**DISTRICT COURT, WATER DIVISION 6, COLORADO**

**TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN WATER APPLICATIONS**

**IN WATER DIVISION 6**

Pursuant to C.R.S. 37-92-302, you are hereby notified that the following pages comprise a resume of Applications and Amended Applications filed in the office of Water Division 6, during the month of **June 2025.**

**2025CW9 Routt County** Application to Make Absolute in Whole or in Part; **Applicant:** Rita Donham, P.O. Box 33, Cora, Wyoming 82925; reet@wyomingaerophoto.com; 307-231-1326; **Name of Structure:** Donham Pump; **Date of Original Decree:** July 15, 2008; **Case Number**. 08CW45; **Court:** Routt; **List all Subsequent Decrees Awarding Findings of Diligence: Date of Decree:** April 2, 2010; November 13, 2018; **Case Numbers:** 10CW22; 18CW15; **Court:** Routt; **Legal Description:** NE1/4 of the SE1/4 Section 3, T6N, R85W, of the 6th P.M., at a point 1490’ from South line and 709’ from East line of Section3, Routt County, Colorado; **UTM Coordinates:** 339039E 4485457N, Zone 13; **Street Address:** 27875 US Hwy 40 West; Steamboat Springs, CO 80487; **Source of UTMs:** Hand-Held GarminGPS Division Engineer; **Source of Water:** Yampa River; **Appropriation Date:** October 15, 2007; **Amount:** .08 cfs-Absolute; .32 cfs-Conditional ; **Decreed Use:** Irrigation of Trees, Garden and Pasture; **Detailed description of what has been done towards completion:** Bought and installed 10hp Electric Berkley Pump. Ran power form pole near house in buried ditch to power receptacle at/near riverbank. Pump has a length of power cord and intake pipe to allow for repositioning during high or low water in the river. Using a “Big Gun” sprinkler. Price of pump: $5500.00; Power to river: $3000.00; Flow Meter: $500.00; Big Gun sprinkler and pipe: $2850.00. **If claim to make absolute in whole or part: Date water applied to beneficial use:** August 9, 2022; **Amount:** .32 cfs; **Use:** Irrigation of Trees, Garden and Pasture; **Description of place of use where water is applied to beneficial use:** Tree row/wind break on West property boundary and all pasture on our bench above the river, or 9.7 acres. **Landowner:** Applicant

**2025CW3022 ROUTT COUNTY**.APPLICATION TO MAKE CONDITIONAL WATER RIGHT PARTIALLY ABSOLUTE AND FOR A FINDING OF REASONABLE DILIGENCE. 1. Name and Address of Applicant: City of Steamboat Springs (the “City”), attn: Water Resources Manager, 115 10th Street, Steamboat Springs, CO 80487. All pleadings should be directed to Karen Henderson at khenderson@bh-lawyers.com and Cassidy Woodard at cwoodard@bh-lawyers.com. 2. Overview: By this application, the City seeks to make a portion of the Steamboat Springs Yampa River Municipal Well “A” water right absolute and a finding of reasonable diligence on the remaining amount and any amount not made absolute, as more specifically described below. 3. Description of the Water Right. 3.1. Name of Water Right: Steamboat Springs Yampa River Municipal Well “A”. 3.2. Original Decree: Case No. 90CW160 entered on October 31, 1991, by the District Court, Water Division No. 6 (the “Water Court”). 3.3. Prior Diligence/Absolute Decrees: Previous findings of reasonable diligence or to make absolute were entered by the Water Court in Case No. 97CW52 on October 20, 1998; Case No. 04CW35 on December 11, 2005; Case No. 11CW44 on September 30, 2012; and Case No. 2018CW3027 on June 3, 2019. 3.4. Decreed Location of Structure: The SW¼ SW¼ of Section 28, Township 6 North, Range 84 West of the 6th P.M., at a point 976 feet east of the West Section line and 1,216 feet north of the South Section line of said Section 28. *See* **Exhibit A**. The structure at this location was previously known a Municipal Well A, but is now known as “Well A-1”. 3.5. Source: Yampa River alluvium. 3.6. Appropriation Date: December 26, 1990. 3.7. Amount: 6.67 cfs, of which 4.67 cfs is conditional and 2.00 cfs is absolute. 3.8. Decreed Uses: Municipal, domestic, irrigation, commercial, manufacturing, industrial, and recreational. 4. Claim to Make Absolute. The City’s diversions under its Steamboat Springs Yampa River Municipal Well “A” water right went above 2 cfs on April 11, 2023, and during April 28, 2023 through May 3, 2023, as shown below: *[Chart with date and diversion amount: 4/11/23 - 3.22 cfs; 4/28/23 - 2.6 cfs; 4/29/23 - 2.8 cfs; 4/30/23 - 3.18 cfs; 5/1/23 - 2.82 cfs; 5/2/23 - 2.48 cfs; and 5/3/23 - 2.55 cfs.]* The maximum diversion was 3.22 cfs on April 11, 2023. These diversions were beneficially used by the City as part of its treated water supply. There were no senior calls on the Yampa River during this period to prevent the diversion of the subject water right or to trigger the need for the associated plan for augmentation. Accordingly, the City wishes to make an additional 1.22 cfs of the 6.67 water right absolute. 5. Claim for a Finding of Reasonable Diligence. The subject water right is a critical component of the City’s integrated water system, and the City believes that it can and will complete the appropriation within a reasonable time. Evidence of the City’s diligence includes, but is not limited to, over $8 million dollars in expenses on operation, maintenance, upgrades, engineering, legal, and other components. Specifically, the City spent: $107,584 on operation and maintenance expenses; $481,810 on engineering analyses and design costs; $1,384,832 on expenses associated with the Yampa Treatment Plant; and $6,151,100 on expenses related to the alternate points of diversion for the subject water right, including design, construction, and approval of same. The alternate points of diversion have been constructed, a Substitute Water Supply Plan was approved on June 20, 2025, and Water Court approval is pending in Case No. 2024CW3004. These alternate points of diversion will provide structural/physical redundancy and will also allow the City to take Well A-1 offline for cleaning, maintenance, and other rehabilitation work without creating additional risk to its ability to provide its customers with treated water. (4 pages + map).

**2025CW10 Rio Blanco County** Application for Simple Change in Surface Point of Diversion; **Applicant:** Mark and Milly Archuleta, 9700 CR 2, Rangely, Colorado 81648; markarchuleta81@yahoo.com; 970-675-5178; **Name of Structure:** Robinson Wardell Pump 7; **Date of Original Decree:** March 8, 1978; **Case Number**. W3118-76; **Court:** Division 5; **Legal Description Described in most recent Decree:** Pump 7 current location N.67° 51’ 19” W. 1947.85 feet from the South Quarter Corner of Section 10; T1N; R103W of the 6th P.M. **Decreed Source of Water:**  White River. **Appropriation Date:** 07/17/74. **Total Amount Decreed:**  Absolute 3.25 cfs. **Decreed Use:** Irrigation. **Amount of Water Applicant Intends to Change:** Absolute 1.0 cfs. **Legal Description of the New Surface Point of Diversion:** SE1/4 of the NW1/4 Section 16, T1N, R103W, of the 6th P.M., Rio Blanco County, Colorado; **UTM Coordinates:** 161904E 4441795.1N, Zone 13; **Street Address:** 9700 County Road 2; Rangely, CO 81648; **Source of UTMs:** GPS; **Accuracy of Location:** 20’; **Detailed Description of Proposed Change:** I would like to move the original point of diversion (Robinson Wardell Pump 7) from it's location to my property. I have been pumping from my property for 30 years and would like to move the diversion point to my property and continue irrigation for my home and my pasture. **Landowner:** Applicant

**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.**

You are hereby notified that you will have until the last day of **August 2025** to file with the Water Court 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 Statement of Opposition must be served on the Applicant or the Applicant’s Attorney, with an affidavit or certificate of such service being filed with the Water Court, as prescribed by Rule 5, C.R.C.P. The filing fee for the Statement of Opposition is $192.00, and should be sent to the Clerk of the Water Court, Division 6, 1955 Shield Dr. Unit 200, Steamboat Springs, CO 80487.

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/s/ Carmma L. Parkison

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