

BEFORE THE COLORADO WATER CONSERVATION BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF THE PROPOSED INSTREAM FLOW ACQUISITION
WATER DIVISION 5: SHOSHONE HYDROPOWER WATER RIGHTS

NOTICE OF PARTY STATUS: CLIFTON WATER DISTRICT

Pursuant to 2 CCR 408-2, Rule 6m(5)(e) and the Notice of Hearing and Deadline for Notice of Party Status on July 2, 2025, the Clifton Water District hereby submits its Notice of Party Status as follows:

1. Name and Mailing Address:

Clifton Water District
Attn: Ty Jones, District Manager
510 34 Rd.
Clifton, CO 8152

2. Statement of Reasons for Party Status:

Clifton Water District ("CWD") is a special district formed in 1951. CWD provides treated drinking water to 12,300 taps that serve 13,700 residential and commercial units in Mesa County. Most of CWD's water rights are diverted by the Grand Valley Irrigation Company ("GVIC") at its diversion dam on the Colorado River right above the 15 Mile Reach. CWD has long been involved in the West Slope's effort to maintain the Shoshone call on the Colorado River and is a member of the West Slope Coalition that has committed money towards the purchase price of the Shoshone water rights.

The Shoshone call maintains a steady base flow of water in the Colorado River. This helps the large irrigation entities in the Grand Valley, like GVIC, operate their diversions in an efficient manner which CWD relies upon for the delivery of its water under the GVIC system.

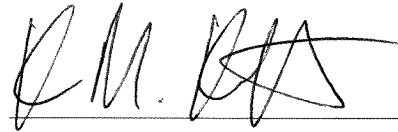
The Shoshone call helps maintain better water quality in the Colorado River which is critical for CWD's treatment plant and its delivery of safe, affordable drinking water to its customers.

Water rights planning on the Colorado River has historically relied on the existence of the Shoshone call. Reducing or eliminating the call will invalidate these planning assumptions, resulting in a windfall to some water rights and a possible shortfall to others. Large transmountain diverters will probably get a windfall, resulting in more water being taken from the West Slope to the East Slope.

CWD has an interest in making sure that the timing and amount of return flows from the use of the Shoshone water rights for ISF purposes are not changed from the historical return flow patterns.

Dated this 7th day of July, 2025.

McDONOUGH LAW GROUP

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K.M. Kurath", written over a horizontal line.

Kirsten M. Kurath, Of Counsel
300 Main St., Suite 102
Grand Junction, CO 81501
970-776-3311
kirsten@mcdonoughlawgroup.com
Attorneys for Clifton Water District