



BOARD COMMUNICATION FORM

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Item: Possible CWT Volume 3 Allocation

<u> X </u>	DIRECTION
<u> </u>	INFORMATION
<u> </u>	MOTION
<u> </u>	RESOLUTION

I. Request/Issue and Background Information:

In March, UYWCD allocated 3,500 AF of water to Colorado Water Trust (CWT) under the Volume 2 allocation in addition to the annual 100 AF Volume 1 allocation. CWT has inquired about additional volume available in Volume 3 of their contract.

Section 6.3.1 of the UYWCD CWT Contract states, “At any time during the Project Contract Year, CWT may inquire of Upper Yampa whether any water is then available to be allocated to Volume 3. Upper Yampa shall provide CWT a timely response to such inquiry.”

The following information for Stagecoach Reservoir is included as reference material for a discussion of the possible allocation of Volume 3 water to CWT and the 2026 water year to date.

II. Summary:

Stagecoach Reservoir Status as of 7/14/2026

Current Storage Volume: 26,460 AF

Current Elevation: 7190.6 ft

Feet down from full elevation (7204 ft): 13.4 ft

Current Inflow: 5.8 cfs

Current Outflow: 30 cfs



Filling Priority	Contract Pool	Total Volume (AF)	Total Volume Contracted (AF)	Total Volume Remaining (AF)
1	Municipal/Industrial	9,000	2,167	6,833
2	Augmentation	2,000	73.8	1,926
3	General Supply	4,000	3,713	287
4	Raise	3,164		3,164
5	Preferred Remainder	3,275		3,275
6	Emergency Remainder	15,000	N/A	N/A
	Total	36,439	5,954	15,485

Since the March board meeting, not including the 3,500 AF allocated to CWT, UYWCD has contracted 86 AF of water (Four 1-year storage contracts and one augmentation contract). Over the last few weeks, the CWT releases constitute 50-80% of the flow in the river at the Catamount USGS gage and 30%-50% of the flow in the river at the 5th Street USGS gage in Steamboat.

III. Staff Recommendation:

Consider allocating an additional 500 AF of storage to the Colorado Water Trust for the 2026 water year.

IV. Legal Issues:

N/A

V. Consistency with Board Goals and Policies:

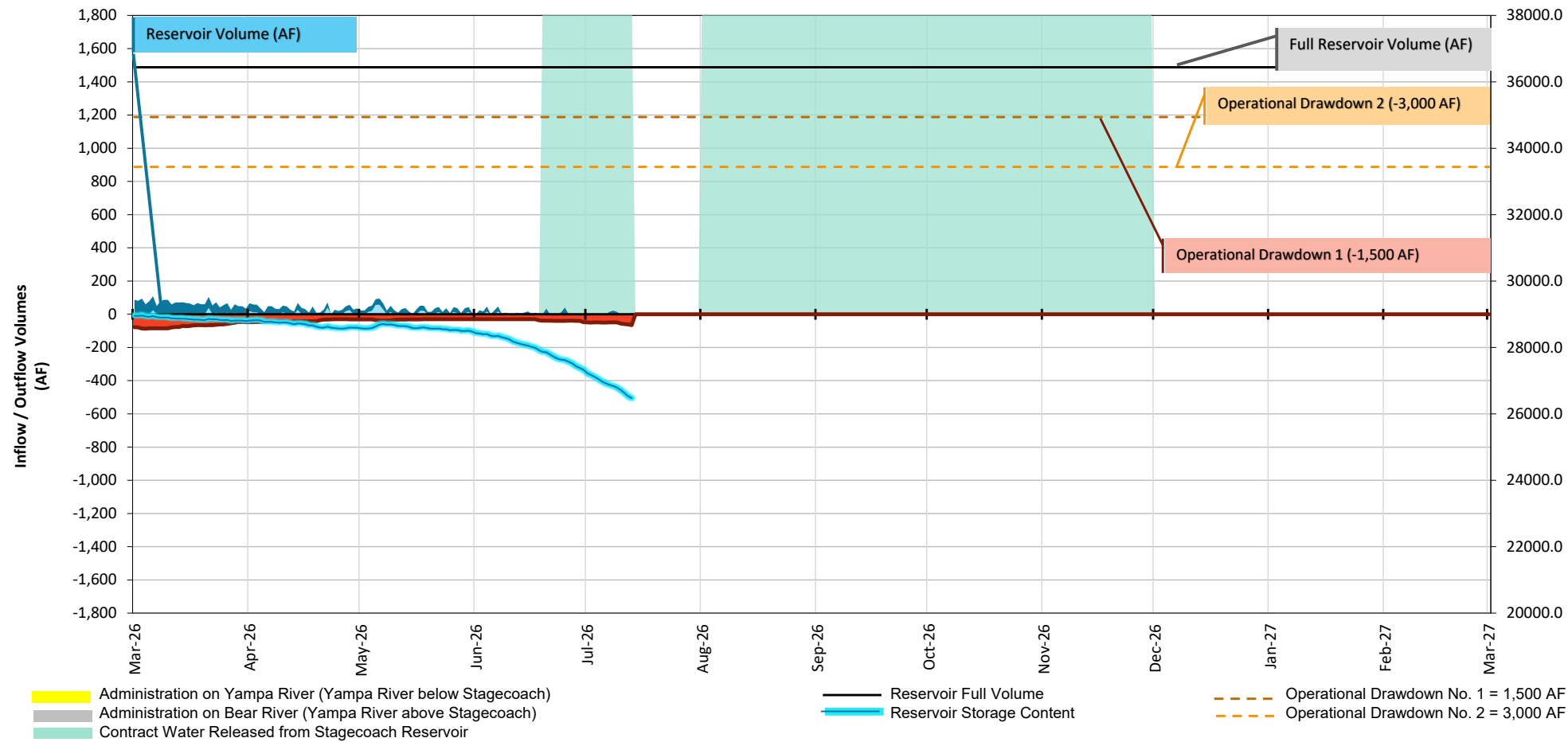
Policy Statement: 2

Attachments:

1. Stagecoach Water Storage Data (WY 2026)
2. CWT Potential Release Scenario
3. Stagecoach WY 2026 Projection

Stagecoach Reservoir Operations

Accounting Year 2026

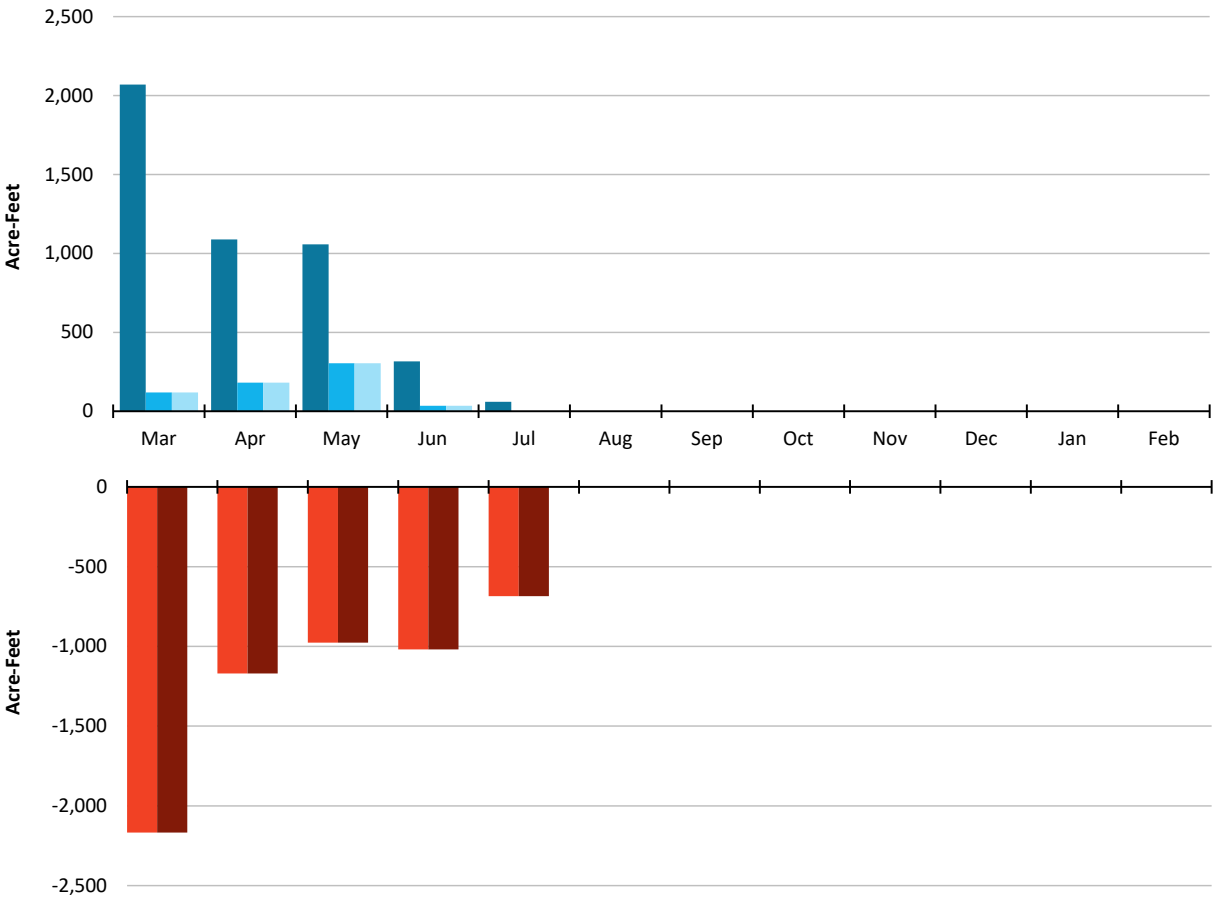


Stagecoach Reservoir Operations: Inflow & Outflow Comparison (AF)

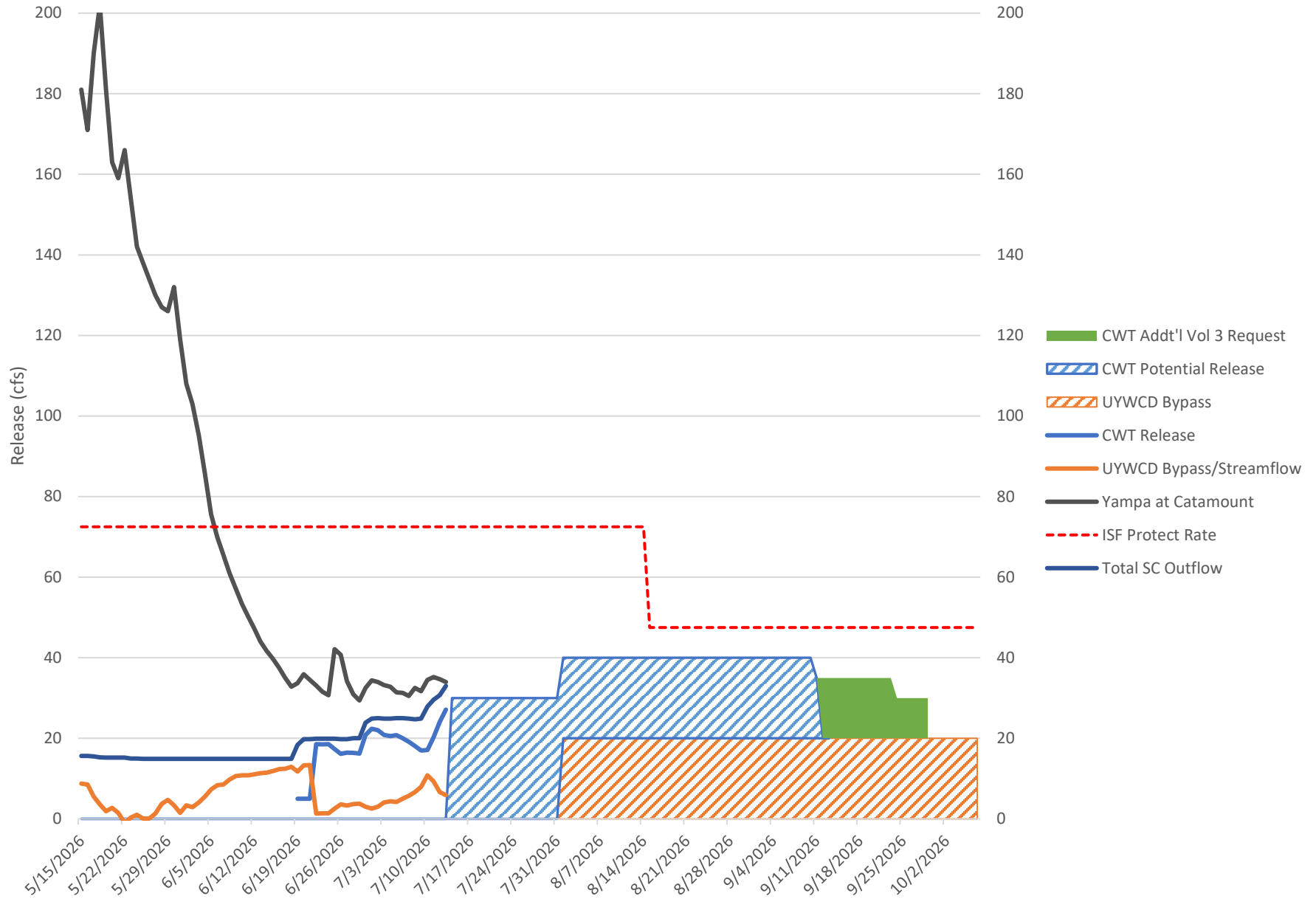
Accounting Year 2026

Monthly Inflow		Physical	Potential	Storable
3	Mar	2,069	119	119
4	Apr	1,088	182	182
5	May	1,057	304	304
6	Jun	316	35	35
7	Jul	60	0	0
8	Aug			
9	Sep			
10	Oct			
11	Nov			
12	Dec			
1	Jan			
2	Feb			
Total		4,591	640	640

Monthly Outflow		Release	Spill	Gage
3	Mar	-2,168	0	-2,168
4	Apr	-1,170	0	-1,170
5	May	-977	0	-977
6	Jun	-1,019	0	-1,019
7	Jul	-685	0	-685
8	Aug			
9	Sep			
10	Oct			
11	Nov			
12	Dec			
1	Jan			
2	Feb			
Total		-6,020	0	-6,020



2026 Potential Release Scenario



WY 2026 Projections - Stagecoach Reservoir
Updated 7/14/2026

