BEFORE THE COLORADO WATER CONSERVATION BOARD DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, STATE OF COLORADO

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING FOR THE PROPOSED ACQUISITION OF AN INTEREST IN THE SHOSHONE WATER RIGHTS FOR INSTREAM FLOW USE ON THE COLORADO RIVER

RESPONSE TO STAFF OF COLORADO WATER CONSERVATION BOARD'S MOTION FOR ADDITIONAL WITNESSES AND PRESENTATION BY THE DIVISION ENGINEER, AND REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATION

Western Resource Advocates et al supports the Staff of Colorado Water Conservation Board's Motion for Additional Witnesses and Presentation by the Division Engineer, and Request for Clarification ("Staff's Motion") as well as the proposed Order on Staff's Motion.

We agree with the legal and other considerations provided by Counsel for the CWCB in the August 4th Motion. In addition, we believe the request is reasonable and appropriate due to the volume and detail of the material provided by the State, including material provided for the CWCB Board meeting held May 21-22, 2025.

It furthers efficiency for relevant state agency staff to synthesize these materials at the September hearing and to enable rebuttal statements and questions from the Board to be made by state agency staff not listed as witnesses.

Respectively submitted this 8th day of August 2025.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have duly served the copies of the foregoing **Response to Staff of Colorado Water Conservation Board's Motion for Additional Witnesses and Presentation by the Division Engineer, and Request for Clarification** upon all parties herein by email, this 8th day of August 2025, addressed as follows (Service List as of August 5, 2025 update):

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