IN THE DISTRICT COURT IN AND FOR WATER DIVISION NO. 4 STATE OF COLORADO TO: ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN WATER APPLICATIONS IN SAID WATER DIVISION NO. 4

Pursuant to C.R.S. 37-92-302, as amended, you are notified that the following is a resume of all applications filed in the Water Court during the month of July 2021.

The names, address of applicant, source of water, description of water right or conditional water right involved, and description of the ruling sought are as follows:

The water right claimed by this application may affect in priority any water right claimed or heretofore adjudicated within this division, and owners of affected rights must appear to object and protest within the time provided by statute, or be forever barred.

CASE NO. 2021CW14. Applicants: Seth Masia and Gail Carey, 39978 Panorama Rd., Paonia, CO 81428. Application for Absolute Surface Water Rights: Hannah Spring – SE1/4SE1/4, Section 36, T13S, R92W, 6th P.M., Easting 273531, Northing 4306143, Zone 13. Source: North Fork Gunnison River. Appropriation Date: 7/7/2020. Amount Claimed: 6 gpm absolute for irrigation of yard and garden. **DELTA COUNTY**

CASE NO. 2021CW15. (REF NO. 18CW3035, 12CW109, 08CW101, 06CW27). Applicant: Peter G. Varga, PO Box 3127, Holiday, FL 34692-3127. Application to Make Absolute: Gallagher Lot 2 Well. Location: Well withdrawing ground water, located at a point 1,592 feet South of the North section line, 795 feet East of West section line, within the SW1/4NW1/4, Section 30, T46N, R8W, NMPM, Easting 255193, Northing 4233135, Zone 13. Source: Uncompanyer River. Appropriation Date: 9/1/2005. Amount Claimed: 0.033 c.f.s. for domestic in one single family dwelling. The Application on file with the Water Court contains an outline of the work performed during the diligence period. **OURAY COUNTY**

CASE NO. 2021CW16. Applicants: Kenneth L. and Doris E. Richards, 600 SE Stonebridge Dr., Cedaredge, CO 81413. Application for Absolute Surface Water Rights: Richards Pipeline – SW1/4NE1/4, Section 29, T13S, R94W, 6th P.M., Easting 246507, Northing 4309068, Zone 13. Source: Surface Creek, Tongue Creek, Gunnison River. Appropriation Date: 6/28/2021. Amount Claimed: 0.03 cfs absolute for irrigation of 0.41 acres and wildlife. **DELTA COUNTY**

CASE NO. 2021CW17 (REF NO. 08CW91, 15CW18). Applicant: Andrea Oliver, 22506 Dave Wood Road, Montrose, Co 81403. Application for Finding of Reasonable Diligence: WC Well – NE1/4NW1/4SE1/4 of Section 10, T47N, R10W, NMPM. 2,034 feet north of the south section line and 1,975 feet west of the east section line, Easting 241646, Northing 4247726. Source: Ridgway Reservoir, Uncompany River. Appropriation Date: 09/21/2007. Amount Claimed: 0.006 cfs conditional for domestic use in one single family dwelling and irrigation of 0.046 acre. The Application of file with the Water Court contains and outline of the work performed during the diligence period. **MONTROSE COUNTY**

CASE NO. 2020CW3092, FIRST AMENDED APPLICATION FOR SURFACE WATER RIGHTS. CONCERNING THE APPLICATION FOR WATER RIGHTS OF ERIC RINK, TRIBUTARY TO CLEAR FORK CREEK, TRIBUTARY TO SMITH FORK CREEK, TRIBUTARY TO THE GUNNISON RIVER IN GUNNISON COUNTY, COLORADO. Applicant: Eric Rink, 395 West Applewood Drive, Fruita, CO 81521, (719) 565-8025, c/o Edward B. Olszewski, Esq., Olszewski, Massih & Maurer, P.C., P.O. Box 916, Glenwood Springs, CO 81602, (970) 928-9100, <u>ed@ommpc.com</u>. The Application in this case has been amended to correct the legal description for the Rink Spring as follows: Legal Description: Located within the SW¼ of the SE¼, of irregular Section 14, T. 51 N., R. 5.5 W., of the N.M.P.M. (Zone 13, NAD83, Easting 0284210m, Northing 4284029m). All remaining information in the original application remains the same. (2 pages) **GUNNISON COUNTY**

CASE NO. 2021CW3030. (14CW3031; 07CW156). Applicant: Second Chance Humane Society, Inc., PO Box 2096, Ridgway, CO 81432; c/o Bernard F. Gehris of Burns, Figa & Will, PC, 6400 S. Fiddlers Green Circle, Suite 1000, Greenwood Village, CO 80111; (303) 796-2626. Application for Finding of Reasonable Diligence. 2. Name of structure: Angel Ridge Dry Creek Pump No. I and Pipeline. 3. Original Decree: A. Original Case No.: 2007CW156, Water Division No. 4. B. Decree Date: April 22, 2008. C. Appropriation Date: October 22, 2007. D. Source: Dry Creek, a tributary of the Uncompanyer River. E. Amount and Use: 1.0 cfs, conditional for irrigation of 40 acres, and stockwater. F. Location: At a point in the NEI/4 SE1/4 SE1/4 of Section 4, Township 45 North, Range 8 West, NMPM, Ouray County, Colorado, 809 ft North of the South line and 143 ft West of the East line of said Section 4. 4. Prior Diligence Decree: In Case No. 2014CW3031, decreed on July 13, 2015. 5. Water System. Angel Ridge Dry Creek Pump No. I and Pipeline was conditionally decreed in Case No. 07CW156, along with Angel Ridge Ranch Upper Pond ("Upper Pond") and Angel Ridge Ranch Lower Pond ("Lower Pond"), to allow Second Chance to develop an irrigation system on its property. Both the Upper Pond and Lower Pond were made fully absolute in Case No. 14CW3031. 6. Detailed outline of what has been done toward completion or for completion of the appropriation and application of water to a beneficial use as conditionally decreed, including expenditures. From July 2015 to the present: A. Second Chance expended \$4.352 for maintenance of its irrigation systems. B. Second Chance expended \$34,871 to design and install an irrigation system to two specific areas on its property. C. Sinkholes appeared in 2021 in the Upper Pond, which required repairs in order to continue irrigating its property, and the Lower Pond needed to be dredged. Second Chance has expended over \$77,225 to date in order to repair the sink holes, dredge/clean up the Lower Pond, replace a broken culvert in the Upper Pond, repair the Lower Pond culvert, and install a debris gate to eliminate debris from clogging pipes, and to adjust irrigation system/lines. D. Second Chance also retained water counsel and a water consultant to assist in the development and protection of its water rights, including pursuit of this application. This work and expenditures evidences Second Chance's continuing intent to develop this conditional water right. Full development of this conditional right by Second Chance is feasible, and there is no intent to abandon this conditional water right. WHEREFORE, the Applicant, Second Chance Humane Society, Inc., requests that a finding of reasonable diligence be made with respect to the above-referenced conditional water right, by reason of the activities and expenditure of monies. OURAY COUNTY

CASE NO. 2021CW3031, Hinsdale County, Lake Fork of the Gunnison, Water District No. 4, Applicant: Jeff Jones, c/o Rufus Wilderson LLC., 24441 Highway 149, Powderhorn, CO 81243, (970) 641-8807; Type of Application: Application for Finding of Reasonable Diligence; Name of Structure: Snowslide Ditch. Location: A point in the SWSESW of Section 20, T43N, R4W of the N.M.P.M., 1350 feet from the west section line and 200 feet from the south section line. Drainage Basin: An unnamed tributary to Red Mountain Gulch, tributary to the

Lake Fork of the Gunnison River. Quantity: 1.0 c.f.s. Appropriation date: June 15, 1998. Use: Irrigation and to fill and refill the Snowslide Pond for irrigation of up to 20 acres, stock water, fire protection, piscatorial and wildlife purposes. Type of Structure: ditch. Name of Structure: Snowslide Pond. Location: The dam outlet points is at a point in the SWSESW of Section 20, T43N, R4W of the N.M.P.M., 1500 feet from the west section line and 250 feet from the south section line in Section 20. The Snowslide Pond will fill from the Snowslide Ditch the point of diversion of which is a point in the SWSESW of Section 20, T43N, R4W of the N.M.P.M., 1350 feet from the west section line and 200 feet from the south section line in section 20. Drainage Basin: An unnamed tributary to Red Mountain Gulch, tributary to the Lake Fork of the Gunnison River. Quantity: 1.5 acre feet. Appropriation date: June 15, 1998. Use: Irrigation of up to 20 acres, stock watering, protection, piscatorial and wildlife purposes. Type of Structure: pond. The Application contains a list of activities undertaken by the Applicant towards the application of these rights to their decreed beneficial use. HINSDALE COUNTY

CASE NO. 2021CW3032. (ref. 15CW3008, 07CW7). Applicant: Mountain Meadows Subdivision Homeowners Association, 233 County Road 48, Gunnison, CO 81230, 720-281-7268. APPLICATION TO MAKE CONDITIONAL RIGHTS ABSOLUTE IN PART AND FOR FINDING OF REASONABLE DILIGENCE. Please direct all correspondence to LAW OF THE ROCKIES, Kendall K. Burgemeister, Atty. Reg. #41593, 525 North Main Street. Gunnison, CO 81230, Telephone: (970) 641-1903. kburgemeister@lawoftherockies.com. The conditional water rights that are the subject of this Application were originally decreed in Case No. 07CW7 (District Court, Water Division 4, January 24, 2011, nunc pro tunc February 11, 2009). The conditional rights were continued in Case No. 15CW3008 (District Court, Water Division 4, July 13, 2015). Description of Conditional Water Rights: Lot 1 Well (Permit 75186-F). Legal description: UTMX: 331986, UTMY: 4272926; in the SW1/4 SW1/4 of Section 13, Township 50 North, Range 1 West, N.M.P.M., approximately 357 feet from the South section line and 720 feet from the West section line of said Section 13 (All references in this Application to Section 13 are to Section 13, Township 50 North, Range 1 West, N.M.P.M.; all UTM coordinates in this Application are NAD 83 Zone 13, and approximate). Source: Groundwater tributary to Ohio Creek, tributary to the Gunnison River. Appropriation Date: May 11, 2000.

Amount: 0.033 cfs (15 gpm) (conditional). Depth: 40 feet. Beneficial Use: Domestic use and irrigation of lawn and garden of up to 3,000 square-feet (0.069 acres). Lot 2 Well (Permit 75187-F). Legal description: UTMX: 332109, UTMY: 4272956; in the SW1/4SW1/4 of Section 13, approximately 460 feet from the South section line and 1,120 feet from the West section line. Source: Groundwater tributary to Ohio Creek, tributary to the Gunnison River. Appropriation Date: September 16, 1999. Amount: 0.033 cfs (15 gpm) (conditional). Depth: 44 feet. Beneficial Use: Domestic use and irrigation of lawn and garden of up to 3,000 square-feet (0.069 acres). Lot 3 Well (Permit 75188-F). Legal description: UTMX: 332201, UTMY: 4272975; in the SE1/4SW1/4 of Section 13, approximately 528 feet from the South section line and 1,424 feet from the West section line. Source: Groundwater tributary to Ohio Creek, tributary to the Gunnison River. Appropriation Date: May 11, 2000. Amount: 0.033 cfs (15 gpm) (conditional). Depth: 50 feet. Beneficial Use: Domestic use and irrigation of lawn and garden of up to 3,000 square-feet (0.069 acres). Lot 4 Well (Permit 75189-F). Legal description: UTMX:

332275. UTMY: 4273012; in the SE1/4 SW1/4 of Section 13, approximately 654 feet from the South section line and 1,663 feet from the West section line. Source: Groundwater tributary to Ohio Creek, tributary to the Gunnison River. Appropriation Date: May 11, 2000. Amount: 0.033 cfs (15 gpm) (conditional). Depth: 50 feet. Beneficial Use: Domestic use and irrigation of lawn and garden of up to 3,000 square-feet (0.069 acres). Home Ditch MMS Enlargement. Legal description: The Home Ditch MMS Enlargement has a point of diversion that is at the headgate of the Home Ditch. The original decreed location of which is on the north bank of the Gunnison River at a point whence the South Quarter Corner of Section 13, bears South 56°47' West 4,832 feet. The point of diversion was changed in CA-5371 to a point whence the East Quarter Corner of Section 13 bears North 82° East 2320 feet. The Division of Water Resources' reported UTM location is 334224E, 4273786N, in the SWNE, Section 18, T50N, R1E, NMPM. Source: Gunnison River. Appropriation Date: January 11, 2007. Amount: 0.50 cfs (conditional). Beneficial Use: Filling Mountain Meadows Pond for subsequent replacement of depletions from ordinary household use inside not more than 4 single family dwellings and irrigation of not more than 0.28 acres of home lawns and gardens. Mountain Meadows Pond. Legal description The embankment for the Mountain Meadows Pond is located at UTMX: 332274, UTMY: 4272920; in the SE1/4 SW1/4 of Section 13, approximately 352 feet from the South section line and 1,662 feet from the West section line. The point of diversion is the Home Ditch headgate, as described above. Source: Gunnison River via Changed Home Ditch Water Rights and the Home Ditch MMS Enlargement Appropriation Date: January 11, 2007. Amount: 3.05 acre-feet (of which 1.72 acre-feet are decreed for augmentation uses) (conditional). Beneficial Use: The Mountain Meadows Pond will be filled and refilled for irrigation of lawns and gardens and to replace depletions from domestic use in the Mountain Meadows Subdivision. Home Ditch Exchange. Lower Terminus: Crystal Dam, located in the SWNE Section 14, T49N, R7W, NMPM, 271204E, 4265724N. Upper Terminus: Home Ditch headgate, as described above. Appropriation Date: January 31, 2007. Amount: 0.5 cfs (conditional). Beneficial Use: Domestic and lawn irrigation by augmentation of depletions in Mountain Meadows subdivision. Source of Substitute Supply: Water stored in Blue Mesa Reservoir and leased from the Bureau of Reclamation pursuant to a Water Service Contract. Applicant seeks to make the following rights absolute: Lot 4 Well. First date of beneficial use: November 9, 2020, based on issuance of certificate of occupancy. Home Ditch MMS Enlargement. First date of beneficial use: June 6, 2016, based on diversion records showing Home Ditch diversions of 8.78 cfs, sufficient to fully satisfy this water right and the senior water rights decreed to this ditch, and the filling of the Mountain Meadows Pond. Mountain Meadows Pond. First date of beneficial use: June 6, 2016, based on the above and C.R.S. § 37-92-301(4)(e). Applicant seeks a finding of reasonable diligence with respect to any portion of the conditional water rights not made absolute in this case. Actions undertaken toward completion of the appropriation include payment of annual fee pursuant to the Aspinall Unit water contract, construction of one residence and application of water to beneficial use, obtaining a building permit and access permit for a second residence and commencement of work thereon, maintenance of the Home Ditch and Mountain Meadows Pond, filling and re-filling of the Mountain Meadows Pond. The Home Ditch Exchange was not needed because there was no downstream call during the diligence period. Maps of the structures are attached as Exhibit A. Diversion records are attached as Exhibit B. Names and addresses of owners of the land upon which any new diversion or storage structure, or modification to any existing diversion or storage structure is or will be constructed or upon which water is or will be stored, including any modification to the existing storage pool: Mountain Meadows Pond: Jared and Mandy Hemmert, 233 County Road 48, Gunnison, CO

81230. Well 1: Alto Basin LLC, PO Box 133, Gunnison, CO 81230. Wells 2 And 3: Equity Trust Company Custodian FBO Jared Hemmert IRA Equity Trust Company Custodian FBO Mandy Hemmert IRA, 233 County Road 48, Gunnison, CO 81230. Well 4: Keith Wallin and Elizabeth Uhren, 30 Spring Meadows Trl, Gunnison, CO 81230. **GUNNISON COUNTY**

CASE NO. 2021CW3033. (REF. NO. 2014CW3080). Applicant: CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION, c/o Jamie B. Beard, 250 N. 5th Street, Grand Junction, CO 81501. Application To Make Absolute in Part and For Finding of Reasonable Diligence: BOLEN, ANDERSON & JACOB DITCH - The headgate of the Bolen, Anderson & Jacob Ditch is located at a point whence the Northwest corner of Section 9, Township 12 South, Range 96 West of the 6th P.M. bears North 22° 30' West a distance of 2330 feet. 2170 feet from the north section line and 900 feet from the west section line. Date of Original Decree: 11/30/1995; Case No. 93CW258. Source: Deep Creek, Skunk Creek, Gill Creek, Coal Creek and North Fork of Kannah Creek, and all runoff and sheet flow tributary to the ditch between the described streams. Appropriation Date: 12/15/1993. Amount Claimed: 29.39 c.f.s. of which 27 c.f.s. to make absolute and 2.39 c.f.s. for a finding of diligence Use: For diversion to and storage in the Bolen Reservoir, Anderson Reservoir No. 6, Bolen, Anderson & Jacobs Enlargement Reservoir No. 2, Hallenbeck Reservoir No. 1 (aka Purdy Mesa Reservoir), Somerville Reservoir and Juniata Reservoir for subsequent application to and for snowmaking and municipal uses in the Colorado River Basin including, but not limited to, augmentation, manufacturing, industrial, power generation, fire protection, sewage treatment, street sprinkling, irrigation, recreation, piscatorial, maintenance and preservation of wildlife, lake and reservoir evaporation, directly or by adjustment or regulation of the City's water system. The City intends to consume the appropriated water through initial use, and by subsequent reuse, successive use, and disposition to the extent permitted by law. MESA COUNTY

CASE NO. 2021CW3034. TRI-STATE GENERATION AND TRANSMISSION ASSOCIATION, INC. ("Tri-State"), Attn: Michael G. Sorensen, Vice President, Fuel and Water Resources, Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, Inc., 1100 West 116th Ave., Westminster, Colorado 80234; E-mail: mgsorensen@tristategt.org; Telephone: (303) 452-6111. Please direct all correspondence concerning this Application to: Aaron S. Ladd, Esq. and Kunal A. Parikh, Esq., Vranesh and Raisch, LLP, 5303 Spine Road, Suite 202, Boulder, Colorado 80301; E-mail: asl@vrlaw.com; kap@vrlaw.com; Telephone: (303) 443-6151; and Roger T. Williams, Esg., Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, Inc., 1100 West 116th Avenue, Westminster, Colorado 80234; E-mail: rwilliams@tristategt.org; Telephone: (303) 254-3218. APPLICATION FOR FINDINGS OF REASONABLE DILIGENCE IN MONTROSE COUNTY. 2. Names of Structures: a. Nucla Power Plant Ditch. b. Nucla Power Plant Spray Ponds. 3. Description of Conditional Water Right: a. Original Decree: The Nucla Power Plant Ditch and the Nucla Power Plant Spray Ponds water rights were originally decreed in Civil Action No. 9042 ("C.A. 9042"), Water District No. 60, District Court, Montrose County, State of Colorado, dated January 16, 1967. b. Point of Diversion: On the south bank of the San Miguel River at a point whence the Northeast Corner of Section 15, Township 46 North, Range 15 West, N.M.P.M., bears North 13°17' East 4,402.2 feet, thence North 50°00' West 1,482 feet more or less, in Montrose County,

Colorado. c. Source: San Miguel River. d. Appropriation Date: i. Nucla Power Plant Ditch: April 28, 1955; Priority No. 498, Water District No. 60. ii. Nucla Power Plant Spray Ponds: April 28, 1955; Priority No. 499, Water District No. 60. e. Decreed Amounts: i. Nucla Power Plant Ditch: 40.0 cfs, CONDITIONAL. ii. Nucla Power Plant Spray Ponds: 30.8 acre-feet, CONDITIONAL. f. Uses: Thermal power plant operation and cooling, domestic, sanitary and irrigation. g. A map showing the location of the Nucla Power Plant Ditch and the Nucla Power Plan Spray Ponds is attached as Exhibit A. 4. Previous Diligence Decrees: Timely applications for findings of reasonable diligence have been filed in compliance with Colorado law, and each such application has been granted by final decree. The most recent decree determining reasonable diligence was entered on July 28, 2015, in Case No. 15CW3009, District Court, Water Division No. 4, State of Colorado. 5. Amounts Claimed Absolute: Tri-State does not seek to make any amounts of the conditional portions decreed in C.A. 9042 absolute in this application. 6. Detailed outline of what has been done towards completion of the appropriation and application of water to a beneficial use as conditionally decreed, including expenditures. during the previous diligence period: a. The Nucla Generating Station ("Station"), together with the water rights used and held to supply the Station were decreed as part of a single "project or integrated system" within the meaning of C.R.S. § 37-92-301(4)(b). In addition to the Nucla Power Plant Ditch and the Nucla Power Plant Spray Ponds conditional rights ("Subject Rights"), the following conditional water rights are part of the project or integrated system: Trout Lake Reservoir (decreed in Case No. 79CW247, Water Division No. 4); and Lake Hope Reservoir (decreed in Case No. 79CW248, Water Division No. 4). b. Tri-State is a not-for-profit, wholesale electric generation and transmission cooperative association, which supplies the electric power requirements of the service areas of its owner-members through long-term contracts. Prudent utility planning requires long-range water supply planning and development to ensure that the necessary water supply is available when required to meet growing demand for electric power and evolving means to generate that power cleanly and reliably. The conditional Nucla Power Plant Ditch and the Nucla Power Plant Spray Ponds water rights were decreed for power generation and Tri-State wishes to continue said conditional water rights to ensure a water supply for new generation at, or in the vicinity of, the new property. c. Tri-State announced its transformative Responsible Energy Plan on July 17, 2019, and has been executing its transition to a cleaner generation portfolio while ensuring reliability. Consistent with the goals of the Responsible Energy Plan, Nucla Station ceased operations in September, 2019. As part of its clean grid transition, Tri-State is exploring a variety of renewable and low-emission generation technologies and projects that could be part of its generation portfolio including, but not limited to, the possibility of siting such generation at or in the vicinity of the former Nucla Station site and using the Subject Rights. d. During the diligence period, Tri-State has evaluated the feasibility of developing pumped-storage hydropower generation at, or in the vicinity of, the Nucla Station property. This evaluation included technical requirements for generation, and economic feasibility analysis. Staff concluded that pumped-storage hydropower generation is technically and economically feasible based on electricity market conditions. Tri-State staff completed the feasibility analysis, for which expenditures are not billed directly to this project. In addition, Tri-State conducted a legal evaluation of the legal steps required to change the use of the Subject Rights for these and other purposes, and expended in excess of \$3,600 in connection to the same. Tri-State's in-house counsel led and participated in this legal analysis, for which expenditures are not billed directly to this project. Further, Tri-State hired Wayne Schieldt, P.E., of Water Resource Solutions, LLC, to analyze the potential for a change of the Subject Rights for use in pumped-storage hydropower or other alternate uses and

expended in excess of \$2,800 for that analysis. This analysis is ongoing. e. Tri-State retained legal counsel to analyze and advance its water rights positions and plan for future uses of its integrated system of water rights in the San Miguel River basin, as well as to oppose water rights applications of others to advance and protect its portfolio of water rights, including the Subject Rights. Tri-State incurred in excess of \$70,000 in attorneys' fees and costs in these efforts, exclusive of the value of efforts expended internally by Tri-State. f. Tri-State reserves the right to add additional support of its diligence activities as necessary. 7. Name(s) and address(es) of owner(s) or reputed owner(s) of the land upon which any new diversion or storage structure, or modification to any existing diversion or storage structure is or will be constructed or upon which water is or will be stored, including any modification to the existing storage pool: All lands upon which Nucla Power Plant Ditch and Nucla Power Plant Spray Ponds are located are owned by the Applicant. WHEREFORE, Tri-State requests that the Court enter a decree finding that Tri-State has been reasonably diligent under all the facts and circumstances with respect to the Nucla Power Plant Ditch and the Nucla Power Plant Spray Ponds conditional water rights, and continuing the same for another diligence period. (8 pgs., 1 Exhibit) MONTROSE COUNTY

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED THAT you have until the last day of September, 2021 to file with the Water Clerk a Verified Statement of Opposition setting forth facts as to why a certain application should not be granted or why it should be granted only in part or on certain conditions. A copy of such a Statement of Opposition must also be served upon the applicant or the applicant's attorney and an affidavit of certificate of such service shall be filed with the Water Clerk, as prescribed by C.R.C.P. Rule 5. (Filing fee: \$192.00; Forms may be obtained from the Water Clerk's Office or on our website at www.courts.state.co.us). (This publication can be viewed in its entirety on the state court website at: www.courts.state.co.us). FRED CASTLE, Water Clerk, Water Division 4, 1200 N. Grand Ave., Bin A, Montrose, CO 81401