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AGENDA ITEM: 7. Contested 2021 Instream Flow Appropriation in Water Division 7

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Board designate Deputy Attorney General Amy Beatie as the Hearing Officer for the contested instream flow appropriation on Rincon La Vaca Creek and set the hearing date to be held in conjunction with the Board’s September 15-16, 2021 meeting.

Background: The following table describes the Board’s January 2021 instream flow appropriation on Rincon La Vaca Creek, which the Southwestern Water Conservation District has contested. Staff has been in contact with the District’s representatives to explore whether any of their concerns can be resolved in order to avoid the need for a hearing. Information submitted during the contested hearing process will be available on CWCB’s website at: <https://cwcb.colorado.gov/2021-contested-instream-flow-appropriations>

Stream	County	Length (mi)	Flow Rate (cfs)	Parties
Rincon La Vaca Creek <i>(Headwaters to confluence with the Los Pinos River)</i>	Hinsdale	4.47	1.2 (11/01 - 04/30) 2.8 (05/01 - 10/31)	<i>Notice to Contest</i> Southwestern Water Conservation District

