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RE: Subdistrict No. 5 Replacement Water Accounting for the Month of March 2026

Dear Mr. Cotten,

The following Tables illustrate Subdistrict No. 5's accounting of its daily replacement operations for the month of March 2026 as required in Term and Condition No. 7 of the State Engineer's 2025 Annual Replacement Plan Approval Letter received on May 1, 2025. The table includes data regarding the following: daily and monthly Subdistrict No. 5 projected stream depletion obligations; replacement/remedy sources used; daily and monthly amount of each replacement/remedy source used; and, where available, identification of the water rights that received replacement/remedy from the Subdistrict on a daily basis.

Synopsis of March 2026 Subdistrict No. 5 Replacement Operations

Under the direction of the Division No. 3 Division Engineer and District 20, 25, and 26 Water Commissioners, Subdistrict No. 5 replaced all projected injurious stream reach depletions on Saguache Creek, San Luis Creek, and the Rio Grande on a daily basis for the month of March 2026 pursuant to the projected amounts calculated in Table 2.3 included in the approved 2025 Annual Replacement Plan (2025 ARP). Replacement of injurious stream depletions began on May 1, 2025 on all stream reaches. For the month of March 2026, during the non-irrigation season, injurious stream depletions are not projected to occur to Saguache and San Luis Creeks.

Replacement Operations on Saguache Creek

For the month of March 2026, Subdistrict No. 5 used the groundwater rights associated with SWSP 8308 for all of the depletions owed for the month under the approved 2025 ARP. The SWSP 8308 water rights yielded 5.608 ac-ft for the month (2.804 ac-ft per day). Total deliveries for the month were 5.608 ac-ft. The following Table 1 illustrates the Subdistrict's daily replacement operations for Saguache Creek during the month of March 2026.

Replacement Operations on San Luis Creek

For the month of March 2026, Subdistrict No. 5 used approved Well Injury Payment Agreements in place with the Subdistrict for all of the depletions owed for the month. The following Table 2 illustrates the Subdistrict's daily replacement operations for San Luis Creek during the month of March 2026.

Replacement Operations on the Rio Grande

For the month of March 2026, Subdistrict No. 5 used Closed Basin Project water totaling 16.150 acre-feet, at a daily rate of 0.702 acre-feet to remedy all injurious depletions up to March 24. Beginning March 24, Subdistrict No. 5 used SWSP 6094 Nelson Tunnel Water, stored in Beaver Reservoir, totaling

5.651 ac-ft to remedy injurious depletions during the irrigation season. Total deliveries for the month of March were 21.801 ac-ft. The following Table 3 illustrates the Subdistrict's daily replacement operations for the Rio Grande during the month of March 2026.

A copy of this detailed accounting can be found on the District's website at rgwcd.org under Subdistrict No. 5's Annual Replacement Plan link. If you should have any questions about the information included in this reporting, please contact Chris Ivers whom is the Program Manager responsible for the operation and accounting for Subdistrict No. 5. He can be reached at (719) 589-6301.

Table 1: Subdistrict No. 5 depletion obligation to Saguache Creek per Table 2.3 of the approved Annual Replacement Plan approved by the State Engineer on May 1, 2025. March 2026 depletion obligation total is 5.91 ac-ft. Total replacements/remedies were 5.608 ac-ft.

TABLE 1								
	Saguach Creek		Replacement Sources					
March	SR-1 Ac-Ft.	Total Required 2025 ARP	SWSP 9367 Direct Flow Ac-Ft.	SWSP 8308 Aug Well to Stream		Total	Priority No. Receiving Replacement/ Remedy	Water District No. 26 Ditch Receiving Replacement/Remedy
1	0.0000	**0.000**				**0.000**		
2	0.0000	**0.000**				**0.000**		
3	0.0000	**0.000**				**0.000**		
4	0.0000	**0.000**				**0.000**		
5	0.0000	**0.000**				**0.000**		
6	0.0000	**0.000**				**0.000**		
7	0.0000	**0.000**				**0.000**		
8	0.0000	**0.000**				**0.000**		
9	0.0000	**0.000**				**0.000**		
10	0.0000	**0.000**				**0.000**		
11	0.0000	**0.000**				**0.000**		
12	0.0000	**0.000**				**0.000**		
13	0.0000	**0.000**				**0.000**		
14	0.0000	**0.000**				**0.000**		
15	0.0000	**0.000**				**0.000**		
16	0.0000	**0.000**				**0.000**		
17	0.0000	**0.000**				**0.000**		
18	0.0000	**0.000**				**0.000**		
19	0.0000	**0.000**				**0.000**		
20	0.0000	**0.000**				**0.000**		
21	0.0000	**0.000**				**0.000**		
22	0.0000	**0.000**				**0.000**		
23	0.0000	**0.000**				**0.000**		
24	0.0000	**0.000**				**0.000**		
25	0.0000	**0.000**				**0.000**		
26	0.0000	**0.000**				**0.000**		
27	0.0000	**0.000**				**0.000**		
28	0.0000	**0.000**				**0.000**		
29	0.0000	**0.000**				**0.000**		
30	2.9550	**2.955**		2.8040		**2.804**	19	
31	2.9550	**2.955**		2.8040		**2.804**	19	
Totals	**5.910**	**5.910**	**0.000**	**5.608**	**0.000**	**5.608**		

Table 2: Subdistrict No. 5 depletion obligation to San Luis Creek per Table 2.3 of the approved Annual Replacement Plan approved by the State Engineer on May 1, 2025. March 2026 depletion obligation total is 2.486 ac-ft. Total replacements/remedies were 2.486 ac-ft.

TABLE 2						
	San Luis Creek		Replacement Sources			
March	SR-1 Ac-Ft.	Total Required 2025 ARP	Forbearance SR 1 Ac-Ft.	Total	Priority No. Receiving Replacement/ Remedy	Water District No. 25 Ditch Receiving Replacement/Remedy
1	0.0000	**0.0000**		**0.000**		
2	0.0000	**0.0000**		**0.000**		
3	0.0000	**0.0000**		**0.000**		
4	0.0000	**0.0000**		**0.000**		
5	0.0000	**0.0000**		**0.000**		
6	0.0000	**0.0000**		**0.000**		
7	0.0000	**0.0000**		**0.000**		
8	0.0000	**0.0000**		**0.000**		
9	0.0000	**0.0000**		**0.000**		
10	0.0000	**0.0000**		**0.000**		
11	0.0000	**0.0000**		**0.000**		
12	0.0000	**0.0000**		**0.000**		
13	0.0000	**0.0000**		**0.000**		
14	0.0000	**0.0000**		**0.000**		
15	0.0000	**0.0000**		**0.000**		
16	0.0000	**0.0000**		**0.000**		
17	0.0000	**0.0000**		**0.000**		
18	0.0000	**0.0000**		**0.000**		
19	0.0000	**0.0000**		**0.000**		
20	0.0000	**0.0000**		**0.000**		
21	0.0000	**0.0000**		**0.000**		
22	0.0000	**0.0000**		**0.000**		
23	0.0000	**0.0000**		**0.000**		
24	0.0000	**0.0000**		**0.000**		
25	0.0000	**0.0000**		**0.000**		
26	0.0000	**0.0000**		**0.000**		
27	0.0000	**0.0000**		**0.000**		
28	0.0000	**0.0000**		**0.000**		
29	0.0000	**0.0000**		**0.000**		
30	1.2432	**1.2432**	1.243	**1.243**	?	
31	1.2432	**1.2432**	1.243	**1.243**	?	
Totals	**2.486**	**2.486**	**2.486**	**2.486**		

Table 3: Subdistrict No. 5 depletion obligation to the Rio Grande per Table 2.3 of the approved Annual Replacement Plan approved by the State Engineer on May 1, 2025. March 2026 depletion obligation total is 21.751 ac-ft. Total replacements/remedies total 28.01 ac-ft.

TABLE 3							
	Rio Grande		Replacement Sources				
March	SR-1 Ac-Ft.	Total Required 2025 ARP	Closed Basin Project SR 1 Ac-Ft.	SWSP 6094 Nelson Tunnel Water	Total	Priority No. Receiving Replacement/ Remedy	Water District No. 20 Ditch Receiving Replacement/Remedy
1	0.702	**0.702**	0.702		**0.702**		Compact
2	0.702	**0.702**	0.702		**0.702**		Compact
3	0.702	**0.702**	0.702		**0.702**		Compact
4	0.702	**0.702**	0.702		**0.702**		Compact
5	0.702	**0.702**	0.702		**0.702**		Compact
6	0.702	**0.702**	0.702		**0.702**		Compact
7	0.702	**0.702**	0.702		**0.702**		Compact
8	0.702	**0.702**	0.702		**0.702**		Compact
9	0.702	**0.702**	0.702		**0.702**		Compact
10	0.702	**0.702**	0.702		**0.702**		Compact
11	0.702	**0.702**	0.702		**0.702**		Compact
12	0.702	**0.702**	0.702		**0.702**		Compact
13	0.702	**0.702**	0.702		**0.702**		Compact
14	0.702	**0.702**	0.702		**0.702**		Compact
15	0.702	**0.702**	0.702		**0.702**		Compact
16	0.702	**0.702**	0.702		**0.702**		Compact
17	0.702	**0.702**	0.702		**0.702**		Compact
18	0.702	**0.702**	0.702		**0.702**		Compact
19	0.702	**0.702**	0.702		**0.702**		Compact
20	0.702	**0.702**	0.702		**0.702**		Compact
21	0.702	**0.702**	0.702		**0.702**		Compact
22	0.702	**0.702**	0.702		**0.702**		Compact
23	0.702	**0.702**	0.702		**0.702**		216-A
24	0.702	**0.702**		0.702	**0.702**		216-A
25	0.702	**0.702**		0.702	**0.702**		224
26	0.702	**0.702**		0.702	**0.702**		236-A
27	0.702	**0.702**		0.702	**0.702**		236-A
28	0.702	**0.702**		0.702	**0.702**		236-A
29	0.702	**0.702**		0.702	**0.702**		236-A
30	0.702	**0.702**		0.702	**0.702**		236-A
31	0.702	**0.702**		0.736	**0.736**		236-A
Totals	**21.751**	**21.751**	**16.150**	**5.651**	**21.801**		