

Consent Agenda Item 1.a

January 26-27, 2026 Board Meeting

Case No. 25CW3161 (Water Division 5); Town of Silverthorne

Summary of Water Court Application

Application for Change of Place of Use.

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Board ratify the filing of a Statement of Opposition filed on behalf of the Board in December 2025 to protect CWCB's instream flow water rights.

CWCB Instream Flow Water Rights

The CWCB holds water rights, including the following instream flow water rights in Water Division 5 in the Blue River watershed, that could be injured by this application:

Case Number	Stream	Upper Terminus	Lower Terminus	CFS Rate (Dates)	Approp. Date
87CW0293	Blue River	outlet Dillon Reservoir	confl Straight Creek	50 (1/1 - 12/31)	10/02/1987
87CW0294	Blue River	confl Straight Creek	confl Willow Creek	50 (10/1 - 4/30) 55 (5/1 - 7/31) 52 (8/1 - 9/30)	10/02/1987
87CW0295	Blue River	confl Willow Creek	confl Rock Creek	58 (10/1 - 3/31) 75 (4/1 - 9/30)	10/02/1987
87CW0296	Blue River	confl Rock Creek	confl Boulder Creek	78 (10/1 - 10/31) 67 (11/1 - 3/31) 90 (4/1 - 4/30) 115 (5/1 - 8/31) 90 (9/1 - 9/30)	10/02/1987
87CW0297	Blue River	confl Boulder Creek	confl Slate Creek	70 (11/1 - 2/29) 78 (3/1 - 3/31) 90 (4/1 - 4/30) 125 (5/1 - 8/31) 90 (9/1 - 10/31)	10/02/1987
87CW0298	Blue River	confl Slate Creek	inlet Green Mtn Res @ Doig Gulch	90 (10/1 - 11/30) 85 (12/1 - 2/29) 125 (5/1 - 9/30) 90 (3/1 - 4/30)	10/02/1987
87CW0299	Blue River	outlet Green Mountain Res	confl Colorado River	60 (5/1 - 7/15) 85 (7/16 - 4/30)	10/02/1987

Potential for Injury

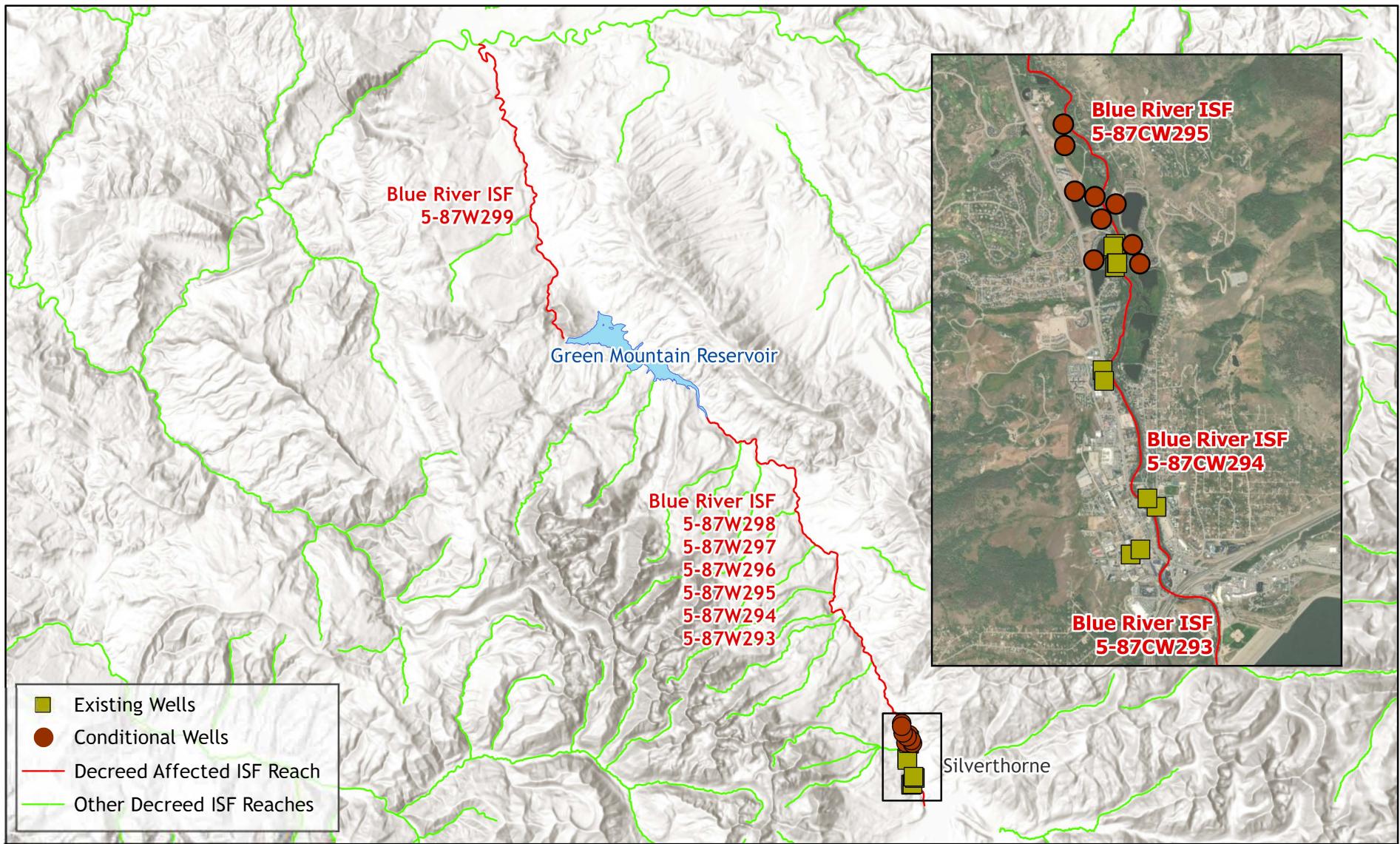
- The proposed change of water rights could cause an expansion of use which could injure the CWCB's instream flow water rights.
- Terms and conditions should be included in the decree to ensure that the proposed decree will not injure the CWCB's instream flow water rights.

Other Objectors

Statements of Opposition were also filed by Summit County Board of County Commissioners; and City and County of Denver (Denver Water).

Attorney Representing CWCB

Jennifer L. Mele, First Assistant Attorney General, is assigned to this case and can be contacted at jen.mele@coag.gov, or 720-508-6282.



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