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TO: Colorado Water Conservation Board Members

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DATE: March 5, 2014

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item 14, March 18-19, 2014 Board Meeting -  
Water Supply Planning Section – Public Input on  
Colorado’s Water Plan**

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John W. Hickenlooper  
Governor

Mike King  
DNR Executive Director

James Eklund  
CWCB Director

**Staff Recommendation:** *This is an informational item only. No Board action is required.*

### **Background:**

At each Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB) Board meeting since September, 2013 there has been a public input agenda item regarding Colorado's Water Plan. All of the comments received via the Colorado's Water Plan website or by email to [cowaterplan@state.co.us](mailto:cowaterplan@state.co.us) have been included in the Board packets for review and comment. Depending on the date of submission, input has or will be reviewed at the next scheduled CWCB Board meeting. While not every individual receives a direct email reply regarding their input, a CWCB staff response and/or recommendation regarding all input received is included in a summary spreadsheet within the related Board packet and available for review online.

This agenda item provides an expanded opportunity for public input regarding Colorado's Water Plan. Groups that do not participate in this agenda item at the March meeting are invited to participate in similar agenda items offered at the May, July, September, and November, 2014 Board meetings. Preference will be given to groups that submit formal written input and send to [cowaterplan@state.co.us](mailto:cowaterplan@state.co.us). At least two weeks before each CWCB Board meeting, interested individuals or groups must email [cowaterplan@state.co.us](mailto:cowaterplan@state.co.us) with confirmation of who the speaker(s) will be, affiliation, general presentation topics, and any documents related to specific input.

In addition to providing public input directly to the CWCB during this agenda item, interested parties are encouraged to engage directly with their Basin Roundtable as they have all recently created significant opportunities for public input into the Basin Implementation Plan process. Providing input to your Roundtable is a very effective way to be sure that your comments are considered as your basin's Basin Implementation Plan is being drafted. Draft versions of each Basin Implementation Plan are due to the CWCB Board at the end of July, 2014. Find more information including guides for public input online at [coloradowaterplan.com](http://coloradowaterplan.com).

## **Public Input Presentations**

At the March, 2014 Board meeting, the following groups will provide public input as part of this agenda item:

### **Presentation 1**

**Group:** Northwest Colorado Council of Governments – Quality/ Quantity Group (NWCCOG-QQ)

**Speaker:** TBD at time of memo publication

**General Presentation Topics:** NWCCOG-QQ will highlight their previously submitted comments on the draft Colorado's Water Plan Framework and the Water Quality section of Colorado's Water Plan.

### **Presentation 2**

**Group:** Western Resource Advocates

**Speaker:** Bart Miller

**General Presentation Topics:** Comments related to urban conservation and re-use potential for Colorado's Water Plan; as well as the Western Resource Advocates' position on the need to refine the geographic location of the water supply gap.

### **Presentation 3**

**Group:** Conservation Colorado

**Speaker:** Theresa Conley

**General Presentation Topics:** Public outreach and conservation principles/essentials that Conservation Colorado believes should guide and influence Colorado's Water Plan.