



Colorado's Water Supply Future COLORADO



DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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Projects and Methods to Meet Identified Water Supply Needs

Basin-Wide Water Needs Assessments

- Identify Consumptive Water Needs (M&I and Agricultural)
- Identify Nonconsumptive Water Needs (Environmental and Recreational)
- Identify Available Water Supplies
- Identify Projects and Methods to Meet Consumptive and Nonconsumptive Water Needs

Path Forward – 2009

- Consumptive Needs Assessment done in Draft
- Nonconsumptive Priority Areas Identified

Focus of 2009: Projects and Methods to Meet Identified Needs (M&I and Nonconsumptive)

Status of Basin Roundtable Needs Assessments

Basin	Consumptive Needs	Nonconsumptive Needs	Water Supply Availability
	Assessment	Assessment	Assessment
Arkansas	 Augment SWSI 1 with Task Order requests Demands to 2050 	 Roundtable review mapping 	 SWSI 1 Task Order Request

Visions and Strategies for Colorado's Water Supply Future: M&I Water Demands to 2050

Population Projections



M&I Water Usage Rates by Basin



Municipal Water Demands by Basin



Colorado and Yampa/White Energy Demands



By 2050, Colorado will need up to 1.7 MAF to Meet M&I Demands*

*This does not take into account demand reductions from conservation for future demands

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Nonconsumptive Needs Assessment Methodology

Arkansas Basin Nonconsumptive Needs Assessment Environmental and Recreational Priorities HUC 12 Watershed Based Environmental and Recreational Attributes Prioritization

Roundtable Action Items

- Finalize map
- Identify projects and methods for priority areas

State of Colorado Projected Water Demands, Supplies and Gaps

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Arkansas IPPs

Major Identified Projects and Processes in Arkansas Basin Counties

	Estimated Demand Met by Identified Projects and Processes and	
Country		Identified Drainste and Drasses
County	Conservation (AFT)	Identified Projects and Processes
Upper Arkansas	7,100	• PSOP
(Chaffee,		 Re-operation of the Fry-Ark Project
Fremont,		 Turquoise and Pueblo Reservoir Enlargements
Lake, Teller)		 10 to 12 percent reduction in demand for storage via conservation
, ,		Augmentation Plans
		 Increased use of Fry-Ark M&I allocation directly or for augmentation
		Agricultural transfers
Urban Counties	71,900	Active conservation
(El Paso,		PSOP
Pueblo)		Maximizing existing water rights
		Alluvial aquifer recharge and pumping with augmentation and advanced water treatment
		Reuse for non-potable irrigation of parks and golf courses and other landscaping
		Exchanges
		Agricultural transfers
		Southern Delivery System to deliver existing water rights
		Increased use of Fry-Ark allocation

Major Identified Projects and Processes in Arkansas Basin Counties (cont.)

	Estimated Demand Met by Identified Projects and Processes and	
County	Conservation (AFY)	Identified Projects and Processes
Lower Arkansas (Bent, Crowley, Otero, Prowers)	0	 Active Conservation PSOP Pipeline Exchanges Increased use of Fry-Ark allocation Agricultural transfers Alluvial groundwater pumping with augmentation and advanced water treatment Use of local ditch water for irrigation of landscaping
Eastern Plains (Baca, Cheyenne, Elbert, Kiowa, Lincoln)	0	Groundwater (non-tributary)
Southwestern Arkansas (Custer, Huerfano, Las Animas)	1,900	 Existing water rights Augmentation Plans Agricultural transfers Storage and treatment of water in Trinidad Reservoir
TOTAL	80,900	

		Remaining	Supplies		
		Gross Gap	Beyond		
County	Major Provider	(AF)	2030*	Notes	Source
Baca	Springfield	0	N	Assumed that non-tributary	—
				groundwater will meet future needs.	
Bent	Las Animas	0	N	Arkansas Valley Pipeline would	Arkansas Valley Pipeline
				improve water quality and reduce	Study and Arkansas Basin
				transit losses. There are concerns	Roundtable feedback
				over future supplies as Fry-Ark may	
				be oversubscribed, and return flows	
				and firm yield less than planned.	
	Bents Fort Water	0	Ν	Arkansas Valley Pipeline would	Arkansas Valley Pipeline
	Association			improve water quality and reduce	Study and Arkansas Basin
				transit losses. There are concerns	Roundtable feedback
				over future supplies as Fry-Ark may	
				be oversubscribed, and return flows	
				and firm yield less than planned.	
	McClave Water	0	Ν	Arkansas Valley Pipeline would	Arkansas Valley Pipeline
	Association			improve water quality and reduce	Study and Arkansas Basin
				transit losses. There are concerns	Roundtable feedback
				over future supplies as Fry-Ark may	
				be oversubscribed, and return flows	
				and firm yield less than planned.	

Country	Maion Duos idan	Remaining Gross Gap	Supplies Beyond	Nata	Course
Bent (cont.)	Unincorporated Bent Co. not served by a water district	(AP) 100	N	Arkansas Valley Pipeline would improve water quality and reduce transit losses. There are concerns over future supplies as Fry-Ark may be oversubscribed, and return flows and firm yield less than planned.	Arkansas Valley Pipeline Study and Arkansas Basin Roundtable feedback
Chaffee	Buena Vista	0	N	No gap.	Terry Scanga, UAWCD
	Salida	500	Ν	Have existing alluvial and surface water diversions (5.5 cfs in Harrington and 1.6 in Champ Ditches) and augment as necessary with ditch rights and Fry-Ark water. Harrington water rights provide 577 AF of average CU. Champ Ditch water rights are used to recharge an alluvial aquifer and provide approximately 120 AF of CU. Existing CU demands are approximately 500 AF. Can store in Pueblo on if and when basis or in North Fork Reservoir.	Terry Scanga, UAWCD

County	Major Provider	Remaining Gross Gap (AF)	Supplies Beyond 2030*	Notes	Source
Chaffee (cont.)	Poncha Springs	200	Ν	Well augmentation. High potential for growth. Contract with UAWCD for 100 AF of storage space. Own several water rights plus use Fry-Ark allocations. McPherson 35 AF of CU and Fry-Ark water and may be acquiring ditch rights. Current demands are 80 AF of CU. Looking for 230 AF of storage.	Terry Scanga, UAWCD
	Unincorporated Chaffee Co.	1,600	N	Need well augmentation through UAWCD. Will seek additional Twin Lakes, Fry-Ark, and agricultural rights. Will need storage to firm yield. Plans to rehabilitate Boss and North Fork and O'Haver Reservoirs. Cottonwood and Rainbow storage sites in Cottonwood drainage.	Terry Scanga, UAWCD
Cheyenne		0	N	Assumed that non-tributary groundwater will meet future needs.	_

County	Major Provider	Remaining Gross Gap (AF)	Supplies Beyond 2030*	Notes	Source
Crowley	Olney Springs	0	Ν	Have existing wells and augmentation plan augmented with Twin Lakes and Fry-Ark. Arkansas Valley Pipeline would improve water quality and reduce transit losses.	Arkansas Valley Pipeline Study, Arkansas Basin Roundtable feedback, and Matt Heimerich, Crowley County Commissioner
	Crowley County Water System including towns of Crowley and Ordway	100	Ν	Arkansas Valley Pipeline would improve water quality and reduce transit losses. PSOP could provide firming of Fry-Ark allocation. Potential increase in prison population would result in a gap. State Demographer population forecast shows minor increase in population.	Arkansas Valley Pipeline Study, Arkansas Basin Roundtable feedback, and Matt Heimerich, Crowley County Commissioner
	Sugar City	0	Ν	Arkansas Valley Pipeline would improve water quality and reduce transit losses. There are concerns over future supplies as Fry-Ark may be oversubscribed, and return flows and firm yield less than planned.	Arkansas Valley Pipeline Study, Arkansas Basin Roundtable feedback, and Matt Heimerich, Crowley County Commissioner

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Crowley (cont.)	Unincorporated Crowley Co. not served by a water system	0	Ν	Arkansas Valley Pipeline would improve water quality and reduce transit losses. There are concerns over future supplies as Fry-Ark may be oversubscribed, and return flows and firm yield less than planned.	Arkansas Valley Pipeline Study, Arkansas Basin Roundtable feedback, and Matt Heimerich, Crowley County Commissioner
Custer	Round Mountain Water District (Towns of Westcliffe and Silvercliff)	150	Ν	Alluvial groundwater.	Terry Scanga, UAWCD
	Unincorporated Custer County not in a water district	200	Ν	Covered by UAWCD when well augmentation plan is filed. Some areas with augmentation will be difficult due to intermittent streams and futile calls. Need Twin Lakes water or agricultural rights since not in SECWCD. Will need storage plus acquisition of water rights.	Terry Scanga, UAWCD

County	Major Provider	Remaining Gross Gap (AF)	Supplies Beyond 2030*	Notes	Source
El Paso	Colorado Springs Utilities	0	Y	Colorado Springs has adequate supplies beyond 2030. Member of Fountain Valley Authority. Southern Delivery System (SDS) and PSOP will firm yield and provide delivery infrastructure.	Kevin Lusk, Colorado Springs Utilities
	Security	0	Ν	Member of Fountain Valley Authority. Has wells in Widefield aquifer and currently leasing Colorado Springs Widefield aquifer water. Will participate in SDS to replace leased aquifer water. PSOP could provide firming of Fry-Ark allocation. Will purchase agricultural rights along Fountain Creek as needed.	Gary Thompson, W.W. Wheeler and Associates
	Fountain	0	Ν	Member of Fountain Valley Authority. Will participate in SDS. PSOP could provide firming of Fry-Ark allocation. Will drill additional alluvial wells and augment with Fry-Ark and agricultural dry-up along Fountain Creek.	Gary Thompson, W.W. Wheeler and Associates

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El Paso (cont.)	Widefield	0	Ν	Member of Fountain Valley Authority. PSOP could provide firming of Fry- Ark allocation. Has wells in Widefield and Jimmy Camp Creek aquifers. May construct Reverse Osmosis treatment facility to treat Fountain Creek water to drinking water standards and recharge aquifers. Will purchase agricultural rights along Fountain Creek as needed.	Gary Thompson, W.W. Wheeler and Associates
	Unincorporated El Paso Co. including water districts not listed	8,000	N	Evaluating several options. Currently 100 percent on non-tributary groundwater. Gap could be higher if existing non-tributary groundwater supplies fail to meet existing demand in the future.	Gary Barber, El Paso County Water Authority
	Monument	0	N	Part of Unincorporated El Paso Co. gap.	El Paso County Water Authority Report
	Manitou Springs	0	Ν	No information on supplies to meet gap.	

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Elbert		1,400	N	No information on supplies to meet gap.	
Fremont	Florence	0	Ν	Part of City of Florence Regional Water System. Oak Creek Reservoir and agricultural transfers are planned to meet future demand.	2002 Regional Water System Study by Martin and Wood Consulting.
	Cañon City	0	Y	Have existing senior water rights but needs storage to firm existing water rights.	Terry Scanga, UAWCD
	Penrose Water District	200	Ν	May have problems with existing firm yield. Currently using leased water right from Beaver Park Irrigation Company and seeking new acquisitions. Penrose Water District, Beaver Park Irrigation Company, CDOW, Victor and Cripple Creek cooperated on meeting 2002 drought needs.	CDM survey response; Pueblo Chieftain Editorial - "Protecting Our River" - August 2004
	Unincorporated Eastern Fremont Co.	1,500	Ν	Need well augmentation. Petitioning into UAWCD.	Terry Scanga, UAWCD

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Fremont (cont.)	Unincorporated Western Fremont Co.	500	N	UAWCD has developed augmentation supplies for that portion of Fremont County in the UAWCD, including use of Fry-Ark allocation.	Terry Scanga, UAWCD
	Coal Creek	0	Ν	Part of City of Florence Regional Water System. Oak Creek Reservoir and agricultural transfers are planned to meet future demand.	2002 Florence Regional Water System Study by Martin and Wood Consulting
	Williamsburg	0	Ν	Part of City of Florence Regional Water System. Oak Creek Reservoir and agricultural transfers are planned to meet future demand.	2003 Florence Regional Water System Study by Martin and Wood Consulting
	Rockvale	0	N	Part of City of Florence Regional Water System. Oak Creek Reservoir and agricultural transfers are planned to meet future demand.	2004 Florence Regional Water System Study by Martin and Wood Consulting
	Park Center Water District	0	N	No gap.	CDM survey response

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Huerfano	Walsenburg	0	N	Recently purchased additional water rights (Walsenburg #5 Ditch) and seeking funding for additional storage.	Walsenburg City Clerk
	Gardner	—	—	-	Didn't respond
	La Veta	0	Y	Surface water supplies.	CJ, Town of La Veta
Kiowa	Eads	0	N	Assumed that non-tributary groundwater will meet future needs.	
Lake	Parkville W&S	0	N	Provides water to Leadville and surrounding area. Has adequate water rights, but concern with tunnel and reservoir that provides physical water supply. Reservoir needs rehabilitation or replacement and funding is needed.	Gary Thompson, W.W. Wheeler and Associates

County	Major Provider	Remaining Gross Gap (AF)	Supplies Beyond 2030*	Notes	Source
Lake (cont.)	Unincorporated Lake Co. not served by Parkville Water District	1,100	Ν	Have filed for a blanket augmentation plan. Created a new augmentation source by obtaining CU from Aurora. Will be in the market to acquire additional water rights and fold into blanket augmentation plans. Sources will Twin Lakes, agricultural transfer or as potential diverter approaches county. Storage is also needed. Box Creek (Aurora) site is a potential. Need to partner.	Jim Felt, Felt, Munson and Culichia
Las Animas	Trinidad	0	Ν	Existing mountain water system is at capacity. Acquired and transferred agricultural shares and have a storage account and water rights to store in Trinidad Reservoir. Planning to construct a new water treatment facility at Trinidad Reservoir.	Gary Thompson, W.W. Wheeler and Associates
	Unincorporated Las Animas Co.	500	Ν	Need for well augmentation upstream of Trinidad Reservoir.	Gerry McDaniel, special water counsel to Las Animas
	Aguilar	—	—	—	Didn't respond
Lincoln		0	N	Assumed that non-tributary groundwater will meet future needs.	_

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County	Major Provider	(AF)	2030*	Notes	Source
Otero	La Junta	250	Ν	Constructed Reverse Osmosis Water Treatment Facility. Arkansas Valley Pipeline would improve water quality and reduce transit losses. There are concerns over future supplies as Fry- Ark may be oversubscribed, and return flows and firm yield less than planned.	Arkansas Valley Pipeline Study and Arkansas Basin Roundtable feedback
	Fowler	0	N	Arkansas Valley Pipeline would improve water quality and reduce transit losses. There are concerns over future supplies as Fry-Ark may be oversubscribed, and return flows and firm yield less than planned.	Arkansas Valley Pipeline Study and Arkansas Basin Roundtable feedback
	Manzanola	0	N	Arkansas Valley Pipeline would improve water quality and reduce transit losses. There are concerns over future supplies as Fry-Ark may be oversubscribed, and return flows and firm yield less than planned.	Arkansas Valley Pipeline Study and Arkansas Basin Roundtable feedback

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Otero (cont.) Rocky Ford	Rocky Ford	50	Ν	Arkansas Valley Pipeline would improve water quality and reduce transit losses. There are concerns over future supplies as Fry-Ark may be oversubscribed, and return flows and firm yield less than planned.	Arkansas Valley Pipeline Study and Arkansas Basin Roundtable feedback
	Hancock Water Company	0	Ν	Arkansas Valley Pipeline would improve water quality and reduce transit losses. There are concerns over future supplies as Fry-Ark may be oversubscribed, and return flows and firm yield less than planned.	Arkansas Valley Pipeline Study and Arkansas Basin Roundtable feedback
	Parkdale Water Company	0	Z	Arkansas Valley Pipeline would improve water quality and reduce transit losses. There are concerns over future supplies as Fry-Ark may be oversubscribed, and return flows and firm yield less than planned.	Arkansas Valley Pipeline Study and Arkansas Basin Roundtable feedback
	Swink	0	Ν	Arkansas Valley Pipeline would improve water quality and reduce transit losses. There are concerns over future supplies as Fry-Ark may be oversubscribed, and return flows and firm yield less than planned.	Arkansas Valley Pipeline Study and Arkansas Basin Roundtable feedback

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Otero (cont.)	South Swink W.C.	h Swink W.C. 0 N Arkansas Valley Pipeline would improve water quality and reduce transit losses. There are concern over future supplies as Fry-Ark m be oversubscribed, and return flo and firm vield less than planned.		Arkansas Valley Pipeline would improve water quality and reduce transit losses. There are concerns over future supplies as Fry-Ark may be oversubscribed, and return flows and firm yield less than planned.	Arkansas Valley Pipeline Study and Arkansas Basin Roundtable feedback
	Homestead Water Company	0	Ν	Arkansas Valley Pipeline would improve water quality and reduce transit losses. There are concerns over future supplies as Fry-Ark may be oversubscribed, and return flows and firm yield less than planned.	Arkansas Valley Pipeline Study and Arkansas Basin Roundtable feedback
	Southside Water Company	0	Ν	Arkansas Valley Pipeline would improve water quality and reduce transit losses. There are concerns over future supplies as Fry-Ark may be oversubscribed, and return flows and firm yield less than planned.	Arkansas Valley Pipeline Study and Arkansas Basin Roundtable feedback
	Unincorporated Otero County	0	Ν	Arkansas Valley Pipeline would improve water quality and reduce transit losses. There are concerns over future supplies as Fry-Ark may be oversubscribed, and return flows and firm yield less than planned.	Arkansas Valley Pipeline Study and Arkansas Basin Roundtable feedback

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Prowers	Lamar	250	N	Arkansas Valley Pipeline would improve water quality and reduce transit losses. There are concerns over future supplies as Fry-Ark may be oversubscribed, and return flows and firm yield less than planned.	Arkansas Valley Pipeline Study and Arkansas Basin Roundtable feedback
	Wiley	50	Ν	Arkansas Valley Pipeline would improve water quality and reduce transit losses. There are concerns over future supplies as Fry-Ark may be oversubscribed, and return flows and firm yield less than planned.	Arkansas Valley Pipeline Study and Arkansas Basin Roundtable feedback
	May Valley Water Association	50	Z	Arkansas Valley Pipeline would improve water quality and reduce transit losses. There are concerns over future supplies as Fry-Ark may be oversubscribed, and return flows and firm yield less than planned.	Arkansas Valley Pipeline Study and Arkansas Basin Roundtable feedback
	Unincorporated Prowers Co.	100	N	Arkansas Valley Pipeline would improve water quality and reduce transit losses. There are concerns over future supplies as Fry-Ark may be oversubscribed, and return flows and firm yield less than planned.	Arkansas Valley Pipeline Study and Arkansas Basin Roundtable feedback

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Pueblo	Pueblo BOWW	0	Y	Have existing direct flow, storage, trans-basin, and exchange rights.	Alan Ward, Pueblo Board of Water Works
	St. Charles Mesa	0	Ν	Will continue to acquire additional agricultural rights as needed and will grow into Bessemer Ditch irrigated acres.	Steve Witte, Division 2 Engineer
	Pueblo West	0	Ν	Will continue to acquire additional agricultural rights as needed. Acquired water rights outside of service area and own ranch in Upper Arkansas basin.	Steve Witte, Division 2 Engineer
	Boone	—		—	Didn't respond
	Avondale W&SD	—		—	Didn't respond
	Beulah Water Works District	0	Y	Surface water supplies; 750,000 gallon storage capacity for 163 families; projects are ongoing with grants/loans from Colorado Department of Local Affairs.	Charles Hutchinson, Secretary to the Board of Directors

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Pueblo (cont.)	Rye	0	Y	Surface water supply from Greenhorn Creek and two wells (one for watering school lawns and other for drinking water); 50,000 gallon storage tank being installed presently; Board not concerned about water supplies.	Town Clerk
	Colorado City	_	_	_	Didn't respond
Teller	Cripple Creek	0	Ν	Just received a new water right decree. Should be adequate based on recent growth rates continuing into the future, but is evaluating future needs. Penrose Water District, Beaver Park Irrigation Company, CDOW, Victor and Cripple Creek cooperated on meeting 2002 drought needs. Could use more high altitude storage for drought reliability.	Sandy MacDougall, MacDougall, Woldridge and Worley

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Teller (cont.)	Victor	600	Ν	Town is supplying all of the water it can product to the gold mine. The gold mine has a current shortage of 600 to 1,200 AF per year. Long-term status of gold mining is uncertain. If gold mining ceases, Victor has an excess of supply. CWCB assisted in funding a dam rehab. Colorado Springs upstream collection system limits physical supply. Physical availability a concern in 2002 and Colorado Springs cooperated in bypass of water. Penrose Water District, Beaver Park Irrigation Company, CDOW, Victor and Cripple Creek cooperated on meeting 2002 drought needs. Could use more high altitude storage for drought reliability.	Sandy MacDougall, MacDougall, Woldridge and Worley

Potential Future Arkansas Basin Water Management Options

			Additional	Additional	
Project	Sponsor	Type of Project	Storage (AF)	Yield (AFY)	Project Purpose and Notes
Arkansas Valley Pipeline	La Junta	Infrastructure	None	None	Would improve water quality and reduce transit losses for M&I users downstream of Pueblo Reservoir
El Paso County Water Authority	El Paso County Water Authority	Development of surface water storage and conjunctive use of non-renewable groundwater and development of renewable water supplies	Not Applicable	Variable	Long-term supply for unincorporated Northern El Paso County
Pueblo RICD	City of Pueblo	Recreation	Not Applicable	Not Available	Flows for City of Pueblo kayak course
UAWCD Augmentation Plan North Fork Reservoir	UAWCD	Additional Storage	2,000	500	Storage for augmentation of domestic wells. Yield number is consumptive.

Potential Future Arkansas Basin Water Management Options (cont.)

			Additional	Additional	
Project	Sponsor	Type of Project	Storage (AF)	Yield (AFY)	Project Purpose and Notes
Oak Creek Reservoir	Florence; Joint	Additional Storage	Up to 7,000	Not Available	Storage for the Town of Florence
Project	Project w/USACD				for M&I needs.
Cache Creek	East Twin Lakes	Additional Storage	7,620	3,000	_
Reservoir	Ditches and				
	Waterworks				
	Economic				
	Development				
Las Animas County	Las Animas	Additional Storage	Not Available	Not Available	Acquisition of water rights and
Augmentation Plan	County				storage upstream of Trinidad Lake
					to augment domestic wells

Roundtable Action Items

Review and update IPPs and base options

Development of Water Supply Strategies

Elements of the Visioning Process

Meet M&I Demands

Meet Agricultural Demands

Meet Colorado's Environment and Recreation Demands

Promote Cooperation Between Water Supply Planners and Land Use Planners

Promote More Cooperation Among All Colorado Water Users

Optimize Existing and Future Water Supplies

Promote Cost-Effectiveness

Minimize the Net Energy Used to Supply Water

Protect Cultural Values Linked to Water Resources

Provide Operational Flexibility and Coordinated Infrastructure

Promote Increased Fairness When Water is Moved Between Areas

> Comply With all Applicable Laws and Regulations

Educate all Coloradoans on the Importance of Water

Colorado's Water Supply Future Vision Goals

2050 Planning Horizon for Colorado's Water Supply Future

Demand Factors:

- M&I Growth
- Energy Demands

Supply Factors:

- Colorado River Hydrologic Variability
- Climate Change
- Compact Call

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Water Supply Strategies

- Water Conservation
- Agricultural Transfers
 - Conventional and alternative transfers
- Development of New Supplies
 - New Storage
 - Transbasin

Water Conservation

M&I Water Usage Rates by Basin

Arkansas Basin Gallons per Capita per Day

Ag Transfer Strategy

- Lower South Platte Transfer
- Lower Arkansas Transfer

Development of New Water Supplies

- Green Mountain Concept <100,000 acre-ft
- Yampa Concept >100,000 acre-ft
- Flaming Gorge Concept >100,000 acre-ft

Risk Management Strategies

- West Slope Water Bank
- Compact Delivery via Blue Mesa
- Conjunctive Use of Denver Basin Aquifer
- Timing/Phased Development

- Present status of needs assessment (SWSII, "Other appropriate sources," task orders, WSRA studies)
- Present demands to 2050
- Discuss projects and methods for meeting in-basin needs (SWSI IPPs, SWSI base options, other projects identified since SWSI)
- Review nonconsumptive basin maps final product (attributes and priorities)
- Present approach to evaluating water supply strategies

- Refine demands to 2050
- Screen projects and methods for meeting identified needs
- Discuss next steps on nonconsumptive priority areas (quantification and/or implementation strategies)
- Discuss progress on evaluation of water supply strategies

- Discuss progress on nonconsumptive quantification and implementation strategies
- Discuss progress on projects and methods for meeting identified needs and evaluation of water supply strategies
- Discuss integrating needs assessments with Colorado River supply availability preliminary results

- Present draft results of nonconsumptive quantification and implementation strategies
- Present draft results of projects and methods for meeting identified needs
- Present draft results of evaluation of water supply strategies