



TO: Colorado Water Conservation Board Members

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AGENDA ITEM: 20. Public Comment on 2019 Instream Flow Appropriation on Himes Creek in Water Division 7

Background

At its March 21, 2019 meeting, the Board declared its intent to appropriate an instream flow (ISF) water right on Himes Creek. The purpose of this agenda item is to provide notice to the public for this proposed appropriation (see table below), and to provide an opportunity for public comment pursuant to Rule 5e. of the Rules Concerning the Colorado Instream Flow and Natural Lake Level Program (ISF Rules). Detailed information regarding this stream segment is available on the CWCB website located at:

<http://cwc.state.co.us/environment/instream-flow-program/Pages/2019ProposedISFRecommendations.aspx>

Anyone wishing to contest this ISF appropriation must file a Notice to Contest with the Board, pursuant to ISF Rule 5k., by May 31, 2019. Staff will ask the Board to take final action at the July 2019 meeting if this appropriation is uncontested.

The Board’s appropriation of this water right will help achieve the goals set forth in Colorado’s Water Plan of promoting the restoration, recovery, sustainability, and resiliency of endangered, threatened, and imperiled aquatic and riparian dependent species and plant communities, protecting healthy environments, and enhancing environmental economic values.

Staff recommendation

This is an informational item with no Board action required.

Instream Flow Recommendation

Water Division	Stream	Watershed	County	Length (miles)	Upper Terminus	Lower Terminus	Amount & Timing
7	Himes Creek	Upper San Juan	Mineral	2.0	Headwaters	Himes Ditch headgate	All Unappropriated Flow (1/1-12/31)

