



# Colorado Water Conservation Board Hearing

## Shoshone Water Rights Instream Flow Acquisition

Durango, Colorado

September 17-18, 2025



# Northern Water's Requested Relief

- The CWCB should defer its decision to allow continued negotiation and development of a revised proposal. It can do so by either:
  1. Securing the River District's agreement to an extension of the statutory 120-day period; or
  2. Denial of the present proposal
- If the CWCB accepts the acquisition, the ISF Agreement must be revised

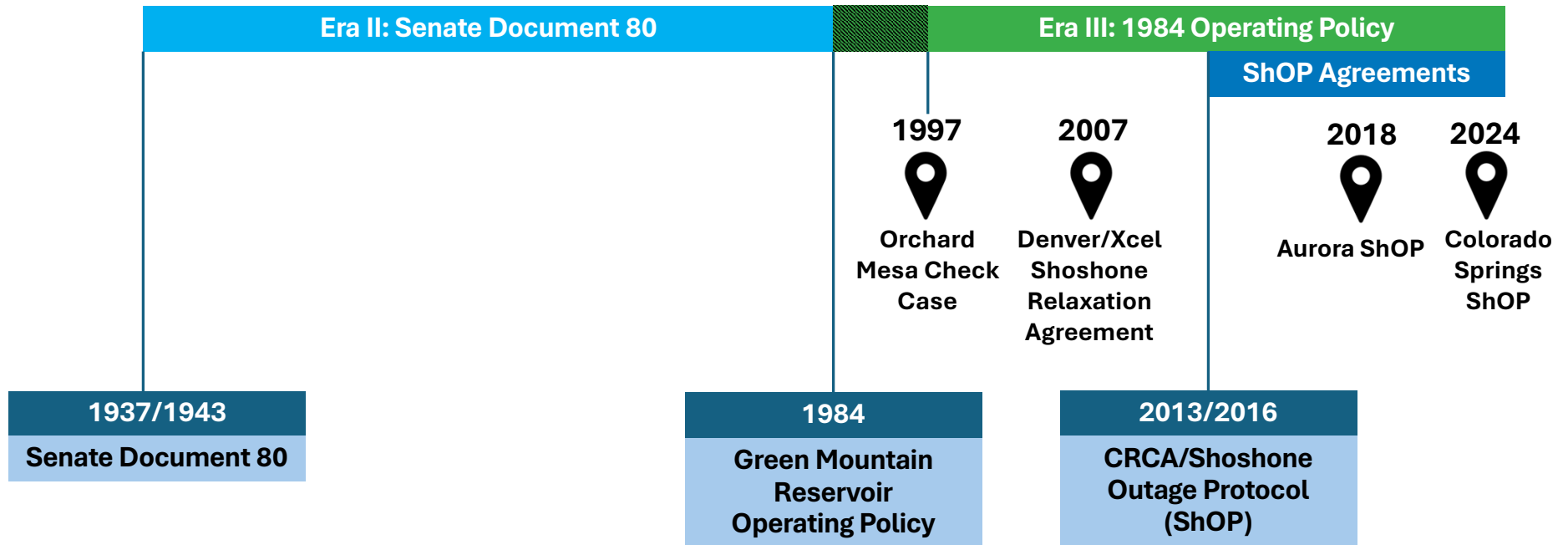
# A Collaborative Alternative That Preserves CWCB Authority

- 1 CWCB will exercise Shoshone Water Rights for ISF use to the maximum extent under the terms of the water court change decree, subject to the following:
- 2 Parties may submit requests for call reductions in exceptional circumstances
- 3 CWCB will convene a diverse advisory group to consider the request, its effects, and terms and conditions to apply if implemented
- 4 CWCB makes final determination whether to grant the request and reduce call
- 5 Reduction only to the minimum extent necessary to address the reasons for the request
- 6 CWCB or River District may make contractual or other arrangements to address need for or effects of reduction

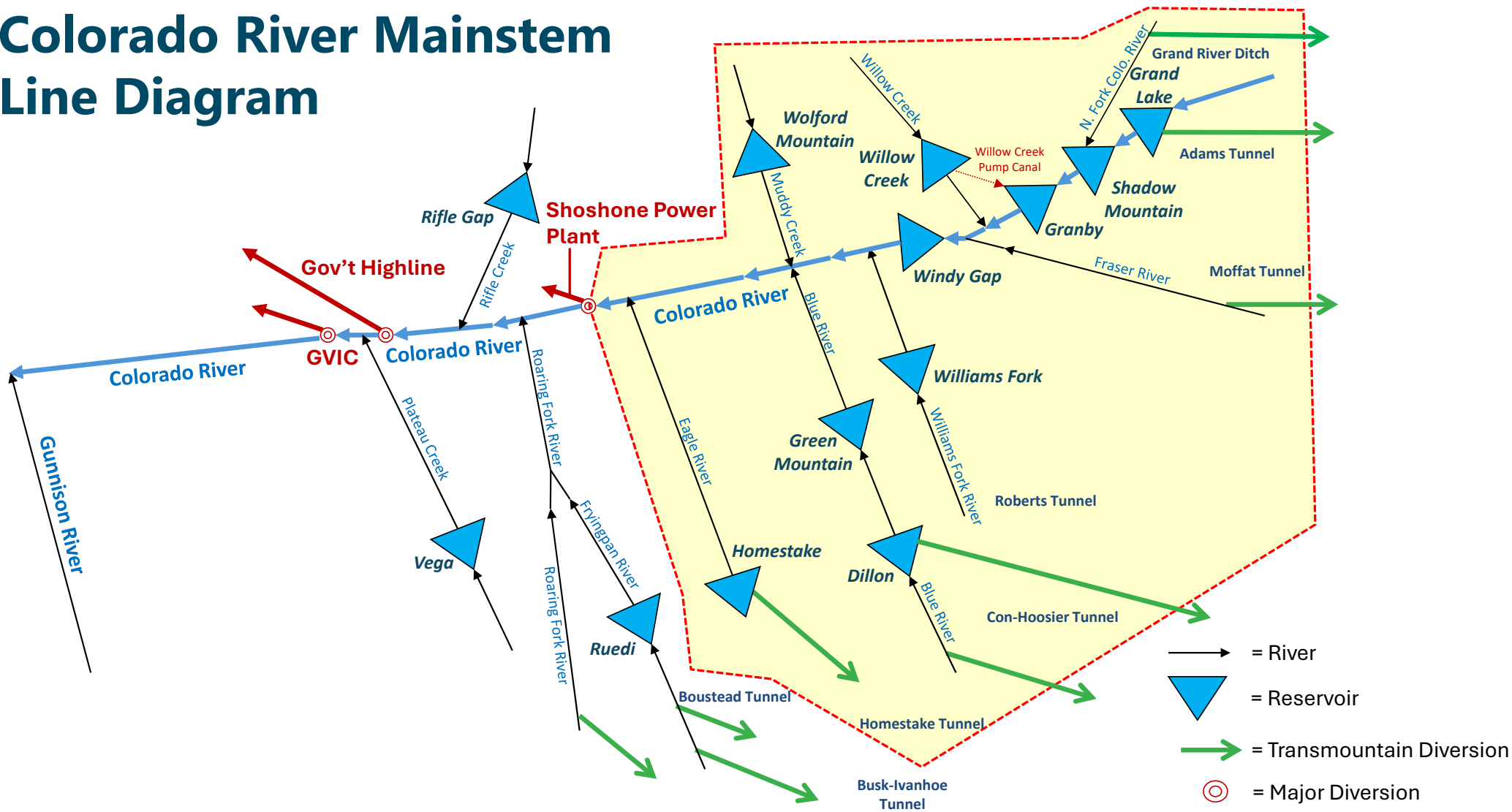
# Front Range Parties - Roadmap

Party	Witness
Northern Water & Municipal Subdistrict	Kyle Whitaker, Water Rights Department Manager
Denver Water	Jeff Bandy, Manager of Water Rights, Supply, and Analytics
	Heather Thompson, P.E. (joint witness)
	Dan Arnold, Counsel
Aurora Water	Alex Davis, Assistant General Manager of Water Supply and Demand
	Josh Mann, Counsel
Colorado Springs Utilities	Tyler Benton, Senior Water Resource Engineer
	Michael Gustafson, Counsel
Homestake Partners	Rick Kienitz (Aurora Water)
	Heather Thompson, P.E.
	Tyler Benton

# Colorado River Mainstem Operations



# Colorado River Mainstem Line Diagram



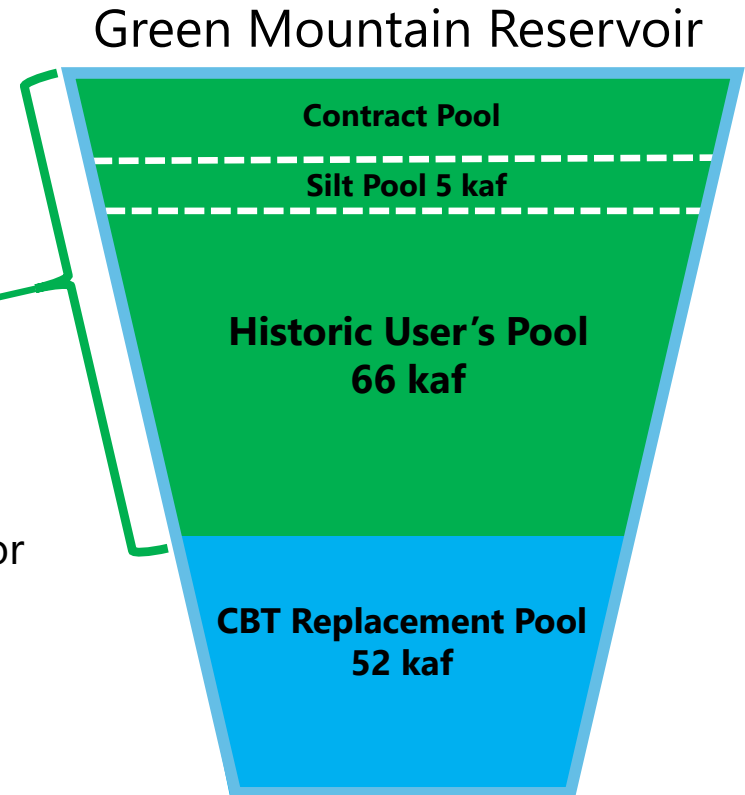
# Green Mountain Reservoir

## CBT Replacement Pool - 52,000 acre-ft

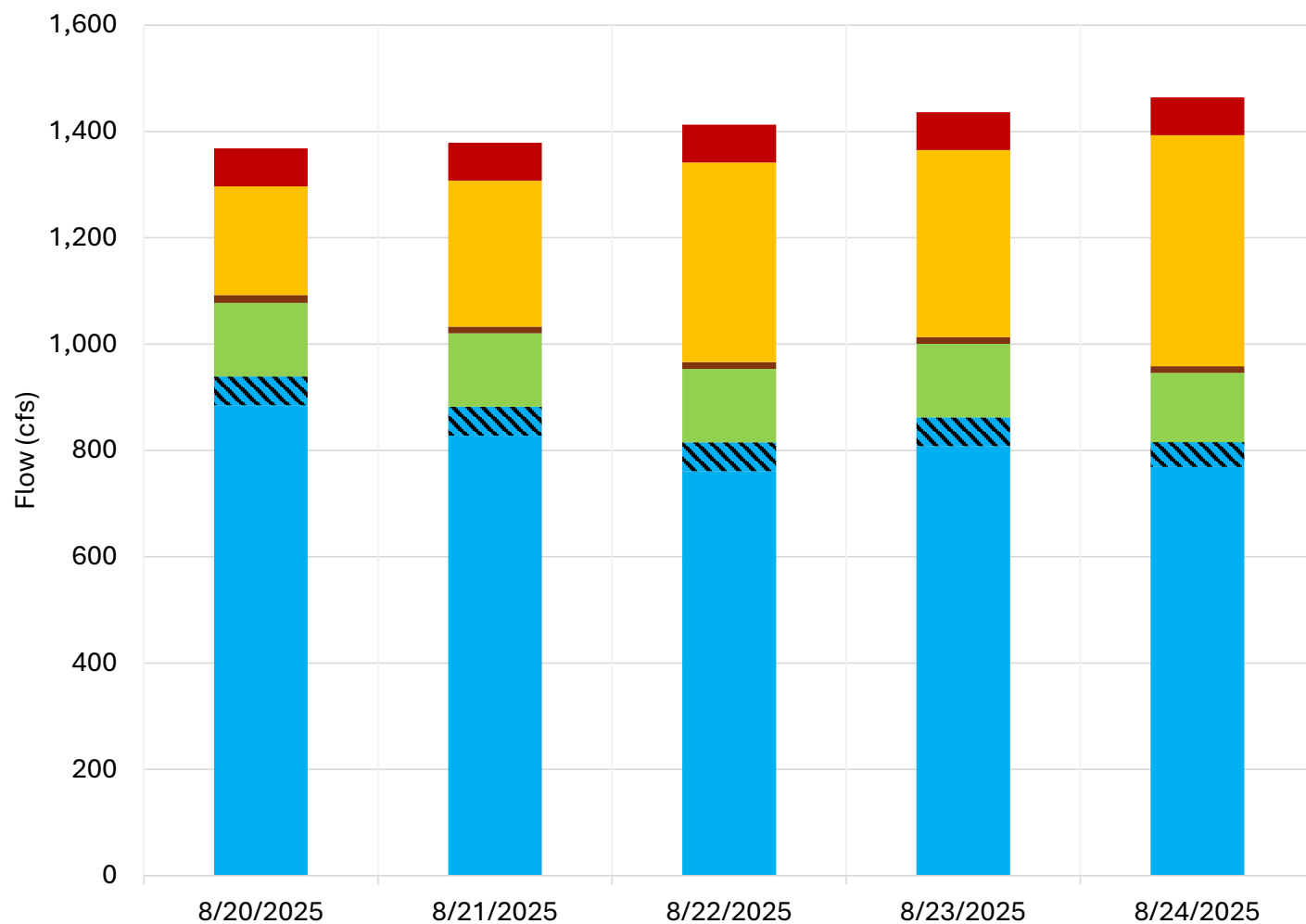
- Operates to replace out-of-priority CBT Collection System diversions

## Power Pool ("West Slope Pool") – 100,000 acre-ft

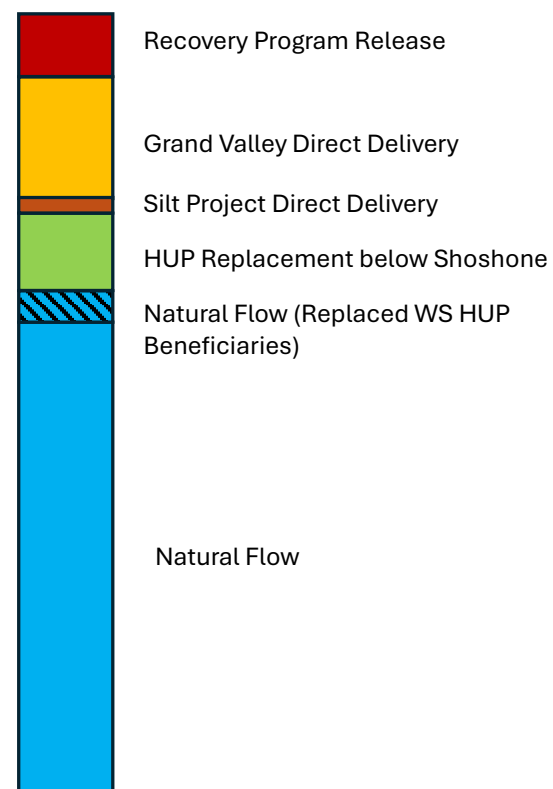
- Historic Users Pool (66,000 af)
  - Replacement of Irrigation & Domestic use perfected prior to October 15, 1977
  - Grand Valley Supplemental Direct Delivery
- Silt Pool (5,000 af) – Silt Project/Managed by Silt Water Conservancy District (not in Operating Policy)
- Contract Pool (~20,000 af) – Release schedules based on needs of contracts



## Components of Flow at Shoshone Power Plant



## “Colors” of Water







# Questions

