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## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT BUILDING – PLANNING – OWTS – CODE COMPLIANCE

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Colorado Water Conservation Board  
Department of Natural Resources  
Ms. Amy Beatie, Board Hearing Officer  
1313 Sherman Street  
Denver, CO 80203

*To be submitted via email to: [amy.beatie@coag.gov](mailto:amy.beatie@coag.gov)*

RE: Colorado Water Conservation Board's Proposed Instream Flow Rules Revisions- Request for Party Status to Rulemaking

Dear Ms. Beatie,

Mesa County, Colorado respectfully requests Party Status for the Colorado Water Conservation Board's Rulemaking for the *Rules Concerning the Colorado Instream Flow and Natural Lake Level Program 2 CCR 408-2*, published in the Colorado Register on October 25, 2020.

As identified in the *Notice of Public Rulemaking Hearing Before the Colorado Water Conservation Board*, Section IV, we submit the following:

1. **Entity Seeking Party Status:** Mesa County, Colorado
2. **Contact:** Amber Swasey, Sr. Managing Analyst
3. **Mailing Address:** Mesa County Community Development,  
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**Email:** [amber.swasey@mesacounty.us](mailto:amber.swasey@mesacounty.us)

4. **Interest of the entity in the proposed amendments to the Rules:**

Mesa County is a strong advocate in guaranteeing that the existing water rights owned and utilized by many Mesa County residents, many of which are the most senior water rights on the Colorado River, are not infringed upon through water loan programs for instream flow, and further, ensuring that the needs of Western Slope municipalities, agriculture, and recreation are addressed.

5. **Description of the general nature of the evidence or information to be presented in the course of the proceedings:**

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Mesa County anticipates presenting evidence and information about the water rights in the Grand Valley and elsewhere in the County, how such water is currently being used, the importance of those water rights to the local economy, and Mesa County's concerns regarding whether or not instream flow requirements and water loan programs will negatively impact those existing uses and the local economy.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Please contact me should you have any questions or require additional information.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "ASwasey". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Amber Swasey

cc: Mesa County Board of County Commissioners  
Peter Baier, Mesa County Administrator  
Patrick Coleman, Mesa County Attorney  
Todd Hollenbeck, Mesa County Community Development Director