BEFORE THE COLORADO WATER CONSERVATION BOARD

RE: PROPOSED INSTREAM FLOW ACQUISION

NOTICE OF PARTY STATUS FOR GRAND VALLEY WATER USERS ASSOCIATION

TO:

Colorado Water Conservation Board 1313 Sherman Street, Room 718 Denver, Colorado 80203

FROM:

Grand Valley Water Users Association Attn: Tina Bergonzini, General Manager 1147 24 Road Grand Junction, CO 81505 970-242-5065

DATE: July 3, 2025

SUBJECT: Notice of Party Status Regarding Proposed Instream Flow Appropriation

Utilizing Shoshone Water Rights

RE: 2 CCR 408-2, Rule 6m(5)(e) and the Notice of Hearing and Deadline for Notice of Party

Status

The Grand Valley Water Users Association (hereinafter "GVWUA"), by and through its undersigned representative, hereby provides notice of its intent to participate as a party in the proceedings before the Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB) concerning the proposed instream flow appropriation utilizing the water rights associated with the Shoshone Power Plant.

GVWUA is an organization comprised of water users within the Grand Valley, holding significant water rights and interests in the Colorado River basin. Our members rely on the stability and proper management of water resources in the region.

GVWUA supports the CWCB's efforts to protect and preserve the natural environment of Colorado's streams and rivers through instream flow appropriations. We specifically express our support for the proposed instream flow appropriation that seeks to utilize the non-consumptive nature of the Shoshone water rights to maintain or improve the natural environment to a reasonable degree. We believe that the careful and appropriate use of these rights for instream flow purposes can benefit the ecological health of the river while respecting existing water uses and decrees.

As a party to these proceedings, GVWUA seeks to:

- 1. Receive all notices, filings, and communications related to this matter.
- 2. Have the opportunity to present information, arguments, and testimony relevant to the proposed instream flow appropriation.

3. Ensure that the proposed instream flow appropriation is consistent with existing water rights, compacts, and the beneficial use doctrine, and that it is implemented in a manner that protects the interests of all water users in the basin.

Please direct all future correspondence and notices regarding this matter to:

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Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Tina Bergonzini General Manager

Grand Valley Water Users Association