



ROUTT COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
AGENDA COMMUNICATION FORM

ITEM DATE: 5/21/2019	ITEM TIME: 1:00 to 1:30 pm

FROM:	Scott Cowman – Routt County Director of Environmental Health Kelly Romero-Heaney – Water Resources Manager for the City of Steamboat Springs
TODAY’S DATE:	5/8/2019
AGENDA TITLE:	Proposed Temporary Modification of Temperature Standards for the Yampa River

CHECK ONE THAT APPLIES TO YOUR ITEM:
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ACTION ITEM
<input type="checkbox"/> DIRECTION
<input type="checkbox"/> INFORMATION

I. DESCRIBE THE REQUEST OR ISSUE:

The City of Steamboat Springs is requesting support from the Routt County Board of County Commissioners for a proposed request to the Colorado Division of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) Water Quality Control Division (WQCD) for a temporary modification of the temperature standards for Yampa River Segment 2B. A draft letter has been prepared for review and signature should the Board decide to support the request. A signed letter of support would be submitted to the Water Quality Control Commission (WQCC). If granted, the WQCD would issue the Temporary Modification.

II. RECOMMENDED ACTION (motion):

A motion to sign the letter of request for submittal to the WQCD.

III. DESCRIBE FISCAL IMPACTS (VARIATION TO BUDGET):

PROPOSED REVENUE (if applicable): \$
CURRENT BUDGETED AMOUNT: \$0
PROPOSED EXPENDITURE: \$
FUNDING SOURCE:
SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET NEEDED: YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Explanation:

IV. IMPACTS OF A REGIONAL NATURE OR ON OTHER JURISDICTIONS (IDENTIFY ANY COMMUNICATIONS ON THIS ITEM):

Please refer to attached reference materials.



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V. BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Please refer to attached reference materials.

VI. LEGAL ISSUES:

VII. CONFLICTS OR ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES:

Please refer to attached reference materials.

VIII. SUMMARY AND OTHER OPTIONS:

A Temporary Modification of the temperature standards on Yampa River segment 2B would allow time for the City to further develop long-term solutions to improve stream health, determine appropriate stream classifications, or justify requests for alternate administrative solutions. Addition of costly infrastructure to the wastewater treatment plant would have little effect overall on water temperatures and create an unnecessary financial burden on the community. All efforts on the part of the City and supporting organizations are pointed towards the long-term health of the aquatic system and the health and well-being of the citizens of Routt County.



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IX. LIST OF ATTACHMENTS:

1. Draft letter of support
2. Prehearing Statement of the City of Steamboat Springs
3. Provided for reference: Regulation 31 – The Basic Standards and Methodologies for Surface Water. *Refer to 31.7(3) pgs. 13-15 Granting, Extending, and Removing Temporary Modifications to Numeric Standards*
4. Please refer to website link for Regulation 33 - Classifications and Numeric Standards for Upper Colorado River Basin and North Platte River, for detail on stream standards, classifications, or other definitions (<https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/water-quality-control-commission-regulations>).