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### **Summary Minutes and Record of Decisions**

#### **September 16 - 18, 2025 Board Meeting**

A regular meeting of the Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB) convened at Fort Lewis College in Durango and virtually on zoom. The meeting was called to order by Chair Lorelei Cloud. 10 voting members were present at the call to order, so a quorum was present (at least 6 required). Voting members present were: Greg Felt, Mike Camblin, Brad Wind, Barbara Vasquez, Taylor Hawes, Lorelei Cloud, John McClow, Greg Johnson, and Nathan Coombs, and ex-officio voting member Dan Gibbs, Executive Director of the Department of Natural Resources. Non-voting ex officio members present or represented were: Scott Steinbrecher, Attorney General's Office; Matt Nicholl, Colorado Parks and Wildlife; Robert Sakata, Department of Agriculture; and Lauren Ris, Colorado Water Conservation Board Director. Counsel to the Board, Jen Mele was also in attendance.

On the second day, the meeting was called to order by Chair Lorelei Cloud. 10 voting members were present at the call to order, so a quorum was present (at least 6 required). The voting members present were: Taylor Hawes, Greg Johnson (recused from the meeting after lunch), Mike Camblin, Barbara Vasquez, Brad Wind (recused from the meeting after lunch), Greg Felt, Lorelei Cloud, John McClow, and Nathan Coombs, and ex-officio voting member Dan Gibbs, Executive Director of the Department of Natural Resources. No n-voting ex officio members present or represented were: Scott Steinbrecher, Attorney General's Office, Matt Nicholl, Colorado Parks and Wildlife; Robert Sakata, Department of Agriculture, Jason Ullmann, State Engineer, and Lauren Ris, Colorado Water Conservation Board Director. Counsel to the Board, Jen Mele and Sr. Assistant Attorney General Jackie Calicchio, were also in attendance.

On the third day, the meeting was called to order by Chair Lorelei Cloud. 8 voting members were present at the call to order, so a quorum was present (at least 6 required). The voting members present were: Taylor Hawes, Mike Camblin, Barbara Vasquez, Greg Felt, Lorelei Cloud, John McClow, and Nathan Coombs, and ex-officio voting member Dan Gibbs, Executive Director of the Department of Natural Resources. Non-voting ex officio members present or represented were: Scott Steinbrecher, Attorney General's Office, Matt Nicholl, Colorado Parks and Wildlife; Robert Sakata, Department of Agriculture, Jason Ullmann, State Engineer, and Lauren Ris, Colorado Water Conservation Board Director. Counsel to the Board, Jen Mele and Sr. Assistant Attorney General Jackie Calicchio, were also in attendance.

**Tuesday, September 16, 2025**

**1 Review and Approve Agenda**

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Greg Felt, which was seconded by Greg Johnson. The motion was approved unanimously (9-0).

**2a Review and Approve July 1, 2025, Board Meeting Minutes**

A motion to approve the July Special Meeting 2025 Board minutes was made by Barbara Vasquez, which was seconded by Nathan Coombs. The motion was approved unanimously (9-0).

**2b Review and Approve July 16 & 17, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes**

A motion to approve the July 2025 Board minutes was made by Barbara Vasquez, which was seconded by Nathan Coombs. The motion was approved unanimously (9-0).

**3 Approve and/or Remove Consent Agenda Items**

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda Items was made by Taylor Hawes, which was seconded by Nathan Coombs. The motion was approved unanimously (9-0).

**1. Statements of Opposition**

*Stream & Lake Protection Section*

*Staff recommends the Board ratify CWCB's filing of the following Statements of Opposition:*

- a. Case No. 25CW3027 (Water Division 4): Application of Halo Ranch LLC
- b. Case No. 25CW3096 (Water Division 5): Application of City of Aspen

**2. Water Supply Reserve Fund Grants**

*Grants Section*

- a. **Basin** - Metro & South Platte  
**Applicant** - Colorado Watershed Assembly  
**Name of Water Activity** - Youth Development, Water Education, and the Colorado Water Plan (Year One)
- b. **Basin** - Southwest  
**Applicant** - Morrison Consolidated Ditch Company  
**Name of Water Activity** - Undershot Replacement Project

c. **Basin** - Yampa/White/Green  
**Applicant** - Bear River Reservoir Company  
**Name of Water Activity** - Stillwater Reservoir Drain, Collar and Channel Stabilization

d. **Basin** - Yampa/White/Green  
**Applicant** - B/Land and Cattle, LLC  
**Name of Water Activity** - John C. Temple Reservoir #1 Rehabilitation

### 3. **Water Plan Grant Change**

#### *Grants Section*

a. Trout Unlimited - Enhancing River Stewardship and Recreation

### 4. **Water Plan Grants**

#### *Grants Section*

a. **Category - Agriculture**

**Applicant** - Owl Creek Supply & Irrigation Company  
**Project** - Operational Improvement-Owl Creek Lateral

b. **Category - Agriculture**

**Applicant** - High Desert Conservation District  
**Project** - Wilson Ditch Piping Project

c. **Category - Agriculture**

**Applicant** - Community Agriculture Alliance, Inc.  
**Project** - Bear River Automation Phase 2

d. **Category - Agriculture**

**Applicant** - Shavano Conservation District  
**Project** - Demonstrating Gravity-Powered Micro-Irrigation in Gunnison Basin Agriculture

e. **Category - Agriculture**

**Applicant** - 3 Rocks Ranch LLC  
**Project** - Canon Heights Intake Rehabilitation

f. **Category - Agriculture**

**Applicant** - Crawford Water Conservancy District  
**Project** - Smith Fork Siphon and SCADA Project

- g. Category - Agriculture**  
**Applicant - Colorado Rio Grande Restoration Foundation**  
**Project - Rye Resurgence Project - Phase 2**
- h. Category - Agriculture**  
**Applicant - Colorado State University**  
**Project - Republican River Basin Discovery Farms**
- i. Category - Agriculture**  
**Applicant -TN Bar Cattle Company**  
**Project - Sunnyside Ditch Pipeline**
- j. Category - Conservation & Land Use Planning**  
**Applicant - Town of Nunn**  
**Project - Nunn Master Water Action Plan**
- k. Category - Conservation & Land Use Planning**  
**Applicant - Adams 12 Five Star Schools**  
**Project - WaterWise Conservation and Resiliency Plan**
- l. Category - Conservation & Land Use Planning**  
**Applicant - Blue River Valley Ranch Lakes Association**  
**Project - Blue River Valley Ranch Lakes Association Smart Water Meter Installation**
- m. Category - Conservation & Land Use Planning**  
**Applicant - Colorado Nonprofit Development Center**  
**Project - Scaling Turf Replacement and Youth Climate Adaptation Workforce in Denver**
- n. Category - Conservation & Land Use Planning**  
**Applicant - Town of Superior**  
**Project - Town of Superior Landscape Code Update**
- o. Category - Conservation & Land Use Planning**  
**Applicant - Pacific Institute for Studies in Development, Environment & Security**  
**Project - Stormwater Capture and Reuse in Colorado**
- p. Category - Conservation & Land Use Planning**  
**Applicant - Department of Personnel and Administration**  
**Project - State of Colorado Irrigation Audit Training**

- q. **Category - Conservation & Land Use Planning**  
**Applicant - The Regents of the University of Colorado**  
**Project - Water-Wise Landscaping & Wildfire Resilience**
- r. **Category - Conservation & Land Use Planning**  
**Applicant - Denver Dept. of Public Health and Environment**  
**Project - Advancing the State of Graywater in Colorado**
- s. **Category - Conservation & Land Use Planning**  
**Applicant - Town of Telluride**  
**Project - Stillwell Water Facility Management Plan**
- t. **Category - Conservation & Land Use Planning**  
**Applicant - City of Durango**  
**Project - Water Conservation Plan and Drought Response Plan Updates**
- u. **Category - Conservation & Land Use Planning**  
**Applicant - City of Alamosa**  
**Project - Water Efficiency and Comprehensive Plan Updates**
- v. **Category - Engagement & Innovation**  
**Applicant - Rio Grande Headwaters Land Trust**  
**Project - Rio Grande Basin Water Education Mural Project**
- w. **Category - Engagement & Innovation**  
**Applicant - Confluence Center of Colorado, Inc.**  
**Project - Confluence Center Atrium Exhibit**
- x. **Category - Engagement & Innovation**  
**Applicant - Ditch and Reservoir Company Alliance**  
**Project - DARCA Capacity and Education Building**
- y. **Category - Engagement & Innovation**  
**Applicant - Big Thompson Watershed Coalition**  
**Project - Education & Outreach Program**
- z. **Category - Engagement & Innovation**  
**Applicant - The Freshwater Trust**  
**Project - Innovations to Scale Colorado EQIP Impact**
- aa. **Category - Engagement & Innovation**  
**Applicant - Colorado State University**  
**Project - Water Quality Sound Project**

**bb. Category - Watershed Health & Recreation**

**Applicant** - Pathway to the Rockies Council, BSA

**Project** - Camp Alexander South Platte River Restoration

**cc. Category - Watershed Health & Recreation**

**Applicant** - Bent Conservation District

**Project** - Supporting Nature's Engineers: Beaver Dam Analogs for Watershed Restoration

**dd. Category - Watershed Health & Recreation**

**Applicant** - Chama Peak Land Alliance

**Project** - San Juan - Chama Watershed Health Project

**ee. Category - Watershed Health & Recreation**

**Applicant** - Ouray Ice Park, Inc.

**Project** - Our Water Our Future

**ff. Category - Watershed Health & Recreation**

**Applicant** - Trout Unlimited - National

**Project** - Enhancing Instream Habitat and Aiding Wildfire Recovery and Resiliency in the Lower North Inlet Watershed and Grand Lake

**gg. Category - Watershed Health & Recreation**

**Applicant** - Confluence Colorado

**Project** - Fishable and Swimmable South Platte River

**5. CWCB Guide Revisions**

*Water Supply Planning Section*

**4**

**Financial Matters – Construction Fund and Severance Tax Perpetual Base Fund**

*Finance Section*

**Action:** Report by CWCB staff member Kirk Russell.

**a. Financial Projections and Cash Management Report**

*This is an informational item with no Board action required.*

## 5 Water Supply Reserve Fund Applications September 2025

### *Grants Section*

#### **a. Basin – Metro & South Platte**

**Applicant** – Consolidated Mutual Water Company

**Name of Water Activity** – ET Study & Floatovoltaic Design

**Action:** Report by CWCB staff member Ben Wade. A motion to approve the staff recommendation was made by Greg Johnson, which was seconded by Mike Camblin. The motion was approved unanimously (9-0).

**Staff Recommendation:** Staff recommend approval of up to \$50,000 from the Metro Basin Account and up to \$50,000 from the South Platte Basin Account.

## 6 Water Plan Grants

### *Grants Section*

**Action:** Report by CWCB staff member Nora Flynn, Jeff Crane addressed the Board on agenda item 6j. A motion to approve the staff recommendations on agenda items 6a-l was made by Mike Camblin, which was seconded by Nathan Coombs. The motion was approved unanimously (9-0).

#### **a. Category - Agriculture**

**Applicant** - Mesa County

**Project** - Orchard Mesa Check Piping - 38 Road Bike and Pedestrian Project

**Staff Recommendation:** Staff recommends a Water Plan Grant award not to exceed \$1,786,736.00 to Mesa County for Orchard Mesa Check Piping - 38 Road Bike and Pedestrian project.

#### **b. Category - Agriculture**

**Applicant** - American Rivers

**Project** - Frozen Assets: Rio Grande Innovative Water Management

**Staff Recommendation:** Staff recommends a Water Plan Grant award not to exceed \$199,761.00 to American Rivers for Frozen Assets: Rio Grande Innovative Water Management.

#### **c. Category - Agriculture**

**Applicant** - Center Conservation District

**Project** - Southern Colorado Wool Pellet Project

**Staff Recommendation:** Staff recommends a Water Plan Grant award not to exceed \$264,965.00 to the Center Conservation District for the Southern Colorado Wool Pellet Project. This amount is instead of, not in addition to the previous award.

#### **d. Category - Agriculture**

**Applicant** - Colorado Cattlemens's Agricultural Land Trust

**Project** - Rusk Ranch's Beckwith Easement Project

**Staff Recommendation:** Staff recommends a Water Plan Grant award not to exceed \$250,000.00 to the Colorado Cattlemen's Agricultural Land Trust for the Rusk Ranch's Beckwith Easement Project.

**e. Category - Agriculture**

**Applicant** - Terrace Irrigation Company

**Project** - Tools for Adaptive Storage in the Alamosa River Basin

**Staff Recommendation:** Staff recommends a Water Plan Grant award not to exceed \$254,438.00 to Terrace Irrigation Company for Tools for Adaptive Storage in the Alamosa River Basin.

**f. Category - Agriculture**

**Applicant** - Arkansas Groundwater and Reservoir Association

**Project** - West Pueblo Bank Stabilization

**Staff Recommendation:** Staff recommends a Water Plan Grant award not to exceed \$246,055.00 to the Arkansas Groundwater and Reservoir Association for the West Pueblo Bank Stabilization.

**g. Category - Agriculture**

**Applicant** - Colorado Open Lands

**Project** - Rio Grande Cooperative Project - Phase 2

**Staff Recommendation:** Staff recommends a Water Plan Grant award not to exceed \$288,208.68 to Colorado Open Lands for the Rio Grande Cooperative Project—Phase 2.

**h. Category - Agriculture**

**Applicant** - Trout Unlimited National

**Project** - Gunnison Basin RCPP

**Staff Recommendation:** Staff recommends a Water Plan Grant award not to exceed \$800,466.00 to Trout Unlimited - National for Gunnison Basin RCPP project.

**i. Category - Agriculture**

**Applicant** - Colorado State University

**Project** - Community-Driven Water Evaluation in the Yampa Valley

**Staff Recommendation:** Staff recommends a Water Plan Grant award not to exceed \$879,047.47 to Colorado State University for the Community-driven water investigation in the Yampa Valley project.

**j. Category - Agriculture**

**Applicant** - Western Slope Conservation Center

**Project** - Farmers Ditch Improvement Project

**Staff Recommendation:** Staff recommends a Water Plan Grant award not to exceed \$1,822,853.00 to NFRIA-WSERC Conservation Center, Inc., dba Western Slope Conservation Center for Farmers Ditch Improvement Project.

**k. Category - Agriculture**

**Applicant** - Mesa County Land Conservancy Inc. DBA Colorado West Land Trust

**Project** - **From Risk to Resilience: A New Model for Farm and Water Security**  
in the Gunnison River Basin

**Staff Recommendation:** Staff recommends a Water Plan Grant award not to exceed \$1,412,850.00 to Mesa County Land Conservancy Inc. DBA Colorado West Land Trust for the From Risk to Resilience: A New Model for Farm and Water Security in the Gunnison River Basin project.



**l. Category - Agriculture**

**Applicant** - Colorado State University

**Project** - Colorado Open Soil Moisture Project

**Staff Recommendation:** Staff recommends a Water Plan Grant award not to exceed \$511,237.00 to Colorado State University for Colorado Open Soil Moisture Project.

**Action:** Report by CWCB staff member Kevin Reidy, Mike Zuffer addressed the Board on agenda item 6r. A motion to approve the staff recommendation for items 6m, o-r was made by Taylor Hawes, which was seconded by Greg Johnson. The motion was approved unanimously (9-0).

**m. Category - Conservation & Land Use Planning**

**Applicant** - City of Loveland

**Project** - City of Loveland Water AMI Project

**Staff Recommendation:** Staff recommends a Water Plan Grant award not to exceed \$2,200,000.00 to the City of Loveland for the City of Loveland Water AMI Project.

**Action:** Report by CWCB staff member Kevin Reidy. A motion to approve the staff recommendation was made by Greg Felt, which was seconded by Nathan Coombs. Brad Wind recused himself from the vote. The motion was approved unanimously (8-0).

**n. Category - Conservation & Land Use Planning**

**Applicant** - Larimer County

**Project** - Larimer County Groundwater Study

**Staff Recommendation:** Staff recommends a Water Plan Grant award not to exceed \$300,000.00 to Larimer County for the Larimer County Groundwater Study.

**o. Category - Conservation & Land Use Planning**

**Applicant** - Eagle County Conservation District

**Project** - Beyond Lawn Phase II

**Staff Recommendation:** Staff recommends a Water Plan Grant award not to exceed \$346,018.90 to Eagle County Conservation District for Beyond Lawn Phase II project.

**p. Category - Conservation & Land Use Planning**

**Applicant** - City of Steamboat Springs

**Project** - Steamboat Springs Smart Irrigation Central Control System Phase III

**Staff Recommendation:** Staff recommends a Water Plan Grant award not to exceed \$250,000.00 to the City of Steamboat Springs for the Smart Irrigation Central Control System Phase III project.

**q. Category - Conservation & Land Use Planning**

**Applicant** - City of Fort Lupton

**Project** - Comprehensive Water Strategy Planning

**Staff Recommendation:** Staff recommends a Water Plan Grant award not to exceed \$258,625.00 to the City of Fort Lupton for the Comprehensive Water Strategy Planning project on the condition that the scope is edited to include planning efforts that meet CWCB Water Efficiency Planning and Drought Planning guidelines and guidance.

**r. Category - Conservation & Land Use Planning**

**Applicant** - Sonoran Institute

**Project** - Growing Water Smart: Action and Impact Initiative

**Staff Recommendation:** Staff recommends a Water Plan Grant award not to exceed \$370,071.24 to the Sonoran Institute for the Growing Water Smart: Action and Impact Initiative.

**Action:** Report by CWCB staff member Ben Wade, Paul Formisano and Heather Dutton addressed the Board on agenda item 6s. A motion to approve the staff recommendation for items 6s-v was made by Nathan Coombs, which was seconded by Barbara Vasquez. The motion was approved unanimously (9-0).

**s. Category - Engagement & Innovation**

**Applicant** - Colorado Rio Grande Restoration Foundation

**Project** - Rye Resurgence Film & Educational Impact Campaign

**Staff Recommendation:** Staff recommends a Water Plan Grant award not to exceed \$147,863.00 to the Colorado Rio Grande Restoration Foundation for the Rye Resurgence Film & Educational Impact Campaign.

**t. Category - Engagement & Innovation**

**Applicant** - Adams State University

**Project** - Water Education and Community Engagement

**Staff Recommendation:** Staff recommends a Water Plan Grant award not to exceed \$207,720.00 to Adams State University for Water Education and Community Engagement.

**u. Category - Engagement & Innovation**

**Applicant** - Colorado State University

**Project** - South Platte Salinity Stakeholder Group Final Phase

**Staff Recommendation:** Staff recommends a Water Plan Grant award not to exceed \$168,308.00 to Colorado State University for the South Platte Salinity Stakeholder Group Final Phase.

**v. Category - Engagement & Innovation**

**Applicant** - Blue Elements

**Project** - Watershed Stewards Program

**Staff Recommendation:** Staff recommends a Water Plan Grant award not to exceed \$380,880.00 to Blue Elements for the Watershed Stewards Program.

**Action:** Report by CWCB staff member Matt Stearns. A motion to approve the staff recommendation for items 6s-v was made by Greg Johnson, which was seconded by Brad Wind. The motion was approved unanimously (9-0).

**w. Category - Water Storage & Supply**

**Applicant** - Lower Latham Reservoir Company

**Project** - Jurgens Reservoir-Ancillary Facility Design & Construction

**Staff Recommendation:** Staff recommends a Water Plan Grant award not to exceed \$1,500,000.00 to the Lower Latham Reservoir Company for the Jurgens Reservoir-Ancillary Facility Design & Construction project.

**x. Category - Water Storage & Supply**

**Applicant** - Town of De Beque

**Project** - Town of De Beque Secondary Raw Water Source Well

**Staff Recommendation:** Staff recommends a Water Plan Grant award not to exceed \$235,967.00 to the Town of De Beque for the Secondary Raw Water Source Well project.

**y. Category - Water Storage & Supply**

**Applicant** - City of Canon City

**Project** - Planning John Griffin Park Reservoir

**Staff Recommendation:** Staff recommends a Water Plan Grant award not to exceed \$406,875.00 to the City of Canon City for Planning John Griffin Park Reservoir.

**z. Category - Water Storage & Supply**

**Applicant** - Eagle River Water and Sanitation District

**Project** - Bolts Lake Design Development Progress Drawings

**Staff Recommendation:** Staff recommends a Water Plan Grant award not to exceed \$776,390.00 to Eagle River Water and Sanitation District for Bolts Lake Design Development Progress Drawings project.

**aa. Category - Water Storage & Supply**

**Applicant** - South Metro Water Supply Authority

**Project** - Regional ASR Project - Phase 2

**Staff Recommendation:** Staff recommends a Water Plan Grant award not to exceed \$640,000.00 to South Metro Water Supply Authority for the Regional ASR - Phase 2 project.

**Action:** Report by CWCB staff member Chris Sturm, Ken Curtis addressed the Board on agenda item 6mm. A motion to approve the staff recommendation for items 6bb-kk, & mm-nn was made by Barbara Vasquez, which was seconded by Taylor Hawes. Taylor Hawes disclosed that her employer TNC is a funder for agenda item 6nn. The motion was approved unanimously (9-0).

**bb. Category - Watershed Health & Recreation**

**Applicant** - RiversEdge West

**Project** - White River Riparian Restoration and Community Engagement Initiative

**Staff Recommendation:** Staff recommends a Water Plan Grant award not to exceed \$142,793.80 to RiversEdge West for White River Riparian Restoration and Community Engagement Initiative project.

**cc. Category - Watershed Health & Recreation**

**Applicant** - Jefferson Conservation District

**Project** - Bear Creek Wildfire Ready Action Plan

**Staff Recommendation:** Staff recommends a Water Plan Grant award not to exceed \$228,252.12 to Jefferson Conservation District for the Bear Creek Wildfire Ready Action Plan.

**dd. Category - Watershed Health & Recreation**

**Applicant** - Boulder Watershed Collective

**Project** - Boulder Creek Headwaters Resiliency Project

**Staff Recommendation:** Staff recommends a Water Plan Grant award not to exceed \$1,591,625.45 to Boulder Watershed Collective for the Boulder Creek Headwaters Resiliency Project.

**ee. Category - Watershed Health & Recreation**

**Applicant** - Arkansas River Watershed Collaborative

**Project** - Lower Arkansas Watershed Planning Initiative

**Staff Recommendation:** Staff recommends partial funding for a Water Plan Grant award not to exceed \$172,951.83 to the Arkansas River Watershed Collaborative for the Lower Arkansas Watershed Planning Initiative. Partial funding will support a successful project by allowing ARWC to hire a facilitator to complete initial outreach and planning efforts while simultaneously working with technical partners to further the development of project planning documents.

**ff. Category - Watershed Health & Recreation**

**Applicant** - Fountain Creek Watershed Flood Control and Greenway District

**Project** - Frost Ranch Final Design

**Staff Recommendation:** Staff recommends a Water Plan Grant award not to exceed \$139,785.80 to the Fountain Creek Watershed Flood Control and Greenway District for the Frost Ranch Final Design.

**gg. Category - Watershed Health & Recreation**

**Applicant** - Larimer County

**Project** - River Bluffs Open Space Restoration

**Staff Recommendation:** Staff recommends a Water Plan Grant award not to exceed \$213,000.00 to Larimer County for the River Bluffs Open Space Habitat Restoration project.

**hh. Category - Watershed Health & Recreation**

**Applicant** - Fountain Creek Watershed, Inc. d/b/a Pikes Peak Waterways

**Project** - Stream Reach Plan - Monument Creek - MVP to ATB

**Staff Recommendation:** Staff recommends a Water Plan Grant award not to exceed \$149,842.00 to the Fountain Creek Watershed, Inc. d/b/a Pikes Peak Waterways for the Stream Reach Plan-Monument Creek-MVP to ATB.

**ii. Category - Watershed Health & Recreation**

**Applicant** - Larimer Conservation District

**Project** - Collaborative Elkhorn Creek Restoration

**Staff Recommendation:** Staff recommends a Water Plan Grant award not to exceed \$410,862.46 to Larimer Conservation District for the Collaborative Elkhorn Creek Restoration project.

**jj. Category - Watershed Health & Recreation**

**Applicant** - Colorado Rio Grande Restoration Foundation

**Project** - Rio Grand Bank Stabilization & Revegetation Phase 6

**Staff Recommendation:** Staff recommends a Water Plan Grant award not to exceed \$503,778.20 to Colorado Rio Grande Restoration Foundation for the Rio Grande Bank Stabilization & Revegetation Phase 6 project.

**kk. Category - Watershed Health & Recreation**

**Applicant** - Boulder Mushroom

**Project** - Biological Soil Moisture Retention

**Staff Recommendation:** Staff recommends partial funding of a Water Plan Grant award not to exceed \$675,000.00 to Boulder Mushroom for the Biological Soil Moisture Retention project.

**Action:** Report by CWCB staff member Chris Sturm. A motion to approve the staff recommendation for item 6ll was made by Greg Felt, which was seconded by Nathan Coombs. Brad Wind recused himself from the vote. The motion was approved unanimously (8-0).

**ll. Category - Watershed Health & Recreation**

**Applicant** - Northern Integrated Supply Project Water Activity Enterprise

**Project** - Phase I Design: Cache la Poudre River Restoration

**Staff Recommendation:** Staff recommends a Water Plan Grant award not to exceed \$487,500.00 to Northern Integrated Supply Project Water Activity Enterprise for the Phase 1 Design: Cache la Poudre River Restoration project.

**mm. Category - Watershed Health & Recreation**

**Applicant** - San Miguel Watershed Coalition

**Project** - Reed Chatfield Ditch and Diversion Rehabilitation

**Staff Recommendation:** Staff recommends a Water Plan Grant award not to exceed \$1,455,785.50 to the San Miguel Watershed Coalition for Reed Chatfield Ditch and Diversion Rehabilitation.

**nn. Category - Watershed Health & Recreation**

**Applicant** - Onward! A Legacy Foundation DBA Dolores Watersheds Collaborative

**Project** - Managing Forests to Conserve Snow and Soil Moisture

**Staff Recommendation:** Staff recommends a Water Plan Grant award not to exceed \$879,470.00 to Onward! A Legacy Foundation doing business as Dolores Watersheds Collaborative for Managing Forests to Conserve Snow and Soil Moisture.

**Wednesday, September 17, 2025**

**7 Directors' Reports**

**7a.** DNR Executive Director - Dan Gibbs

**7b.** CWCB Director – Lauren Ris

**7c.** IBCC Director – Gave a Written Report

**7d.** Agriculture Commissioner – Robert Sakata

**7e.** State Engineer – Jason Ullmann

**7f.** Colorado Parks and Wildlife Director – Matt Nicholl

**7g.** Water Resource and Power Development Authority – Keith McLaughlin

**8 Basin Directors' Reports**

**8a** North Platte River Basin Director's Report – *Barbara Vasquez*

**8b** South Platte River Basin Director's Report – *Brad Wind*

**8c** Arkansas River Basin Director's Report – *Greg Felt*

**8d** City and County of Denver Director's Report – *Greg Johnson*

**8e** Rio Grande River Basin Director's Report – *Nathan Coombs*

**8f** Yampa-White River Basin Director's Report – *Mike Camblin*

**8g** Colorado River (Mainstem) Basin Director's Report – *Taylor Hawes*

**8h** San Juan/San Miguel-Dolores River Basin Director's Report – *Lorelei Cloud*

**8i** Gunnison River Basin Director's Report – *John McClow*

**9 Attorney General's Report & Legal Briefing**

**Action:** Report by Scott Steinbrecher and Attorney General Counsel to the Board, Jen Mele.

**12 Instream Flow Appropriations**  
*Stream and Lake Protection Section*

**12a Uncontested Appropriation Update: Vermillion Creek, Water Division 6**

**Action:** Report by CWCB staff member Brandy Logan.

*This is an informational item with no Board action required.*

**12b Contested Appropriations Update: East Muddy Creek, Water Division 4 and Milk Creek, Water Division 6**

**Action:** Report by CWCB staff member Brandy Logan.

*This is an informational item with no Board action required.*

**13 Instream Flow Acquisitions**  
*Stream and Lake Protection Section*

**13a Proposed 5-Year Water Use Agreement with the Town of Basalt to Lease Ruedi Reservoir Water During the Winter for Instream Flow Use on the Fryingpan River, Water Division 5. (1<sup>st</sup> meeting)**

**Action:** Report by CWCB staff member Lisa Bright-Unger. April Long addressed the board with a public comment.

*This is an informational item with no Board action required.*

**13b Proposed 1-Year Water Use Agreement with the Basalt Water Conservancy District to Lease Ruedi reservoir Water During the Winter for Instream Flow Use on the Fryingpan River, Water Division 5. (1<sup>st</sup> meeting)**

**Action:** Report by CWCB staff member Lisa Bright-Unger.

*This is an informational item with no Board action required.*

**13c Proposed Dedication from the City of Fort Collins of Protected Mitigation Releases from the New Reservoir Capacity of the Halligan Reservoir for Instream Flow Use on the North Fork of the Cache la Poudre River, Water Division 1. (1<sup>st</sup> meeting)**

**Action:** Report by CWCB staff member Lisa Bright-Unger. Eric Potyondy addressed the Board with a public comment

*This is an informational item with no Board action required.*

**14 Shoshone Hearing**  
*Stream and Lake Protection Section*

**Action:** Report by CWCB staff members Rob Viehl, Kaylea White, & Kara Scheel, James Heath with DWR, and Katie Birch with CPW. The following parties spoke in support of the Shoshone ISF; Andy Mueller and Peter Fleming with Colorado River District; Merrit Linke, Nina Waters, Tom Boyd, and Siri Roman with Headwaters; Perry Will, Tom Harrington, and Gregory Cowan with Middle Colorado; Ryan Jarvis with Kobe Water Authority; Kirsten Kurath, Dave Payne, Brent Uilenberg, and Luke Gingerich with Grand Valley; Orla Bannon, Jay Skinner, Tom Chart and Hattie Johnson with environmental and recreational groups.

The following parties spoke in opposition of the Shoshone ISF; Davis Wert and Kyle Whitaker with Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District; Jeff Bandy, and Dan Arnold with Denver Water; Alex Davis and Josh Mann with Aurora Water; Tyler Benton and Michael Gustafson with Colorado Springs Utilities; Rick Kienitz and Tyler Benton with Homestake Partners; and Heather Thompson P.E. was the joint witness for the opposing parties.

**Thursday, September 18, 2025**

**Executive Session**

A motion to go into Executive Session was made by Barbara Vasquez, which was seconded by Taylor Hawes. The motion was approved unanimously (7-0).

Interpreting potential impacts to the Colorado River Compact and the State of Colorado's legal obligation under the Compact

**Report from Executive Session**

Report by Assistant Attorney General for CWCB for the Shoshone Matter Jackie Calichio . A motion to come out of Executive Session was made by Barbara Vasquez, which was seconded by Nathan Coombs. The motion was approved unanimously (7-0).



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**Shoshone Hearing continued**

A motion to close the Evidentiary Record and go into Deliberation was made by Lorelei Cloud, which was seconded by Mike Camblin. The motion was approved unanimously (8-0).

A motion to pause Deliberation until the November 2025 CWCB Board meeting was made by Mike Camblin, which was seconded by Barbara Vasquez. The motion was approved unanimously (8-0).

**ADJOURN**

A motion to adjourn the September 2025 Board meeting was made by Dan Gibbs, which was seconded by Taylor Hawes. The motion was approved unanimously (8-0).