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Chief Judge, Twelfth Judicial District AUTHORIZATION FOR THE APPLICANT TO TENDER A VERIFIED SIGNATURE ON THE APPLICATION FOR WATER RIGHTS FOR DIVISION THREE WATER COURT FILINGS THROUGH APRIL 30, 2020



CHIEF JUDGE ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2020-04

On March 25, 2020, Governor Polis issued Executive Order D-2020-17 requiring people to stay at home through April 11, 2020, and that same day the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment issued Amended Public Health Order 20-24 Implementing Stay at Home Requirements setting forth the parameters of the stay at home requirements and listing certain exemptions authorizing persons to be outside of their homes that do not extend to the filing of water court applications.

To ensure that citizens may continue to file water court applications in a timely fashion to preserve prospective priority dates, the Division Three Water Court will permit applicants to submit a verified signature with the application using the attached form, rather than a notarized signature, for applications filed between March 23, 2020 and April 30, 2020. Any application containing a verified signature rather than a notarized signature filed during the referenced time period will require the applicant, prior to June 1, 2020, to submit a copy of the application previously filed containing the applicant's notarized signature.

The provisions of this order shall apply to applications filed in the Division Three Water Court through April 30, 2020, unless otherwise modified or extended by the Court.

Dated this 30<sup>th</sup> day of March 2020.

BY THE COURT:

Michael A. Gonzales Water Judge, Division Three Chief Judge, Twelfth Judicial District