PM

Please accept the comment below.

The water now flowing on the western slope is crucial to our lifestyle and economy. We are determined to keep the natural direction of the Colorado River. It seems extremely short sighted and dangerous to create yet another precedent for natural resources being displaced for more suburban living on the front range. The state of Colorado is successful and attractive thanks to its access to recreation, not to the suburban lifestyle. It'd be an irreparable mistake to deviate the water to the east.

Matt Dumoulin, Glenwood springs resident.

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**WordPress** <info@savethecolorado.org>  
Reply-To: mail@marthaherrero.com  
To: viola.bralish@state.co.us

Wed, May 28, 2025 at 10:52 AM

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Thank you,  
Sincerely,

Martha Herrero  
153 The Masters Circle, CA  
Herrero  
Costa Mesa CA 92627  
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**WordPress** <info@savethecolorado.org>  
Reply-To: makoschier@gmail.com  
To: viola.bralish@state.co.us

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Thank you,  
Sincerely,

Maryanne Koschier  
42 Silver Spruce  
Koschier  
Boulder CO 80302-9604  
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**matt@8150architects.com** <matt@8150architects.com>  
To: "viola.bralish@state.co.us" <viola.bralish@state.co.us>

Wed, Jul 9, 2025 at 11:12 AM

I support the inclusion of the Shoshone Water Rights through the State's Instream Flow Program and urge the CWCW to accept the proposed acquisition. As a 24-year resident of Colorado's Western Slope and whitewater enthusiast, this action is vital to preserve our recreation economy and the communities downstream of Glenwood Canyon. Please accept these flows into the State's Instream Flow Program and secure this vital protection for the Colorado River, and communities that rely on it.

William Matt Lee  
Telluride, Colorado  
(former resident of the Vail Valley and Roaring Fork Valley)

Matt Lee Registered Architect, LEED AP  
Principal  
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**WordPress** <info@savethecolorado.org>  
Reply-To: mkenosha@aol.com  
To: viola.bralish@state.co.us

Tue, May 27, 2025 at 4:06 PM

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I long to see a vibrant Colorado River flowing still as today well into the future of my grandchildren's lives and that of all their families. I seek policies that will give this vital part of Colorado and the West into a future of generations yet to come. Please protect the Colorado River.

Thank you,  
Sincerely,

Mark Meeks  
399 Blackbird Dr.  
Bailey  
Colorado 80421

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**WordPress** <info@savethecolorado.org>  
Reply-To: mseyfriedjr@gmail.com  
To: viola.bralish@state.co.us

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Thank you,  
Sincerely,

Mike Seyfried  
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Boulder City Nevada 89005  
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**Newton LOGAN** <nlogan33@gmail.com>  
To: viola.bralish@state.co.us

Tue, Jul 8, 2025 at 10:34 AM

*I support the inclusion of the Shoshone Water Rights through the State's Instream Flow Program and urge the CWCB to accept the proposed acquisition.*

*My name is Newton Logan and I live in Fraser, CO. I am also part owner of a 2,000 acre parcel on the Colorado River in Grand County where we grow hay and run cattle.*

*Please accept the Shoshone flows into the State's Instream Flow Program and secure this vital protection for the Colorado River, and communities that rely on it.*

*Sincerely,  
Newton and Karen Logan*

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**Ofek Bruhis** <ofek@bruhis.com>  
To: viola.bralish@state.co.us

Wed, Jul 9, 2025 at 11:09 AM

Hello Viola!

I support the inclusion of the Shoshone Water Rights through the State's Instream Flow Program and urge the CWCB to accept the proposed acquisition.

My name is Ofek Bruhis and I am an avid kayaker in the roaring fork valley and have lived in Carbondale for close to 4 years now. On top of working at two non-profit organizations, I volunteer quite regularly for the roaring fork club sharing my love of kayaking.

Please accept these flows into the State's Instream Flow Program and secure this vital protection for the Colorado River, and communities that rely on it.

Ofek Bruhis  
512-820-1456  
[661 Sopris Avenue, Carbondale, Co, 81623](#)  
Project Manager at CORE  
Goalie Coach at Colorado Extreme



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## Shoshone water rights

1 message

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**Pam F** <pjfoyster257@gmail.com>

Sun, Jul 13, 2025 at 2:39 PM

To: viola.bralish@state.co.us

Hello,

I am writing to support the permanent protection of the Shoshone water rights for the Colorado River and to keep that water flowing *west*. As we look ahead to negotiating the uses and distribution of the Colorado River it is imperative that we keep water from flowing to the Front Range.

I live in Ridgway, and we are wholly dependent on snow and rainfall, both of which are in less supply. I serve on the Ridgway and Ouray County Planning Commissions. We know how important it is to conserve and make sure no drop of water is wasted. We must support our ranchers, farmers, and communities who depend on the Colorado for much of our economy and very existence.

Please assign the Shoshone Water Rights into the ISF Program.

Respectfully,  
Pam Foyster  
Ridgway, Colorado

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**patrick harris** <pharris07@hotmail.com>

Tue, Jul 8, 2025 at 8:31 PM

To: "viola.bralish@state.co.us" &lt;viola.bralish@state.co.us&gt;

Hello,

I am writing to show my support the inclusion of the Shoshone Water Rights through the State's Instream Flow Program and ask the CWCB to accept the proposed acquisition.

My name is Patrick Harris, and I live in Basalt, CO. I am enjoy floating on the river throughout the warmer months. Just as important is to protect the habitat the river provides for so much animal and plant life.

This seems like an amazing opportunity to protect an incredible resource. Please take advantage of the situation to keep water in the river.

Thank you so much,  
Patrick Harris

Sent from my iPhone

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## Public Comment – Please Accept Shoshone Water Rights into the Instream Flow Program

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**Peter Mayer** <peter.mayer@waterdm.com>  
To: "Bralish - DNR, Viola" <viola.bralish@state.co.us>

Mon, Jul 7, 2025 at 5:00 PM

Dear Colorado Water Conservation Board:

Accepting the Shoshone water rights into Colorado's Instream Flow Program is truly one of the most important, impactful and beneficial decisions you will make as a Board member. Accepting these water rights is a vital step in protecting year-round river flows, and supporting communities, agriculture, recreation, the environment, and local economies across Western Colorado.

I am a professional engineer and urban water management expert. I have worked with hundreds of water providers across Colorado and the United States including providers on the West Slope. I have lived most of my life on Colorado's East Slope and recreated extensively on the West Slope and I have benefited greatly from the Colorado River on both sides. Colorado River water supplements water use from Fort Collins to Denver to Colorado Springs, which is great but it is time to secure Colorado River water for the West Slope.

It is difficult to overstate how important accepting the Shoshone water rights into the Instream Flow Program will be to the Colorado River and everyone downstream. The Shoshone water right assures that the Colorado River itself through Glenwood Canyon and West Slope communities have the benefits of water flow in the Colorado and seniority. Securing this water right is a really big deal.

Please make the future of Colorado brighter and better. Please take this profound and important step and accept the Shoshone water rights flows into Colorado's Instream Flow Program and secure this vital protection for the Colorado River, and communities that rely on it. Thank you.

Sincerely

Peter Mayer

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Peter Mayer, P.E.

Principal

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[1339 Hawthorn Ave., Boulder, CO 80304](#)

[720-318-4232 \(office/mobile\)](#)

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**CWCB: Please support the Shosone water rights transfer for environmental flows in the Colorado River!**

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**WordPress** <info@savethecolorado.org>  
Reply-To: patriciaperron@hotmail.com  
To: viola.bralish@state.co.us

Tue, May 27, 2025 at 5:39 PM

Hello Colorado Water Conservation Board,

Please accept this letter as public comment on the proposed transfer of Shoshone power plant water rights to the Colorado River District to support environmental flows in the Colorado River.

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Thank you,  
Sincerely,

Patricia Perron  
1718 melrose

Seattle WA 98122-6805  
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**WordPress** <info@savethecolorado.org>  
Reply-To: drpat@prodigy.net  
To: viola.bralish@state.co.us

Wed, May 28, 2025 at 2:10 AM

Hello Colorado Water Conservation Board,

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Thank you,  
Sincerely,

Patrick Ramsey  
817 Alameda Road NW

Albuquerque NM 87114

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**WordPress** <info@savethecolorado.org>  
Reply-To: pauljtoomey@yahoo.com  
To: viola.bralish@state.co.us

Tue, May 27, 2025 at 3:52 PM

Hello Colorado Water Conservation Board,

Please accept this letter as public comment on the proposed transfer of Shoshone power plant water rights to the Colorado River District to support environmental flows in the Colorado River.

Thank you for starting a public process to consider this water rights transfer. I strongly support the transfer so that environmental flows are guaranteed in the Colorado River from the continental divide all the way to the state line with Utah. These water rights will maintain and potentially enhance environmental flows that protect fish and riparian areas, will support recreational opportunities including fishing and boating, and will help protect against a lower basin compact call that could force curtailment in Colorado.

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Thank you,  
Sincerely,

Paul Toomey  
60 Glen Road

Brookline MA 02445  
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**pbwalker630@acsol.net** <pbwalker630@acsol.net>  
To: viola.bralish@state.co.us

Thu, Jul 3, 2025 at 4:47 PM

I support the inclusion of the Shoshone Water Rights through the State's Instream Flow Program and urge the CWCB to accept the proposed acquisition.

I live in Palisade, and we've been growing the best peaches in the world since the 1890s, thanks to Colorado River water which now comes to our orchards from the Government Highline Canal. Without sufficient irrigation water from the Colorado River, we could not grow this prized and valuable food..

Please accept these flows into the State's Instream Flow Program and secure this vital protection for the Colorado River, and communities, like all of us in the Grand Valley who rely on it.

Priscilla Walker

P.O. Box 363

Palisade, Colorado 81526

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**WordPress** <info@savethecolorado.org>  
Reply-To: winehiker@gmail.com  
To: viola.bralish@state.co.us

Fri, Jun 27, 2025 at 12:49 PM

Hello Colorado Water Conservation Board,

Please accept this letter as public comment on the proposed transfer of Shoshone power plant water rights to the Colorado River District to support environmental flows in the Colorado River.

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Thank you,  
Sincerely,

Russ Beebe  
1660 W Minden Village Loop

Minden NV 89423

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**WordPress** <info@savethecolorado.org>  
Reply-To: russbonny@hotmail.com  
To: viola.bralish@state.co.us

Tue, May 27, 2025 at 6:22 PM

Hello Colorado Water Conservation Board,

Please accept this letter as public comment on the proposed transfer of Shoshone power plant water rights to the Colorado River District to support environmental flows in the Colorado River.

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Russ Bonny

Victoria BC V8Y 1A1

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**WordPress** <info@savethecolorado.org>

Wed, May 28, 2025 at 6:10 AM

Reply-To: rchorse11@aol.com

To: viola.bralish@state.co.us

Dear Colorado Water Conservation Board,

Hello! As a young person, I care about our water bodies and endangered species. Thanks for your excellent work!

Please accept this letter as public comment on the proposed transfer of Shoshone power plant water rights to the Colorado River District to support environmental flows in the Colorado River.

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Thank you,

Sincerely,

Rebecca Canright

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**Rodney Danzeisen** <rlddee1@hotmail.com>

Thu, Jul 10, 2025 at 5:20 PM

To: "viola.bralish@state.co.us" &lt;viola.bralish@state.co.us&gt;

*I support the inclusion of the Shoshone Water Rights through the State's Instream Flow Program and urge the CWCB to accept the proposed acquisition.*

I believe that since Colorado has always been a protector of water rights in our country, the inclusion of Shoshone Water Rights through the State's Instream Flow Program (SIFP) will continue to protect those water rights for water users who contribute large and substantial funds to the state of Colorado. By accepting these flows into the SIFP it will secure vital protection for the Colorado River and the water users and communities that depend on those flows.

Rodney L. Danzeisen  
Delta County land owner and irrigation water user  
970-856-8518

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**WordPress** <info@savethecolorado.org>

Wed, May 28, 2025 at 2:23 AM

Reply-To: ronfaich@comcast.net

To: viola.bralish@state.co.us

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Sincerely,

Ron Faich  
9400 Snow Heights Blvd NE

Albuquerque NM 87112  
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**WordPress** <info@savethecolorado.org>  
Reply-To: rjjude@gmail.com  
To: viola.bralish@state.co.us

Wed, May 28, 2025 at 1:28 PM

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Thank you,  
Sincerely,

Roderick Jude  
171 Coosa Bald Trail  
Jude  
Blairsville GA 30512-6825  
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**Ross Kalsow** <ross.kalsow@egsd.org>  
To: viola.bralish@state.co.us

Thu, Jul 10, 2025 at 6:40 PM

*To Whom it may concern,*

*I support the inclusion of the Shoshone Water Rights through the State's Instream Flow Program and urge the CWCB to accept the proposed acquisition.*

*I am Ross Kalsow and I live in Granby Colorado. I am a fishing guide who relies on my guide income to support myself, my wife and our brand new daughter. I need water in the rivers to help the community I work in as an educator and to support my family*

*Please accept these flows into the State's Instream Flow Program and secure this vital protection for the Colorado River, and communities that rely on it.*

*It is my sincere hope that you all will support this. My livelihood and my community relies on it.*

*Best,*

*Ross Kalsow*

*303-249-8294*

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*'The best fisherman I know try not to make the same mistakes over and over again; instead they strive to make new and interesting mistakes and to remember what they learned from them.'* - John Gierach

Ross Kalsow  
East Grand Middle School  
251 W. Diamond  
Granby, Colorado 80446

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**Rick Kinshella** <kinshellarick@gmail.com>

Thu, Jul 3, 2025 at 4:06 PM

To: viola.bralish@state.co.us

I lived and worked on the western slope for the first 10 that I lived in Colorado. For the last 30+ years, I've lived and worked on the front range. I support accepting the Shoshone hydroelectric plant's historic water rights into Colorado's instream flow program.

I really believe that this is a critical step in protecting year round river flows and supporting communities, agriculture, the environment, and local economies in Western Colorado.

Richard Kinshella  
Retired Engineer  
Highlands Ranch, Colorado  
Sent from my iPhone

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**46 Gmail** <rmandell46@gmail.com>

Thu, Jul 3, 2025 at 3:58 PM

To: viola.bralish@state.co.us

Viola,

Thanks for being the recipient of all these emails.

I'll make mine short and sweet.

For 55 years since I first came to Colorado the Eastern slop cities have been trying to beg, borrow, steal, or buy our precious Western Slop water. You know it's a valuable commodity when large hedge funds are buying ranches with senior water rights so they can sell to the highest bidders.

ENOUGH!

The Shoshone Water Rights need to stay on the Western Slop.

The ranchers, farmers, &amp; mountain towns need their water and Western Slop Water must stay on the Western Slop.

We need to survive, thrive, grow, and we need our water to do that.

Take care,

Richard

Richard Mandell

2793 Cross Timbers Tr.

Steamboat Springs, CO 80487

(301)252-0465

"America will never be destroyed from the outside.

If we falter and lose our freedoms, it will be because  
we destroyed ourselves!"

Abraham Lincoln





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**RIVER MENTCH** <river@waterworkswest.com>  
To: viola.bralish@state.co.us

Tue, Jul 8, 2025 at 2:58 PM

Hello,

My name is River Mentch.

I live in Kremmling, and work in Keystone as a water treatment and distribution operator.

The Colorado River as it flows from the Blue River to Glenwood is of critical importance to my livelihood, to the drinking water of my community, and the environment I live in. The river is where I spend my free time to recreate and is a place that is spiritually important to me. I couldn't imagine my life without a flowing Colorado River

I have already seen detrimental changes to the environment during low water years due to the trans-mountain diversions from the Blue and Upper Colorado. Some examples I see are keystone species dying from water levels dropping too fast, invertebrates life cycles out of balance due to unnatural flows, and algae growth due to unnatural River temperatures. In fact I have committed that are on the edge of not having enough drinking water currently due to low flows in the Blue River this spring.

Protecting Colorado River flows should be the top priority of our state. More than just losing the most important River in the west, my communities would see an immeasurable financial impact due to how tied our tourist economy is with the natural resource of the river. In several places I work, without mandatory releases from the dams for the Shoshone water plant, communities would face drinking water shortages.

Before diverting more water, it is my belief that we should be exercising legislation to conserve wasted water. Denver Water reports that roughly 150 million gallons a day are used for single family household irrigation during the peak season of June-August. That is more than the town of Keystone uses in an entire year, in a single day. How can we as a state consider sacrificing such a beloved and important resource when we cannot sacrifice green lawns.

Please accept these flows into the State's Instream Flow Program and secure this vital protection for the Colorado River, and communities that rely on it.

Sincerely, an extremely concerned water professional.

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1 message

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**WordPress** <info@savethecolorado.org>  
Reply-To: robmorey@hotmail.com  
To: viola.bralish@state.co.us

Wed, May 28, 2025 at 7:25 AM

Hello Colorado Water Conservation Board,

Please accept this letter as public comment on the proposed transfer of Shoshone power plant water rights to the Colorado River District to support environmental flows in the Colorado River.

Thank you for starting a public process to consider this water rights transfer. I strongly support the transfer so that environmental flows are guaranteed in the Colorado River from the continental divide all the way to the state line with Utah. These water rights will maintain and potentially enhance environmental flows that protect fish and riparian areas, will support recreational opportunities including fishing and boating, and will help protect against a lower basin compact call that could force curtailment in Colorado.

These water rights have always flowed downstream and must continue to always flow downstream.

Thank you,  
Sincerely,

Rob Morey  
333 Lamprecht Dr

CARBONDALE CO 81623  
9702743217

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**Raymond Nagashima** <eyetrout@gmail.com>

Sun, Jul 6, 2025 at 9:48 PM

To: viola.bralish@state.co.us

I wholeheartedly support the inclusion of the Shoshone Water rights through the State's Instream Flow Program and urge the CWCB to accept the proposed acquisition. This is vital to supporting Western Colorado communities, agriculture, the environment and recreation. Although I live east of the Continental divide, I fish, recreate, and consume the wonderful agricultural products of the western slope.

Ray Nagashima, MD.  
7332 W 94th Ave.  
Westminster, CO. 80021  
[eyetrout@gmail.com](mailto:eyetrout@gmail.com)

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**Rich Newton** <richardenewton@gmail.com>

Mon, Jul 7, 2025 at 6:59 PM

To: viola.bralish@state.co.us

My name is Rich Newton. I've in Granby, Co and moved to Grand County in 1976. I am an avid fisherman and have watched the depletion of the Fraser and Colorado Rivers due to diversions to the East slope. Oftentimes the Shoshone call is what keeps the rivers flowing. I strongly urge that the purchase of this water right be permitted. Without it the river will suffer as well as those who send their time on or near the river. Please accept the Shoshone Water Rights into the ISF Program.

Sincerely

Rich Newton

Sent from Miss Pearl II



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**WordPress** <info@savethecolorado.org>  
Reply-To: repassoth@gmail.com  
To: viola.bralish@state.co.us

Wed, May 28, 2025 at 4:36 PM

Hello Colorado Water Conservation Board,

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Thank you,  
Sincerely,

Richard Passoth  
2479 S. Clermont Street  
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## Beneficial Use Of Colorado River Water / Coachella Valley Water District's Profligate NON-Beneficial Use Considerations

1 message

Rcragu12 &lt;rcragu12@gmail.com&gt;

Sun, Jun 29, 2025 at 6:32 PM

To: viola.bralish@state.co.us, "gregory.felt@state.co.us" <gregory.felt@state.co.us>, taylor.hawes@state.co.us, lauren.ris@state.co.us

**Dear Esteemed Stakeholders,**

As the seven Colorado River Basin states negotiate the post-2026 operational guidelines, we face a critical opportunity to ensure the sustainability of the Colorado River, a vital resource for 40 million people and critical ecosystems across the Southwest. A pressing issue demands immediate attention: the allocation of federally controlled Colorado River Water (CRW) to the Coachella Valley Water District (CVWD) through the State Water Project (SWP) and Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) exchange, combined with the district's inefficient water use practices and governance challenges. **The SWP/MWD exchange, delivering up to 194,100 acre-feet per year (AFY) to CVWD, is not transparently addressed in the ongoing negotiations or federal water accounting, posing risks to legal compliance, equitable allocation, and the river's future. We urge negotiators to address this issue, mandate beneficial use standards, enforce conservation practices, and prioritize domestic water needs to safeguard the Colorado River.**

If you want further documentation of the specifics please advise.

Thank you for considering these issues in your critical Colorado River Negotiations.

I have attached secure photos documenting this Profligate Waste of Colorado River Water by Coachella Valley Water District.

Regards,

Randy Roberts

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### 2 attachments



**06-29-2025 7 STATES CRW-CVWD BENEFICIAL USE -CALI DWR - ALLOCATIONS.docx**  
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**WordPress** <info@savethecolorado.org>  
Reply-To: rita.marie.robinson@gmail.com  
To: viola.bralish@state.co.us

Wed, May 28, 2025 at 1:07 PM

Hello Colorado Water Conservation Board,

Please accept this letter as public comment on the proposed transfer of Shoshone power plant water rights to the Colorado River District to support environmental flows in the Colorado River.

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Thank you,  
Sincerely,

Rita Robinson  
3030 Pleasant Point Drive  
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Ridgway CO 81432  
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**WordPress** <info@savethecolorado.org>  
Reply-To: rhinopias@comcast.net  
To: viola.bralish@state.co.us

Fri, Jun 27, 2025 at 9:55 AM

Hello Colorado Water Conservation Board,

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Thank you,  
Sincerely,

Ron Silver  
1829 Sea Oats Dr

Atlantic Beach FL 32233

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**Please Accept Shoshone Water Rights into ISF Program!!!!**

1 message

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**Ryan Sullivan** <ryanobrian@gmail.com>  
To: viola.bralish@state.co.us

Thu, Jul 10, 2025 at 2:18 PM

Dear CWCB,

My name is Ryan Sullivan, and I'm an avid boater living in Ouray, Colorado. I've spent years on these rivers. from the Upper Colorado to Shoshone, Ruby-Horsethief, Westwater, Green River, Arkansas River, Roaring Fork.... these are all just Colorado. These places aren't just destinations...they're a part of who we are in Western Colorado and who I am as a person. This is our land, our water, and our way of life.

I strongly support the inclusion of the Shoshone Water Rights in Colorado's Instream Flow Program. This is a critical move to protect year-round flows that support not just recreation, but also local communities, agriculture, and the natural environment.

Please do what's right and accept the Shoshone rights into the ISF Program. Let's protect the Colorado River for today and for future generations.

Sincerely,  
Ryan Sullivan  
Ouray, CO

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**Steve Bobrick** <sbobrick@gmail.com>  
To: viola.bralish@state.co.us

Thu, Jul 3, 2025 at 4:08 PM

1. *I support the inclusion of the Shoshone Water Rights through the State's Instream Flow Program and urge the CWCB to accept the proposed acquisition Steve Bobrick, 559 Red Cedar Way, Grand Junction, lifetime Colorado Native*
2. *Please accept these flows into the State's Instream Flow Program and secure this vital protection for the Colorado River, and communities that rely on it.*
3. **Signature: Steve Bobrick**

Steve Bobrick



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## Shoshone Water Rights

1 message

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**Dillingham, Susan** <susan.dillingham@engelvoelkers.com>  
To: viola.bralish@state.co.us

Mon, Jul 7, 2025 at 4:16 PM

Hi Viola,

I support the inclusion of the Shoshone Water Rights through the State's Instream Flow Program and urge the CWCB to accept the proposed acquisition!

My name is Susan Dillingham & I have lived in the Roaring Fork Valley since 1971 (4 years old). I have gone to Lake Powell starting in 3rd grade (8 years old) - it was close to full pool at that point and so amazing. I have continued to visit Lake Powell with my last visit, September 2025 & have watched the water continue to fall to where they have had to close marinas. I have toured the Hoover Dam twice, once 30 years ago when you could actually come out at the bottom and look up at the dam. I attended the State of the Colorado river presentations & really have felt that the next World War would be fought over water. I consider myself an uneducated water nerd.

Please accept these flows into the State's Instream Flow Program and secure this vital protection for the Colorado River, and communities that rely on it.

My best regards,

Susan Dillingham

Real Estate Advisor

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**WordPress** <info@savethecolorado.org>  
Reply-To: steve@8750law.com  
To: viola.bralish@state.co.us

Fri, Jun 27, 2025 at 2:31 PM

Hello Colorado Water Conservation Board,

Please accept this letter as public comment on the proposed transfer of Shoshone power plant water rights to the Colorado River District to support environmental flows in the Colorado River.

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Thank you,  
Sincerely,

Stephen Johnson  
PO Box 1153 or 1700 S. Market St.  
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Norwood CO 81423  
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**Steven MacCleary** <stevemacc39@gmail.com>

Thu, Jul 3, 2025 at 6:49 PM

To: viola.bralish@state.co.us

To whom it may concern,

I support the inclusion of the Shoshone Water Rights through the State's Instream Flow Program and urge the CWCB to accept the proposed acquisition.

My name is Steve MacCleary from Eagle. I am an avid whitewater boater who appreciates the benefits the Shoshone Water Rights provide right in my backyard.

Please accept these flows into the State's Instream Flow Program and secure this vital protection for the Colorado River, and communities that rely on it.

Thank you,

Steve MacCleary  
(970)-390-6652  
[Stevemacc39@gmail.com](mailto:Stevemacc39@gmail.com)

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**CWCB: Please support the Shosone water rights transfer for environmental flows in the Colorado River!**

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**WordPress** <info@savethecolorado.org>  
Reply-To: sophiamoorelaw@gmail.com  
To: viola.bralish@state.co.us

Tue, May 27, 2025 at 4:14 PM

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Thank you,  
Sincerely,

Sophia Moore  
284 Weathervane Lane

Buena Vista Colorado 81211  
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**CWCB: Please support the Shosone water rights transfer for environmental flows in the Colorado River!**

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**WordPress** <info@savethecolorado.org>  
Reply-To: olson\_sherry@hotmail.com  
To: viola.bralish@state.co.us

Mon, Jun 9, 2025 at 10:30 PM

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1530 Findlay Wy

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**WordPress** <info@savethecolorado.org>

Wed, May 28, 2025 at 7:07 AM

Reply-To: above.lava@mac.com

To: viola.bralish@state.co.us

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Stephen Robinson  
217 Shutesbury Rd.

Amherst MA 01002-1267

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**Public Comment – Please Accept Shoshone Water Rights into ISF Program**1 message

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**Scott Schreiner** <scottaschreiner@gmail.com>  
To: viola.bralish@state.co.us

Tue, Jul 8, 2025 at 4:00 PM

I am writing to voice my support for the inclusion of the Shoshone Water Rights through the State's Instream Flow Program and urge the CWCB to accept the proposed acquisition. I live in the Eagle River Watershed, just upstream of the confluence with the Colorado River, and have been floating the Colorado River for over 25 years. My first experience was with the Upper Colorado River as a professional guide based out of Rancho Del Rio, and as coincidence would have it, we had to move our operations from Clear Creek to the Upper Colorado due to severe drought in 2000. The availability of water in this stretch during drought was only because of the Shoshone call. 25 years later, I am still floating the Colorado with my family, currently raising two daughters to ply these same rivers while protecting and cherishing these valuable recreation resources.

Please accept these flows into the State's Instream Flow Program and secure this vital protection for the Colorado River, and communities that rely on it.

*Scott A. Schreiner*  
*Eagle, CO*



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## Protect Shoshone Water Rights

1 message

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**Stuart Steidle** <steidlewave@gmail.com>

Wed, Jul 9, 2025 at 7:37 AM

To: "viola.bralish@state.co.us" <viola.bralish@state.co.us>

Hello!

Reaching out because I support including Shoshone Water Rights in Colorado's instream flow program, and I urge CWCB to accept the proposed acquisition. I grew up backpacking in western Colorado and now raft whitewater across the west, and I don't want to see this valuable resource gobbled up by developers.

Thank you,  
Stuart Steidle (Portland, OR)

Sent from Gmail Mobile

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**CWCB: Please support the Shosone water rights transfer for environmental flows in the Colorado River!**

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**WordPress** <info@savethecolorado.org>  
Reply-To: sarahbstewart@yahoo.com  
To: viola.bralish@state.co.us

Tue, May 27, 2025 at 4:00 PM

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Sincerely,

Sarah Stewart  
85 Garfield street

Watertown MA 02472

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**WordPress** <info@savethecolorado.org>  
Reply-To: sarahwaterson@gmail.com  
To: viola.bralish@state.co.us

Wed, May 28, 2025 at 7:46 PM

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## Shoshone Water Rights

1 message

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**Steven Williams** <stwi9998@gmail.com>

Wed, Jul 9, 2025 at 2:54 PM

To: viola.bralish@state.co.us

Dear Ms. Bralish

I'm writing in support of the inclusion of the Shosone Water Rights through Colorado's Instream Flow Program and urge the CWCB to accept the proposed acquisition. These are not new water rights and those in the Front Range that think they will be injured by this acquisition are wrong.

I live in Grand Junction, and I certainly know about the preciousness of water--and those of us on the Western Slope know about aridity and how valuable the water rights would be in helping keep water in the over-appropriated Colorado River.

Thank you.

Sincerely

Steven Williams

2941 Ronda Lee Rd.

Grand Junction, CO 81503

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**Public Comment – Please Accept Shoshone Water Rights into ISF Program**1 message

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**Tony Eason** <tonyeason123@gmail.com>  
To: viola.bralish@state.co.us

Mon, Jul 7, 2025 at 7:53 AM

Dear Ms. Bralish:

I support the inclusion of the Shoshone Water Rights through the State's Instream Flow Program and urge the CWCB to accept the proposed acquisition.

I live in Fraser, CO and I spend a great deal of time (and money) fishing and boating on the Colorado River. The flows are already precarious for all involved - the environment and the people. The river can't take any more diversions.

Please accept these flows into the State's Instream Flow Program and secure this vital protection for the Colorado River, and communities that rely on it.

Sincerely,  
Tony Eason  
Fraser, CO  
917-576-0843

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**CWCB: Please support the Shosone water rights transfer for environmental flows in the Colorado River!**

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**WordPress** <info@savethecolorado.org>  
Reply-To: tlmays@hotmail.com  
To: viola.bralish@state.co.us

Tue, May 27, 2025 at 3:48 PM

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Thank you,  
Sincerely,

Teresa Mays  
7030 W Morning Dove Dr

Glendale Arizona 85308  
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**Public Comment - Please Accept Shoshone Water Rights into ISF Program**

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**tmccloskey** <tmccloskey@bresnan.net>  
To: viola.bralish@state.co.us

Fri, Jul 4, 2025 at 5:52 AM

*To the CWCB,  
I support the inclusion of the Shoshone Water Rights through the State's  
Instream Flow Program and urge the CWCB to accept the proposed acquisition.  
Western Colorado's character and economic viability depend on reliable water  
sources and the environment REQUIRES it.*

*Going forward, any financial investment in water from the plant outflows should  
require mandatory plans for an economic assessment of water use in animal  
agriculture use as well as for high water use applications, including ornamental  
tree and turf and industrial.*

*Please accept these flows into the State's Instream Flow Program and secure  
this vital protection for the Colorado River, and communities that rely on it.*

*Thanks for taking my comment.  
Thomas McCloskey  
Grand Junction, Colorado.*

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone



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**Public Comment – Accept Shoshone Water Rights into ISF Program**

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**Tom Phillips** <thp146@yahoo.com>

Tue, Jul 8, 2025 at 8:58 AM

Reply-To: Tom Phillips &lt;thp146@yahoo.com&gt;

To: "viola.bralish@state.co.us" &lt;viola.bralish@state.co.us&gt;

*I support the inclusion of the Shoshone Water Rights through the State's Instream Flow Program and urge the CWCB to accept the proposed acquisition.*

*I am Thomas Phillips living in Palisade, CO. I own land on the north bank of the Colorado River with three (3) headgates on the main line of the Grand Valley Irrigation Company canal .*

*Please accept these flows into the State's Instream Flow Program and secure this vital protection for the Colorado River, and communities that rely on it.*

***Sincerely,***

***Thomas Phillips, owner of irrigated acres in the Palisade Buffer Zone***



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## Please Accept Shoshone Water Rights into ISF Program

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**Tim Schwander** <ts.prism@gmail.com>

Fri, Jul 4, 2025 at 10:03 AM

To: "viola.bralish@state.co.us" <viola.bralish@state.co.us>

1. *I support the inclusion of the Shoshone Water Rights through the State's Instream Flow Program and urge the CWCB to accept the proposed acquisition.*
2. *Please accept these flows into the State's Instream Flow Program and secure this vital protection for the Colorado River, and communities that rely on it.*

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Tim Schwander

E: [ts.prism@gmail.com](mailto:ts.prism@gmail.com)

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**CWCB: Please support the Shosone water rights transfer for environmental flows in the Colorado River!**

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**WordPress** <info@savethecolorado.org>  
Reply-To: theresav469@gmail.com  
To: viola.bralish@state.co.us

Wed, May 28, 2025 at 9:22 AM

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Denver CO 80210

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## Please Support Protecting Shoshone Flows Through the ISF Program

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**Roaring Fork Kayak Club** <roaringforkkayakclub@gmail.com>  
To: Viola.bralish@state.co.us

Wed, Jul 9, 2025 at 7:23 AM

Hi CWCB team,

I'm writing to share my strong support for including the Shoshone Water Rights in Colorado's Instream Flow Program. This is such an important step to keep water flowing in the Colorado River when it's needed most.

My name is Vida Dillard and I live in Carbondale, Co. I've spent years connected to the rivers of Western Colorado—whether it's recreating on them, watching my kids grow up alongside them, or working to protect access and safety for others. I know firsthand how essential steady flows are, not just for the environment but for the people and communities who depend on the river.

I urge you to accept this proposal and bring the Shoshone flows into the ISF program. It's a chance to safeguard the health of the river and protect the future of everyone who relies on it.

Thank you for considering this.

Warmly,

Vida Dillard

President, Roaring Fork Kayaking Club

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**WordPress** <info@savethecolorado.org>  
Reply-To: virginiabeatrice2@gmail.com  
To: viola.bralish@state.co.us

Tue, May 27, 2025 at 4:09 PM

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virginia McFarland  
18358 Northwood Highway

Arcadia MI 49613  
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Hello Colorado Water Conservation Board,

Please accept this letter as public comment on the proposed transfer of Shoshone power plant water rights to the Colorado River District to support environmental flows in the Colorado River.

Thank you for starting a public process to consider this water rights transfer. I strongly support the transfer so that environmental flows are guaranteed in the Colorado River from the continental divide all the way to the state line with Utah. These water rights will maintain and potentially enhance environmental flows that protect fish and riparian areas, will support recreational opportunities including fishing and boating, and will help protect against a lower basin compact call that could force curtailment in Colorado.

These water rights have always flowed downstream and must continue to always flow downstream.

Thank you,  
Sincerely,

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