

## **BEFORE THE COLORADO WATER CONSERVATION BOARD**

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### **IN THE MATTER OF THE PROPOSED ACQUISITION OF AN INTEREST IN THE SHOSHONE WATER RIGHTS FOR INSTREAM FLOW USE ON THE COLORADO RIVER**

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#### **PREHEARING STATEMENT OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PITKIN COUNTY**

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In compliance with Rule 6m of the Rules Concerning the Colorado Instream Flow and Natural Lake Level Program, 2 CCR 408-2(6m)(5)(f), and the Hearing Officer's July 18, 2025 Order Re: Procedures and Deadlines for Prehearing Submissions, the Board of County Commissioners of Pitkin County ("Pitkin County"), by and through its undersigned counsel, submits this Prehearing Statement and states as follows:

**a) A statement of the Party's position(s).**

Pitkin County encompasses most of the Roaring Fork River watershed and is home to nearly 18,000 residents. The County's vision is to remain a healthy, safe, vibrant, and sustainable community, conserving the natural environment as the basis for the community's success. Pitkin County shares the Colorado River Water Conservation District's and the Colorado Water Conservation Board's ("Board") interest in protecting the rivers and streams of Colorado's West Slope and therefore supports the Board's acquisition of an interest in the Shoshone Water Rights for instream flow use on the Colorado River.

**b) A witness list with a brief description of each witness's testimony and a resume for each witness who will present testimony on technical issues.**

Pitkin County will not put on testimony during the Parties' cases in chief but will identify and call rebuttal witnesses as needed.

**c) A statement of any open legal questions.**

Pitkin County will not raise legal questions in this hearing.

**d) A statement of the relief requested.**

Pitkin County requests that the Board accept the proposed dedication of the Shoshone Water Rights, contingent upon entry of a final and unappealable decree of the Water Court changing the use of the water rights for instream flow purposes.

e) **The amount of time desired for the Party's presentation at the hearing.**

Pitkin County will not make a presentation during the Parties' cases in chief and therefore requests no time for an initial presentation. Pitkin County requests five minutes for a rebuttal presentation if rebuttal testimony or evidence is needed.

f) **An exhibit list and exhibits.**

Pitkin County will not introduce exhibits during the Parties' cases in chief and therefore identifies no exhibits in this Prehearing Statement. Pitkin County will identify and introduce rebuttal exhibits as needed.

Respectfully submitted this **4th** day of August, 2025.

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