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

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**Adam Auerbach** <adam.r.auerbach@gmail.com>  
Reply-To: Adam Auerbach <adam.r.auerbach@gmail.com>  
To: Viola Bralish <viola.bralish@state.co.us>

Thu, Jul 24, 2025 at 5:23 PM

Dear CWCB Members,

CWCB members: 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.

The Colorado River is a treasured Gold-Medal fishery and recreational asset, the lifeblood of many of our state's communities and working lands, a driver of our multi-billion dollar outdoor recreation economy, and an iconic part of Colorado's natural and cultural heritage. For more than 100 years, the Shoshone water right has helped maintain the Colorado River and its values to our state - and has been especially critical in maintaining winter flows that are essential to the river's health. By accepting the Shoshone Rights into Colorado's instream flow program, the CWCB can help preserve the longstanding flow regime that has been a foundation for all of those values supported by a healthy, flowing Colorado River.

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Please accept the Shoshone flows into CWCB's instream flow program and secure this vital protection for the Colorado River, and the environment and communities that rely upon it.

Sincerely,  
Adam Auerbach  
[4635 Chestnut Ln](#)  
[Boulder, CO 80301](#)



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## Keep Shoshone Flowing!

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**Andrea Bridgeman** <andreatbridgeman@gmail.com>  
To: "viola.bralish@state.co.us" <viola.bralish@state.co.us>

Wed, Jul 23, 2025 at 7:03 AM

Dear 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 Andrea Bridgeman. I live in Golden, Colorado and often recreate on the western slope on the Colorado River.

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,  
Andrea Bridgeman

Andrea T. Bridgeman  
864-363-6130

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**Alyssa Drake** <alyssadrake01@gmail.com>

Tue, Jul 22, 2025 at 8:03 AM

To: viola.bralish@state.co.us

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 Alyssa and I have lived in the Roaring Fork Valley for 3 years now recreating on the Colorado River. Access to the flows provided by the Shoshone water rights is what brought me to the valley and I have continued to learn the importance of protecting these Instream flows for recreation and the health of our environment, locally as well as downstream. 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.

Please do the right thing,  
Alyssa Drake

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**Andy Horn, PG** <andy@westwaterhydro.com>  
To: viola.bralish@state.co.us

Wed, Jul 16, 2025 at 1:41 PM

Ms. Bralish,

As a Colorado resident, recreational boater, and a hydrologist familiar with the water management framework in Colorado, I would like to ask that the CWCB include the Shoshone Water Right in Colorado's Instream Flow Program.

The consistent flow on the Blue River from Green Mountain Reservoir, and along the reaches of the Upper Colorado River to Dotsero, Glenwood Springs, and downstream greatly enhances my quality of life as I raft the Colorado regularly from spring through fall. As you know, the Colorado River is home to four endangered fish species: Humpback Chub, Pikeminnow, Razorback Sucker, and Bonytail, and the Shoshone water right helps meet the flow targets needed to maintain native fish habitat set by the Upper Colorado River Endangered Fish Recovery Program, particularly along the 15-Mile Reach from the Cameo Diversion through Grand Junction. Furthermore, the river flows guaranteed by the Shoshone Water Right support a significant portion of the recreational economies in multiple Western Slope counties.

Please accept the Shoshone Water Right into Colorado's Instream Flow Program.

Thank you for consideration of my view on this important matter,

-Andy Horn

Andy Horn, PG

Westwater Hydrology LLC

7175 W. 42<sup>nd</sup> Ave.

Wheat Ridge, CO 80033

303.456.1981

[Andy@WestwaterHydro.com](mailto:Andy@WestwaterHydro.com)[www.WestwaterHydro.com](http://www.WestwaterHydro.com)

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**Allyn Kratz** <allynk@comcast.net>

Mon, Jul 21, 2025 at 12:43 PM

Reply-To: Allyn Kratz &lt;allynk@comcast.net&gt;

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

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Please accept the Shoshone flows into CWCB's instream flow program and secure this vital protection for the Colorado River, and the environment and communities that rely upon it.

Sincerely,  
Allyn Kratz  
[1624 N Weber St.](#)  
[Colorado Springs, CO 80907](#)

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**Bobbi Hodge** <bobbi@masonmorse.com>

Tue, Jul 15, 2025 at 2:15 PM

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

*I, Bobbi Hodge, of Glenwood Springs, Colorado, 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.*



A business card for Bobbi Hodge, Property Manager & Broker Associate at Coldwell Banker Mason Morse. The card features a portrait of Bobbi Hodge on the left. To the right of the portrait is the Coldwell Banker International Residential logo, followed by her name 'Bobbi Hodge' in a large, elegant font. Below her name is her title 'Property Manager & Broker Associate', her phone number '(970) 945-3772', her email 'bobbi@masonmorse.com', her website 'www.cbmasonmorse.com', and her address '1614 Grand Avenue, Suite A, Glenwood Springs, CO 81601'. On the right side of the card is the Coldwell Banker Global Luxury logo, with 'COLDWELL BANKER' and 'MASON MORSE' in bold capital letters below it. At the bottom right, it says 'A Coldwell Banker Mountain Properties Company'.

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**carrie Gudorf** <cslubowski@hotmail.com>  
To: "viola.bralish@state.co.us" <viola.bralish@state.co.us>

Thu, Jul 17, 2025 at 3:40 PM

Dear Colorado Water Conservation Board,

My name is Carrie Gudorf, I am a resident and employee of Mesa County, and have been for over 20 years. I enjoy the lifestyle of the western slope, the local, fresh agriculture and produce it provides, the recreational activities that area available, and most of all - The Colorado River. The Shoshone Water rights that provide instream flow program are an important aspect of our County and the community that survives because of water. Our peaches, grapes and produce are widely known about, and require good clean water to survive. The agriculture community here is a way of life for many, and make their livelihoods from the cattle industry. All of this would not be possible without water on the Western slope that is becoming less and less. We need water, we deserve water, and most of all we need good clean drinking water. As a Mesa County employee I also work in the water industry, have water quality issues that need stream flow. The endangered species populations within the reach of the Colorado River depend on the river maintaining flow throughout the year. The Shoshone Water Rights are vital to protect the Colorado River, our farmers and ranchers and those who recreate. Please provide Mesa County with our request, to keep these water rights where they belong and not give any more of our water to the Front Range.

Thank you,

Carrie Gudorf

Resident and employee of Mesa County





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

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**Chalon Rein** <chalonrein@gmail.com>  
To: viola.bralish@state.co.us

Sat, Jul 26, 2025 at 3:20 PM

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 Chalon 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.*

Chalon Rein  
1135 Chipeta Ave  
Grand Junction, CO  
81501  
(907) 317-6974



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**charlie shepley** <goodtimescharlie@gmail.com>  
To: viola.bralish@state.co.us

Thu, Jul 17, 2025 at 5:36 PM

I would like to show my support for permanently protecting the Shoshone water right. As a hydrologist for the BLM in Oregon I have seen how important it is to protect and conserve our watersheds. It's best for the environment, the wildlife, local communities, and recreational activities. Now is the time to make protections permanent, so thank you for your support and consideration!

Charlie Shepley  
Leaburg, Oregon

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**Doug Krieger** <dakrieger53@gmail.com>  
Reply-To: Doug Krieger <dakrieger53@gmail.com>  
To: Viola Bralish <viola.bralish@state.co.us>

Tue, Jul 22, 2025 at 4:34 PM

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Sincerely,  
Doug Krieger  
15475 Pleasant View Drive  
Colorado Springs, CO 80921



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**Elwin Crabtree** <elwin@crabtreeproperties.com>

Thu, Jul 17, 2025 at 3:20 PM

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

I have been a resident of Grand County since 1968 and a Grand County Commissioner 1973-1981. Your support of the Colorado River District's efforts to protect the Shoshone Dam water rights by including them into Colorado's Instream Flow Program is needed to protect the assets of the Colorado River system to the historic environmental needs of the drainage. Please give this your serious consideration.

Thank you very much.

Elwin Crabtree

Box 702

Grand Lake, CO 80447

Ph. 970-627-3433

Email: [elwin@crabtreeproperties.com](mailto:elwin@crabtreeproperties.com)

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**ERIC POLCZYNSKI** <ericski75@yahoo.com>  
Reply-To: ERIC POLCZYNSKI <ericski75@yahoo.com>  
To: Viola Bralish <viola.bralish@state.co.us>

Mon, Jul 28, 2025 at 10:35 AM

Dear CWCB Members,

CWCB members: 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.

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Sincerely,  
ERIC POLCZYNSKI  
PO Box 3483  
Pagosa Springs, CO 81147



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**Greg Roman** <fraserromans@hotmail.com>

Thu, Jul 31, 2025 at 9:15 AM

To: "viola.bralish@state.co.us" <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 Greg Roman. I live in Montrose, Colorado. I am a fisherman and rafter. I have lived on the Western Slope of Colorado for 50 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.

Greg Roman

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**B and G Tuohig** <tuohigs@msn.com>

Mon, Jul 21, 2025 at 2:51 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.

My name is Gail Tuohig. I live on the Western Slope of Colorado in Grand Junction. This high desert area is very arid. We definitely need Colorado River water to support our local communities with respect to agriculture, recreation, the environment and our local economies.

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.

Gail Tuohig



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## Protecting Shoshone in flow water rights

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**Genevieve Villamizar** <salt.dirt@gmail.com>

Thu, Jul 17, 2025 at 5:25 PM

To: "viola.bralish@state.co.us" <viola.bralish@state.co.us>, Kate Collins <kcollins@midcowatershed.org>

*I adamantly 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 Geneviève Villamizar. I am a landscape designer, practicing for almost 30 years in the state of Colorado. I earned my degree from Colorado State University during the mid 90s in Fort Collins. This was a time in which we endured two significant droughts. I earned my masters degree from Western Colorado University in environmental management in 2020. I learned to fly fish on the Poudre River and small Western streams throughout the Rockies in the late 90s. I taught myself to hunt on the Front Range and have carried that conservation ethic with me into my life on the Western Slope. I have been involved in farming for just as long.

As a Landscape Designer, I have earned a solid reputation in waterwise practices using native and regionally adaptive species. My work increases biodiverse ecosystems within the built environment, and I seek to connect green pathways for all forms of (wild)life through human impacted areas.

Throughout my 30 years in Colorado, I have watched the state recklessly promote itself as a recreational paradise, catering Not to the ecosystems for the sake of these ecosystems themselves, but to generate tourism dollars, seeking desperately to increase our population with no consideration for the constraints of water within our region.

Before the front range contemplates pulling water from the western slope, they have a responsibility to the natural systems that sustain life in this region and must find ways to be more resourceful with the water they have.

The State needs to look at agricultural practices that allow irresponsible crops like alfalfa in the desert. They need to look at Building Codes that don't leverage gray water systems. We need to look at our extraction industries and the amount of water we allow for destructive fracking. And we need to work harder at eliminating wasteful turf grass irrigation practices within municipalities.

I don't only have these expectations of the Front Range but also of the Western Slope and the entire Rocky Mountain region. We are an intelligent species and we can make this happen if we stop letting special interests WIN. Please speak and act on behalf of our waterways.

*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.*

**g j v**

landscape designer  
columnist  
970.505.8506





August 1, 2025

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

To: Colorado Water Conservation Board

On behalf of the Grand Junction Area REALTOR® Association, I am writing to express our 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.

The Grand Junction Area REALTOR® Association is a not-for-profit organization committed to advancing the real estate profession in Mesa County. With over 840 primary members our organization strives to further the interests of real estate ownership. It is imperative, as we strive to increase home ownership for working families and advance housing affordability, that we maintain our rich and diverse economy including agriculture and recreation. Our communities depend on these in-stream flows for irrigation to raise row crops and cattle. Water recreation is one of the key drivers of tourism in the region we serve. Both industries provide employment and economic opportunities that help our area thrive and survive.

As REALTORS® and concerned professionals we urge you to accept these flows into the State's Instream Flow Program and secure this vital protection for the Colorado River, and our friends, neighbors and communities that rely on it.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "D Potter", written in a cursive style.

Don Potter  
President

Grand Junction Area REALTOR® Association  
2473 Crossroads Blvd. Grand Junction CO 81506  
970.243.3322



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**Helen Carlsen** <helencarlscolorado@gmail.com>  
To: viola.bralish@state.co.us

Mon, Aug 4, 2025 at 9:00 AM

I support the purchase of the Shoshone Water Rights and the protection of the Instream Flows on the Colorado River.

These Senior rights are critical for the health of the River and adjacent communities and must be secured.

I have lived in the Roaring Fork Valley since 1981 and I have kayaked Shoshone and other sections of the Colorado River many times.

Sincerely,

Helen Carlsen  
Basalt, CO

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**JudyAnn Files** <jarwfiles@gmail.com>  
To: viola.bralish@state.co.us

Fri, Jul 18, 2025 at 8:50 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.

Ralph W Files, [3365 Mahogany Drive, Montrose, CO](#). Past member of Friends of the River Uncompahgre, Public Lands Partnership, and Colorado Plateau Mountain Bike Association. Currently member of Colorado Parks and Wildlife non-motorized trails subcommittee and trail master for Uncompahgre Valley Trail Riders Association (atv and snowmobile), and member of SBEADMR dealing with forest restoration in GMUG.

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 the water of the Colorado River does not stay within control of the Colorado River District and is sold to front range interests, there will be more demand on the waters of the Uncompahgre and Gunnison Rivers to sustain the necessary water flows in the Colorado River. This would substantially affect the agricultural areas of Delta County and Montrose County.

Ralph W. Files

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

970 275 2915

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**john harcourt** <bigfishdaddy@hotmail.com>

Tue, Jul 22, 2025 at 7:00 PM

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*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 Harcourt and live in New Castle, Colorado and I am a fly fishing guide. The front range has taken way too much water from the Western United States and it needs to stop now.

*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.*

John Harcourt  
Harcourt fly Fishing 3G

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**James Scogin** <jwscogin@gmail.com>  
To: viola.bralish@state.co.us

Thu, Jul 31, 2025 at 6:23 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. James Scogin, Fruita, CO, and I rely on the Colorado River feeding Highline Irrigation to irrigate my 4 acres for agricultural purposes in Western Colorado. 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.

James Scogin

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**John Traylor** <jctraylor82@yahoo.com>  
To: viola.bralish@state.co.us

Tue, Jul 15, 2025 at 1:27 PM

Dear Ms. Bralish-

I am writing you to express the following concerns about the proposed Shoshone water rights in stream flow purchase:

\$99 million is an excessive amount to pay Excel Energy for an ISF that by definition already returns to the Colorado River. Excel has taken advantage of growing fears of the western slope water community about declining water levels and Front Range diversions to extort a high price that sets a bad precedent for future ISF transactions. I urge you to think about the price per cubic foot for this transaction and what impact that will have on the cost to any future ISFs to protect Colorado River flows.

As you know, federal funding has not been secured and it is unclear to me if all other funding can be counted on given state and federal budget reductions. Is this action before you simply premature?

Finally, it appears that negotiations on future Colorado River allocations may be moving away from the historical "compact call" demand model to a new supply-based model that may require releases from the upper basin if flows drop below some recent historical average. What might be the diminished value of this ISF in such a situation? Won't ISFs have to take a proportionate reduction?

I urge you to take your time, gather more information and carefully deliberate on the future consequences of any decision the board may make.

Sincerely,

John Traylor  
Grand Junction

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**kevin h** <kevinh313@gmail.com>  
To: viola.bralish@state.co.us

Wed, Jul 16, 2025 at 6:08 PM

Ms. Bralish,

As a Colorado resident and recreational boater, I would like to ask that the CWCB include the Shoshone Water Right in Colorado's Instream Flow Program.

The consistent flow on the Blue River from Green Mountain Reservoir, and along the reaches of the Upper Colorado River to Dotsero, Glenwood Springs, and downstream, greatly enhances my quality of life as I raft the Colorado regularly from spring through fall. As you probably know, the Colorado River is home to four endangered fish species: Humpback Chub, Pikeminnow, Razorback Sucker, and Bonytail, and the Shoshone water right helps meet the flow targets needed to maintain native fish habitat set by the Upper Colorado River Endangered Fish Recovery Program, particularly along the 15-Mile Reach from the Cameo Diversion through Grand Junction. Furthermore, the river flows guaranteed by the Shoshone Water Right support a significant portion of the recreational economies in multiple Western Slope counties.

Please accept the Shoshone Water Right into Colorado's Instream Flow Program.

Thank you for consideration of my view on this important matter

Kevin Hutchison

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**Kendrick Neubecker** <eagleriver@sopris.net>

Wed, Jul 23, 2025 at 4:19 PM

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

Hi Viola,

I'm writing to fully support the Shoshone ISF water right. This water right is important, not just for the West Slope but for all of Colorado. The Colorado River is a major economic driver for the entire state, not just the West Slope, and as times have changed recreation and the need for a healthy river are just as important for ALL of us as the cities and agriculture of the East Slope.

This ISF need is perhaps the most important flow right we need, and again, is good for all of us. We need all of what is requested for the sake of the Colorado River, the West Slope and all of Colorado's future.

Ken Neubecker  
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**Kyle Perkins** <kyleindenver@gmail.com>  
Reply-To: Kyle Perkins <kyleindenver@gmail.com>  
To: Viola Bralish <viola.bralish@state.co.us>

Thu, Jul 24, 2025 at 5:33 PM

Dear CWCB Members,

CWCB members: 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.

The Colorado River is a treasured Gold-Medal fishery and recreational asset, the lifeblood of many of our state's communities and working lands, a driver of our multi-billion dollar outdoor recreation economy, and an iconic part of Colorado's natural and cultural heritage. For more than 100 years, the Shoshone water right has helped maintain the Colorado River and its values to our state - and has been especially critical in maintaining winter flows that are essential to the river's health. By accepting the Shoshone Rights into Colorado's instream flow program, the CWCB can help preserve the longstanding flow regime that has been a foundation for all of those values supported by a healthy, flowing Colorado River.

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Please accept the Shoshone flows into CWCB's instream flow program and secure this vital protection for the Colorado River, and the environment and communities that rely upon it.

Sincerely,  
Kyle Perkins  
6419 Quail St.  
Arvada, CO 80004

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**Leonard Chmiel** <lenchmiel@gmail.com>

Mon, Jul 21, 2025 at 1:35 PM

To: viola.bralish@state.co.us

Dear Ms. Bralish,

I'm writing to ask that the Colorado Water Conservation Board accept Shoshone Water Rights acquisition into the ISF Program.

My name is Leonard Chmiel, I live on a mesa in Hotchkiss where I have a vineyard and pasture and very large garden. I have installed subsurface drip irrigation on the whole place not only to conserve the water I have allocated but to keep our Colorado River healthy and providing for the water the western slope so needs for us who live here and too for downstream users.

I have contributed towards the purchase of the rights as have several of my market gardener friends here in the North Fork Valley.

Thank you very much for your support

Sincerely yours

Leonard Chmiel

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**Len J** <lenstuff@hotmail.com>

Wed, Jul 16, 2025 at 9:07 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.

Len Jagelski, Granby, CO. My Family has the Sheriff Ranch since 1881 near Hot Sulphur Springs and the Colorado River flows through it.

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.

Len Jagelski, CO Headwaters Trout Unlimited member

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**Loni Moore** <lonimoore81@gmail.com>  
To: viola.bralish@state.co.us

Thu, Jul 31, 2025 at 1:17 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.

Melonie Moore Grand Junction Colorado. We use water to irrigate our 4 acre hay field. We also fish and recreate around many water ways on the Western Slope. Western Slope water needs to remain on the Western Slope!

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.

Respectfully  
Melonie Moore



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**Laurie Roshak** <lroshak@gmail.com>  
To: viola.bralish@state.co.us

Tue, Jul 15, 2025 at 5:17 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. I live in Douglas county, but am a frequent visitor and property owner in Summit and Eagle counties. 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 you,  
Laurie Roshak

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**Larry Underwood** <underwoodmd@aol.com>  
Reply-To: Larry Underwood <underwoodmd@aol.com>  
To: Viola Bralish <viola.bralish@state.co.us>

Thu, Jul 24, 2025 at 5:29 PM

Dear CWCB Members,

CWCB members: 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.

The Colorado River is a treasured Gold-Medal fishery and recreational asset, the lifeblood of many of our state's communities and working lands, a driver of our multi-billion dollar outdoor recreation economy, and an iconic part of Colorado's natural and cultural heritage. For more than 100 years, the Shoshone water right has helped maintain the Colorado River and its values to our state - and has been especially critical in maintaining winter flows that are essential to the river's health. By accepting the Shoshone Rights into Colorado's instream flow program, the CWCB can help preserve the longstanding flow regime that has been a foundation for all of those values supported by a healthy, flowing Colorado River.

The nonconsumptive water rights at Shoshone have played a critical role in sustaining the Colorado River from headwaters to the Grand Valley, generating diverse benefits not only for Western Colorado, but also for residents of Colorado's eastern slope who also depend upon the river. By accepting those rights into Colorado's instream flow program, the CWCB can help ensure that the Shoshone rights continue to operate for the river as they have for more than a century, so that Coloradans continue to enjoy those benefits even when the hydropower facility itself goes off line as its infrastructure ages.

Please accept the Shoshone flows into CWCB's instream flow program and secure this vital protection for the Colorado River, and the environment and communities that rely upon it.

Sincerely,  
Larry Underwood  
[12031 W 54th Ave](#)  
[Arvada, CO 80002](#)

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**Michael Courtney** <bigmikedc@yahoo.com>  
Reply-To: Michael Courtney <bigmikedc@yahoo.com>  
To: Viola Bralish <viola.bralish@state.co.us>

Thu, Jul 24, 2025 at 5:42 PM

Dear CWCB Members,

CWCB members: 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.

The Colorado River is a treasured Gold-Medal fishery and recreational asset, the lifeblood of many of our state's communities and working lands, a driver of our multi-billion dollar outdoor recreation economy, and an iconic part of Colorado's natural and cultural heritage. For more than 100 years, the Shoshone water right has helped maintain the Colorado River and its values to our state - and has been especially critical in maintaining winter flows that are essential to the river's health. By accepting the Shoshone Rights into Colorado's instream flow program, the CWCB can help preserve the longstanding flow regime that has been a foundation for all of those values supported by a healthy, flowing Colorado River.

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Please accept the Shoshone flows into CWCB's instream flow program and secure this vital protection for the Colorado River, and the environment and communities that rely upon it.  
In stream flows need to be preserved all year long.

Sincerely,  
Michael Courtney  
[514 West Columbia Avenue](#)  
[Telluride, CO 81435](#)

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**Mary Thom** <marythomgj@gmail.com>  
To: viola.bralish@state.co.us

Tue, Jul 15, 2025 at 11:37 AM

I support the inclusion of the Shoshone Water Rights through the State's Instream Flow Program and am therefore writing to ask that the CWCB accept the proposed acquisition. I live in Grand Junction and am a recreational water user who is saddened by the effect the heat is having on the river. I recently checked the CFS at the state line and noted that it dropped precipitously in July. I also am involved in organizations where I interact with farmers and know how important keeping the flows going is for their livelihood and for the food that I eat. Lastly, I worry about the fish in this area when the river gets dangerously low. For all these reasons, I support the Shoshone project and urge the CWCB to accept the proposal.

Mary Thom  
2534 Park Mesa Court  
Grand Junction, CO 81507





Middle Colorado Watershed Council

July 18, 2025

Colorado Water Conservation Board  
1313 Sherman Street, Room 718  
Denver, CO 80203  
Email: [viola.bralish@state.co.us](mailto:viola.bralish@state.co.us)

**Re: Public Comment – Support for Instream Flow Acquisition of the Shoshone Water Right**

Dear Members of the Colorado Water Conservation Board:

On behalf of the Middle Colorado Watershed Council (MCWC), I write to express strong support for the proposed acquisition of the Shoshone Water Right through the State's Instream Flow Program. We urge the CWCB to accept this historic and forward-looking proposal, which would permanently protect one of the most critical non-consumptive water rights on the Colorado River.

The Shoshone Water Right plays an essential role in sustaining flows through the heart of our watershed. These flows directly support local agriculture, recreational economies, ecological health and municipal water users in the Middle Colorado region—from Glenwood Canyon through De Beque. They are fundamental to the natural hydrologic regime that so many communities depend on, especially in the face of increasing drought and climate variability.

MCWC's mission is to protect, enhance and evaluate the health of the Middle Colorado River through collaboration, education and stewardship. Our work on wildfire resilience, habitat restoration and community education depend on a healthy, flowing river. The protection of the Shoshone flows is directly aligned with our goals and those of our partners across the Western Slope.

We recognize that the Shoshone Water Right benefits all of Colorado—not just our region—by maintaining compact compliance, supporting fisheries and helping sustain reliable flows for downstream users. We also appreciate the leadership of the Colorado River District and its coalition in bringing this opportunity forward.

We urge the CWCB to accept this acquisition into the Instream Flow Program and ensure the long-term protection of the Shoshone Water Right for future generations.

Sincerely,

Doug Winter, President  
MCWC Board of Directors



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## Caribe's Public Comment – Accept Shoshone Water Rights into ISF Program

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**Caribe** <omarpostigomartell@gmail.com>  
To: viola.bralish@state.co.us

Wed, Jul 16, 2025 at 11:58 AM

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. 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.
2. Omar Postigo-Martell, Gypsum, Colorado resident since Summer of 2023.



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**Patrick Brown** <runitcu@outlook.com>  
To: "viola.bralish@state.co.us" <viola.bralish@state.co.us>  
Cc: Patrick Brown <runitcu@outlook.com>

Tue, Jul 29, 2025 at 4:19 PM

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. As a kayaker and rafter, I have enjoyed boating on the Colorado River through Glenwood Canyon in all seasons for many years, and I look forward to my daughter being able to do the same for years to come.

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,

Patrick Brown

4104 Saint Croix St

Boulder CO 80301



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**Peder Franson** <pederfranson@gmail.com>

Thu, Jul 17, 2025 at 3:37 PM

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

Hello,

I want to express my enthusiastic support and call to action for the inclusion of the Shoshone Water Rights through the State's Instream Flow Program and urge the CWCB to accept the proposed action. These rights are absolutely imperative for maintaining high elevation flows on the Western Slope which supports a variety of incredible ecosystem services.

My name is Peder Franson, I live in Eagle Colorado and benefit from the ecosystem services that the Eagle and Colorado Rivers provide on a daily basis.

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.

- Peder Franson



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**Rachel Scott** <rachel.scott@gmail.com>

Fri, Jul 18, 2025 at 2:29 AM

Reply-To: rachel.scott@gmail.com

To: viola.bralish@state.co.us

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.

As a former resident of Edwards, I still have great memories of rafting on the waters of Western Colorado.

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.

Kind regards,  
Rachel Scott  
Launceston,  
Tasmania  
Australia

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**Steven Becker** <prairieangler@gmail.com>  
Reply-To: Steven Becker <prairieangler@gmail.com>  
To: Viola Bralish <viola.bralish@state.co.us>

Fri, Jul 25, 2025 at 6:29 AM

Dear CWCB Members,

CWCB members: 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.

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Please accept the Shoshone flows into CWCB's instream flow program and secure this vital protection for the Colorado River, and the environment and communities that rely upon it.

Sincerely,  
Steven Becker  
664 Amy Ct  
Covington, LA 70433

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**Sarah Clark** <clark.coaching@outlook.com>  
Reply-To: Sarah Clark <clark.coaching@outlook.com>  
To: Viola Bralish <viola.bralish@state.co.us>

Tue, Jul 15, 2025 at 6:49 PM

Dear CWCB Members,

CWCB members: 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.

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Sincerely,  
Sarah Clark  
[661 Needlerush Road](#)  
[Port Orange, FL 32127](#)

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**Stephanie Hempel** <shspeaks17@gmail.com>  
To: viola.bralish@state.co.us

Tue, Jul 15, 2025 at 2:28 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 Stephanie Hempel. I am living in Boulder, CO. My connection to this land is as a concerned citizen for my region, ensuring the water access is protected and that the Shoshone People are respected.*

*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.*

***Stephanie Hempel,  
Harvest of All First Nations***



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**Steven Morris** <stevenmorris@applegategroup.com>  
To: "viola.bralish@state.co.us" <viola.bralish@state.co.us>

Thu, Jul 17, 2025 at 2:51 PM

I am a professional engineer in Hotchkiss Colorado and I am writing in support of 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,

Steven Morris, P.E.

**Applegate Group, Inc.**

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**Stephanief Odell** <s1odell@yahoo.com>  
Reply-To: Stephanief Odell <s1odell@yahoo.com>  
To: Viola Bralish <viola.bralish@state.co.us>

Thu, Jul 24, 2025 at 5:32 PM

Dear CWCB Members,

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Sincerely,  
Stephanief Odell  
PO Box 1686  
Fraser, CO 80442



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**Spencer Ryland** <largo22@charter.net>

Tue, Jul 15, 2025 at 11:58 AM

To: viola.bralish@state.co.us

*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.*

Spencer Ryland

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July 15, 2025

Colorado Water Conservation Board  
c/o Ms. Viola Brash  
1313 Sherman Street, Room 718  
Denver, CO 80203  
Via email: [viola.bralish@state.co.us](mailto:viola.bralish@state.co.us)

**Re: Public Comment – Support for Instream Flow Acquisition of the Shoshone Water Rights**

Dear Members of the Colorado Water Conservation Board:

Club 20 is a 72 year-old, membership organization of businesses, governments and citizens of Western Colorado. I write on behalf of our board of directors and membership expressing our strongest support for the Shoshone Water Rights Permanency Program. With this letter, Club 20 shares its unanimous support for the proposed acquisition of the Shoshone Water Rights to the state’s Instream Flow Program. We urge the CWCB to accept this once-in-a-lifetime, stabilizing proposal to permanently preserve the historical flow regime of the mainstem of the Colorado River on which water users and the environment on both sides of the Continental Divide depend. Club 20 believes the Shoshone water rights will “preserve and improve the natural environment” of the Shoshone Reach at least “to a reasonable degree” and therefore meets both the letter and spirit of the instream flow acquisition statute.

Additionally, the Shoshone water rights are critical to maintaining compact compliance, fisheries, riparian habitats, and flows for downstream water users including the recovery efforts of the four listed fish species. As this Board knows, the Recovery Program is predicated in large part on the flows resulting from continued exercise of the Shoshone water rights. Continued success of the Recovery Program is critical to water users on both sides of the state.

We urge the CWCB to accept these water rights into the Instream Flow Program and ensure the long-term protection of the Shoshone Water Rights for future generations.

Sincerely,

Brittany Dixon  
Executive Director  
Club 20

cc: Senators Catlin, Rich, and Roberts  
Senate Minority Leader Simpson and Speaker of the House Julie McCluskie  
Representatives Lukens, Soper, Taggart, Velasco, Suckla, and Stewart  
bcc: Andrew Mueller and Zane Kessler

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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. This will secure this vital protection for the Colorado River, and communities that rely on it.

Ensuring more consistent flows for recreation, agriculture and aquatics life is a key component to the economic vitality of the Western Slope. The interconnectedness with the rest of the state is highly valuable and should be supported.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Tom Koehler  
Sustainable Hiker



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

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

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**Tim Ledford** <tbledford@icloud.com>  
To: viola.bralish@state.co.us

Fri, Aug 1, 2025 at 2:22 PM

I support the keep the Colorado from Glenwood Springs to Westwater and others. Both my parents were from CO and I visit Denny in CO often  
Sent from my iPhone



July 17, 2025

Colorado Water Conservation Board  
c/o Ms. Viola Brash  
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Denver, CO 80203  
Via email: [viola.bralish@state.co.us](mailto:viola.bralish@state.co.us)

**Re: Public Comment – Support for Instream Flow Acquisition of the Shoshone Water Rights**

Dear Members of the Colorado Water Conservation Board:

With this letter, the West Divide Water Conservancy District board of directors shares its unanimous support for the proposed acquisition of the Shoshone Water Rights to the state's Instream Flow Program. We urge the CWCB to accept this once-in-a-lifetime, stabilizing proposal to permanently preserve the historical flow regime of the mainstem of the Colorado River on which water users and the environment on both sides of the Continental Divide depend. West Divide believes the Shoshone water rights will preserve and improve the natural environment of the Shoshone Reach to a reasonable degree and therefore meets the letter and spirit of the instream flow acquisition statute.

The citizens of the West Divide District in central Garfield County voted to create the district in 1964. Today, more than 500 water contract customers rely on our augmentation plans for domestic and irrigation water. Those augmentation plans in turn rely in significant part of the continuous flows in the Colorado River assured by the senior Shoshone water rights.

Additionally, the Shoshone water rights are critical to maintaining compact compliance, fisheries, riparian habitats, and flows for downstream users including the recovery efforts of the four listed fish species. As the Board knows, the Recovery Program is predicated in large part on the flows resulting from continued exercise of the Shoshone water rights. Continued success of the Recovery Program is critical to water users on both sides of the state.



We urge the CWCB to accept these water rights into the Instream Flow Program and ensure the long-term protection of the Shoshone Water Rights for future generations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sam Potter", written in a cursive style.

Sam Potter, President

cc: The Honorable Marc Catlin  
The Honorable Elizabeth Valasco