

Colorado's Water Plan - Input Received
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1	6/21/14	Jacob Beck, Colorado Citizen	Email to cewaterplan@state.co.us		Text from email: "Are you trying to kill this state and more? All this big talk about protecting the environment but instead you turn around and sell out to the highest bidder, ie. oil companies. Water is the life of the western slope but in the irresponsible wants and desires of the front range I guess it doesn't matter does it?"	None	Staff Response: Each Basin Roundtable is made up of a diverse set of stakeholders and the inclusion of both an environmental and recreational representative is required by the Colorado Water for the 21st Century Act. In addition, representatives from each county, municipalities within each county, industry, agriculture, and domestic water suppliers are required. Lastly, a representative from each water conservation and conservancy district are also mandated. There are also several other at large seats, and many of these are held by environmental interests, and many of the local government representatives are also focused on environmental and recreational issues since their citizens care about these topics and the area may be dependent on tourism. Lastly, the public will have the ability to comment on Colorado's Water Plan over the course of this year and next through several iterations. Many roundtables will also be having public review, which the CWCB is encouraging. With regards to fracking, this practice currently uses approximately 18,000 acre feet per year, which is a very small proportion of Colorado's overall water use. However, there may be some areas where there are greater regional effects. In addition, power plants that burn natural gas tomake energy use less water than traditional power plants. Colorado's Water Plan will recognize that there is an energy water nexus.
2	6/23/14	Peg Rooney, Colorado Citizen	Email to cewaterplan@state.co.us		A water plan should address, not only water conservation, reuse and agriculture, it should also contain recommendations about drought management strategies, the relationship between land use decisions and water availability, improving water quality, investment in efficient infrastructure, protection of riparian zones and compliance with the Endangered Species Act of 1973. Recommendations: 1. Selling high efficiency plumbing fixtures in new homes 2. Stronger water pricing 3. Water conservation plans for utility companies 4. Assessing the broad ecosystem water needs 5. Control and use of flood waters/rainwater harvesting 6. Education for water consumers and training for water operations managers 7. Relooking at projected growth rates, water demand, need for revised cost estimates before recommending more dams and more expansions 8. Requiring strategies for existing reservoirs to operate with increased efficiency 9. Agriculture- Voluntary reduction of water use through crop incentive programs, e.g. paying irrigators to fallow some fields; limiting irrigations; decreasing the amount of water applied; planting low water crops; delaying irrigation; capturing rainwater 10. Maximize water delivery through investments in water supply infrastructure 11. Reject new supply projects from the Colorado River 12. Require water recycling by "frackers" 13. Temporary demand reduction 14. Maintaining, not weakening, approval and permitting processes. Although permitting can take time, it is necessary to determine if proceeding with costly and environmentally-sensitive projects are based on realistic and accurate projections. 15. Overcoming the bias toward economic and consumptive interests, at the expense of natural resources.	None	Staff Response: Many of the commenter's suggestions are incorporated into Colorado's Water Plan. Points 1-3 are captured in Section 6.3.1 "M&I Conservation" and Senate Bill 14-103, also referred to as the fixtures bill. Point 4 is captured in Chapter 3 "Water Demand by Sector" and Section 6.6 "Environmental and recreational projects and methods". Point 5 is captured in Section 7.2 "Natural disaster Management" and Section 6.3.2 "Reuse" for rainwater harvesting. Point 6 is captured in Section 9.4 "Outreach, education, and public engagement". Point 7 is captured in Chapter 5 "Water Demand by Sector", Section 6.5 " Municipal, industrial, and agricultural infrastructure projects and methods" and Section 9.1 "Economics & funding". Points 8 and 9 are captured in Section 6.3.4 "Agricultural conservation, efficiency, and reuse" and 6.4 "Alternative Agricultural to Urban Transfers". Point 10 is captured in Section 6.5 "Municipal, industrial, and agriculture infrastructure projects and methods". Point 11 is captured in Chapter 9 " Interstate and Intrastate Agreements and Projects". Point 12 is captured in Section 6.3.5 "Self-supplied industrial". Point 13's meaning is unclear. Point 14 is captured in Section 9.3 "Framework on more efficient water project permitting processes" which stresses the need to make permitting more efficiency and effective not weaker. To the commenter's final point, the four values driving Colorado's Water Plan include attention to environmental needs. Those four values are 1) vibrant and sustainable cities, 2) viable and productive agriculture, 3) a robust recreation and tourism industry, and 4) a thriving environment that includes healthy watersheds, rivers, streams, and wildlife. Meeting Colorado's nonconsumptive needs is a critical aspect of Colorado's Water Plan. The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation as a critical component to helping meet future water needs.

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3	6/24/14	Bill Petty, Environmental Defense Fund	Email to cewaterplan@state.co.us		Text from email: "To Whom It May Concern: Attached are the names of 1,004 Colorado residents who have signed an online alert sent by Environmental Defense Fund on 24 May 2014. Of these responses, 45 have been personalized and are attached in a separate document. The text of the original message that they signed reads: Gov. Hickenlooper has said that "every conversation about water should begin with conservation," and I could not agree more. Water is our most precious natural resource and we must take steps now to protect and preserve it in a way that will benefit Colorado's rivers, wildlife, recreation, agriculture, businesses and residents. As you oversee the creation of a plan to meet our future water needs, I urge you to prioritize the following goals: 1. Keep Colorado's rivers healthy and flowing. Colorado's rivers are an integral part of our unique heritage and way of life. Rivers support our wildlife, agriculture, and a multi-billion dollar tourism industry. Protecting and restoring our rivers must be a top priority. 2. Increasing and prioritizing efficiency and conservation are crucial to our ability to meet our growing water needs. State studies have shown that existing water conservation efforts will have to expanded to ensure we can meet the needs of a growing population. Expand conservation incentives, increase indoor and outdoor efficiency and support recycling programs. 3. Help farmers and ranchers increase their profits and productivity through investments in modernizing agricultural and water sharing practices. The state should support voluntary, compensated, and flexible water-sharing agreements between agricultural producers and growing communities while respecting their water rights, as well as incentives to improve agricultural infrastructure that benefits operations and rivers. 4. Avoid new, large, trans-mountain water diversion projects. Trans-mountain diversion projects that drain water from West Slope rivers to supply growing Front Range demands are controversial, costly and damaging. Prioritize conservation and reuse so we can make every drop count and avoid the need for these projects. Thank you for helping to keep these four goals at the forefront of Colorado's water plan drafting process. Please take their concerns into account, and make Colorado's rivers a top priority in the Colorado Water Plan. Sincerely, Bill Petty"	Spreadsheet of all submissions	Staff Response: Thank you to the Environmental Defense Fund for organizing their constituent comments. The four values driving Colorado's Water Plan include attention to environmental needs. Those four values are 1) vibrant and sustainable cities, 2) viable and productive agriculture, 3) a robust recreation and tourism industry, and 4) a thriving environment that includes healthy watersheds, rivers, streams, and wildlife. Meeting Colorado's nonconsumptive needs is a critical aspect of Colorado's Water Plan. The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation as a critical component to helping meet future water needs. Scenario planning indicates that a new transmountain diversion may not be needed in the future, however some futures suggest that new transmountain diversions may be a necessary part of Colorado's water supply portfolio. Colorado's Water Plan will not include any specific transmountain water projects, but it will discuss how we can move forward with this option should it be needed, based on the IBCC's work. CWCB staff suggests that the commenter read the "Citizen's Guide to Interstate Compacts" published by the Colorado Foundation for Water Education.
4	6/24/14	Daniel Trimm, Colorado Citizen	Email to cewaterplan@state.co.us		Text from email: "I would like to state my objections to proposals to dam and divert Colorado river water on a basis of monetary and environmental reasons."	None	Staff Response: The four values driving Colorado's Water Plan include attention to environmental needs. Those four values are 1) vibrant and sustainable cities, 2) viable and productive agriculture, 3) a robust recreation and tourism industry, and 4) a thriving environment that includes healthy watersheds, rivers, streams, and wildlife. Meeting Colorado's nonconsumptive needs is a critical aspect of Colorado's Water Plan. The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation as a critical component to helping meet future water needs. Colorado's Water Plan will not include any specific transmountain water projects, but it will discuss how we can move forward with this option should it be needed, based on the IBCC's work. The CWCB would like encourage to multipurpose projects and full mitigation.
5	6/24/14	Charles W. Howe, Colorado Citizen	Email to cewaterplan@state.co.us		Text from email: "Ladies and Gentlemen: conservation, water reuse and vast changes in State and national agricultural policies must be keys in our State and national water plans. Our increasing water needs will come from agriculture, whether the planners want it or not. Let's be realistic while treating the West Slope and the environment as partners. Cheers! Chuck (Charles W.) Howe, Boulder."	None	Staff Response: Agriculture uses the majority of water in Colorado and is an important economic driver in the state. The Basin Roundtables and the Colorado Water Conservation Board have engaged a number of agricultural representatives, pursuant to the Colorado Water for the 21st Century Act. For further information, please read Chapter 6.
6	6/25/14	Karen Gale, Colorado Citizen	Email to cewaterplan@state.co.us		Text from email: "Instead of draining Front Range rivers, drying up Western Colorado, paving over farms, and supporting massive public debt, this plan should promote water conservation and efficiency, water recycling, water-sharing agreements with farmers, and cost-effective alternatives. These alternatives aren't rocket science - this path forward has been laid out to the state government for years."	None	Staff Response: The commenter's suggested solutions are included in Colorado's Water Plan. For reference, please review Chapter 9.
7	6/25/14	Sara Carlson, Colorado Citizen	Email to cewaterplan@state.co.us		Text from email: "I have lived in Colorado for 20 years, and though I am not a native, I own land here and I love this place. I am distressed to hear the contents of the proposed Colorado Water Plan. Instead of draining Front Range rivers, drying up Western Colorado, paving over farms, and supporting massive public debt, this plan should promote water conservation and efficiency, water recycling, water-sharing agreements with farmers, and cost-effective alternatives. I also believe that in a time when Colorado's own citizens face drought and water restrictions, Colorado's water should not be sold to bottling plants, or sold to water lawns in Arizona and California. It is our responsibility to care for this beautiful place where we live, and to protect it for future generations. The Colorado Water Plan as it stands, does neither of these. Please create another panel to make recommendations that includes representatives from the environmental sector, river protection/restoration groups, and others who are concerned with PROTECTING our natural resources. These voices should represent 50% of the panel - equal to the voices of those greedy businessmen interested in EXPLOITING our natural resources."	None	Staff Response: Each Basin Roundtable is made up of a diverse set of stakeholders and the inclusion of both an environmental and recreational representative is required by the Colorado Water for the 21st Century Act. In addition, representatives from each county, municipalities within each county, industry, agriculture, and domestic water suppliers are required. Lastly, a representative from each water conservation and conservancy district are also mandated. There are also several other at large seats, and many of these are held by environmental interests, and many of the local government representatives are also focused on environmental and recreational issues since their citizens care about these topics and the area may be dependent on tourism. Lastly, the public will have the ability to comment on Colorado's Water Plan over the course of this year and next through several iterations. Many roundtables will also be having public review, and CWCB is encouraging this. Additionally, Colorado does not sell water to Arizona or California. Colorado is engaged in and a participant of an interstate compact that was ratified by the U.S. Congress. We are obliged to follow this compact. The state is working vigorously with other upper basin states and the Colorado River Basin as a whole to mitigate any risks Colorado may face with regard to compact compliance and other interstate issues.

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8	6/26/14	Lisa Buchanan, Colorado Citizen	Email to cewaterplan@state.co.us		Text from email: "Attached are comments for the State Water Plan of Colorado. I have spent numerous hours evaluating the EIS for the Moffat-Gross Expansion Project. The project would essentially dry up the Fraser basin and not achieve the stated firm yield goal of the project. In fact, nowhere in the EIS was the firm yield documented as this is not required by the Colorado Division of Water Resources. Given the very large impacts additional diversions will impose on the upper Colorado basin communities, all water utilities should be obligated to document the firm yield of their existing and proposed water supply systems to better understand what is required to meet future increases in demand and plan for drought years. After completing an independent firm yield analysis for the Moffat-Gross project, which is also attached, I am more than ever convinced that now is the time to stop further diversions from the Upper Colorado Basins since the proposed eastern slope reservoirs or buckets will likely not provide the intended water supply benefit while the western slope basins WILL be dried up and pass the "tipping point." In addition, my analysis of water depletions in the Colorado River at Kremmling I provided for the EIS comments, showed that Colorado River flows at this USGS gage have been depleted by 70 to 75 percent of pre-diversion flows in the irrigation season; very close to the 90 percent depletion mark when calls from downstream Colorado Compact states are highly likely. Taking more out of the upper basins both for Denver and for northern Colorado does not seem like the best path forward. I will be signing up to talk at one of the CWCB meetings in July or September."	Comments	Staff Response: The four values driving Colorado's Water Plan include attention to environmental needs. Those four values are 1) vibrant and sustainable cities, 2) viable and productive agriculture, 3) a robust recreation and tourism industry, and 4) a thriving environment that includes healthy watersheds, rivers, streams, and wildlife. Meeting Colorado's nonconsumptive needs is a critical aspect of Colorado's Water Plan. The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation as a critical component to helping meet future water needs. Colorado's Water Plan will not support specific projects, however a broad group of stakeholders including members of the environmental community such as Trout Unlimited are in support of the Colorado River Cooperative Agreement which includes Moffat Expansion Project. This collaborative approach is encouraged in Colorado's Water Plan.
9	6/21/14 - 7/18/14	Emails generated from individuals who submitted a form letter online through the Environmental Defense Fund and change.org	Email to cewaterplan@state.co.us	5.9, 5.6.1, 5.6.4, 5.11	Copy of form letter: "Gov. Hickenlooper has said that "every conversation about water should begin with conservation," and I could not agree more. Water is our most precious natural resource and we must take steps now to protect and preserve it in a way that will benefit Colorado's rivers, wildlife, recreation, agriculture, businesses and residents. As you oversee the creation of a plan to meet our future water needs, I urge you to prioritize the following goals: 1. Keep Colorado's rivers healthy and flowing. Colorado's rivers are an integral part of our unique heritage and way of life. Rivers support our wildlife, agriculture, and a multi-billion dollar tourism industry. Protecting and restoring our rivers must be a top priority. 2. Increase and prioritize efficiency and conservation. Finding ways to reduce our water usage is crucial to our ability to meet our growing water needs. State studies have shown that water providers will need to reduce current water use by 35% by 2050 in order to meet our future demands. Expand conservation incentives, increase indoor and outdoor efficiency and support recycling programs. 3. Modernize agricultural and water sharing practices. The state should support voluntary, compensated, and flexible water-sharing agreements between agricultural producers and growing communities while respecting their water rights, as well as incentives to improve agricultural infrastructure that benefits operations and rivers. 4. Avoid new, large, trans-mountain water diversion projects. Trans-mountain diversion projects that drain water from West Slope rivers to supply growing Front Range demands are controversial, costly and damaging. Prioritize conservation and reuse so we can make every drop count and avoid the need for these projects. Thank you for helping to keep these four goals at the forefront of Colorado's water plan drafting process."	Over 5,000 letters received	Staff Response: 1) The CWCB and the Basin Roundtables will be working to support conservation, environment, and recreation in the Basin Implementation Plans and draft of Colorado's Water Plan. Meeting Colorado's nonconsumptive needs is a critical aspect of Colorado's Water Plan. In addition, the CWCB's Water Supply Reserve Account (WSRA) grant program has been used by several basins to analyze water flow requirements related to ecological values. 2) With regard to conservation, the Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation as a critical component to helping meet future water needs. Initial work indicates that conservation will likely be able to meet the needs of an additional one million people. This is not enough to meet all of Colorado's future water demand, so Colorado's Water Plan will also encourage balanced multi-purpose projects to meet our future water needs. 3) Agricultural water sharing and modernizing agricultural efficiencies are aspects of Colorado's Water Plan and included in Section 6.4 and Subsection 6.3.4. 4) Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation and reuse, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored.
10	6/27/14	Emails generated from individuals who submitted a form letter online through Save the Colorado website	Email to cewaterplan@state.co.us	1, 5.6, 5.9	Copy of form letter: "Dear Governor Hickenlooper, In your State of the State address, you have said that "every discussion about water should start with conservation." I could not agree more -- now it's time to put your words into action! Many of Colorado's rivers -- including the Colorado River itself, which flows from Colorado to Los Angeles and Mexico -- are already drained and depleted. Further, climate change is a new and bigger threat that will likely decrease the water flowing in our rivers. Despite this, some Colorado cities are trying to build more dams and diversions to take even more water out of our rivers. This is the wrong path forward! We need to protect and restore the rivers in Colorado so that people in the Southwest can have safe, clean, drinking water and healthy rivers flowing throughout our region of the U.S. As you and your staff formulate Colorado's Water Plan, please provide leadership in three key areas: 1. Push for water conservation, reuse, and recycling as key steps in securing our future water needs. 2. Do not support new dams and diversions from Colorado's rivers. 3. Start focusing on river restoration. I urge you and Colorado's Water Conservation Board to protect Colorado's future by safeguarding our rivers for future generations. Thank you!"	2 letters received	Staff Response: The four values driving Colorado's Water Plan include attention to environmental needs. Those four values are 1) vibrant and sustainable cities, 2) viable and productive agriculture, 3) a robust recreation and tourism industry, and 4) a thriving environment that includes healthy watersheds, rivers, streams, and wildlife. The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation as a critical component to helping meet future water needs. Initial work indicates that conservation will likely be able to meet the needs of an additional one million people. This is not enough to meet all of Colorado's future water demand, so Colorado's Water Plan will also encourage balanced multi-purpose projects to meet our future water needs. The state is working vigorously with other upper basin states and the Colorado River Basin as a whole to mitigate any risks Colorado may face with regard to compact compliance and other interstate issues.
11	6/20/14 - 6/29/14	Emails generated from individuals who submitted a form letter online through Clean Water Fund's "failuretolead.org" campaign	Email to cewaterplan@state.co.us	5.6.4	Copy of form letter: "The upcoming state water plan presents an opportunity to break from the status quo and create water policy for the future that reflects - and protects - our diverse water values. Senate Bill 14-023 would have created an innovative, collaborative, and modest sharing practice that would have helped our farmers, ranchers and our streams. I am disappointed that you chose to veto this important water conservation measure. As the water plan develops, we ask that you make a real commitment to protecting our rivers and streams. It's no longer enough to just have 'conversations about conservation', we need action as well - at the legislature, within the plan, in our homes, and from our top leaders like you. The more the state supports collaborative practices that help us save water, the better able we will be to meet our future water challenges and needs. We need your leadership to create change and to implement creative, collaborative solutions that protect our farms, rivers, and growing communities. You failed to lead on Senate Bill 14-023, please don't fail to lead on our state water plan."	5 letters received	Staff Response: On June 5th, 2014 Governor Hickenlooper vetoed SB14-023. In the Governor's veto message, he agrees with the commenter that the goals of the bill are important for our water future but he believes that the breakdown of consensus over the legislation would have made it difficult to adequately implement the bill. The Governor's message continued by asking the Department of Natural Resources and CWCB staff to work with stakeholders to develop a pilot project that addresses opponent's concerns. The CWCB staff is committed to collaboration and consensus building and will continue incorporate discussions of conservation and agricultural water rights into Colorado's Water Plan.

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12	6/29/14	Ellen Hafner, Citizen	Email to cewaterplan@state.co.us		Text from email: "My husband and I are thinking of moving to Colorado within the next 2 years. Are there parts of Colorado that have more consistent water supplies? How do find out if a property we consider buying has a productive well or consistent water supply?"	None	Staff Response: The Water Supply Planning Section has drafted Chapter 6 which shows regional surface and ground water supply statewide. We encourage testing the productivity of a well when purchasing a home. The Division of Water Resource staff may be a good resource to consult when choosing to move to a particular homestead in Colorado.
13	6/24/14	David Leinweber, Anglers Covey	Webform submission on coloradowaterplan.com		Comments to be considered in Colorado's Water Plan: Water is big business, and there are plenty of stakeholders waiting in line for their allocation. Outdoor recreation is often considered small business, and to some degree it is; thousands of small businesses just like mine, together contributing \$686 billion annually to our national economy. Thi sis almost double the auto industry's contribution of \$352 billion. Here in Colorado, hunting and fishing alone is an economic driver of about \$2 billion. Overall outdoor recreation in Colorado exceeds \$13 billion annually and supports 125,000 Colorado jobs, \$4.2 billion in wages and salaries, and \$994 million in state and local tax revenue. As the owner of a small business that depends on healthy, flowing streams, I ask for consideration when it comes to providing water in-stream. Dewatering a streamflow below the point at which a stream's ecosystem cansustain itself harms my business and restricts access for anglers. Several streams in the Arkansas Basin, for example, do not currently have minimum flows which could protect these resources. The Colorado Water Plan must include meaningful efforts to protect and restore healthy rivers and streams as well as preserve the responsible environmental and recreational usage of our water. Healthy rivers are vital to our communities. They promote property values, support a strong recreation economy, and contribute to the quality of life that makes Colorado a great place to live.	None	Staff Response: The four values driving Colorado's Water Plan include attention to environmental needs. Those four values are 1)vibrant and sustainable cities, 2) viable and productive agriculture, 3) a robust recreation and tourism industry, and 4) a thriving environment that includes healthy watersheds, rivers, streams, and wildlife. Meeting Colorado's nonconsumptive needs is a critical aspect of Colorado's Water Plan. For more information, please review Chapter 5 and Chapter 7.
14	6/20/14 - 6/29/14	Emails generated from individuals who submitted a form letter online through the Audubon Rockies	Email to cewaterplan@state.co.us		Copy of form letter: "Thank you and the basin roundtables for your remarkable efforts in creating the first Colorado Water Plan. The task of quantifying Colorado's current and future water needs is important to me and to fellow Coloradans. To create a meaningful Colorado Water Plan, both the consumptive and non-consumptive (environmental and recreational) needs must be fully considered and placed on equal ground. Both are important components in long-term planning for our water future. Not all basins have committed equal efforts to identifying environmental river flows and water needs. We know the needs and gaps for municipal and agricultural water uses, but know nearly nothing about environmental needs or gaps. This lack of data leaves our rivers and recreation economies that depend on them in jeopardy. As you and your staff develop Colorado's Water Plan, please provide leadership to the basin roundtables in the following areas: 1.) The basin roundtables need direction from the CWCB to allow for a time-sensitive placeholder in their BIPs to assess multipurpose environmental and recreational river flow needs and gaps. However, environmental flows are difficult to assess because they are a continuum, with variables that may not correspond to traditional engineering and legal structures of management. 2.) Ask basins to further define environmental and recreational sections (reaches) including the flow needs associated with these reaches. Protecting reaches and their corresponding flows provides for: healthy river channels, riparian vegetation, bird and other wildlife habitat, boatable whitewater, and fishing needs. Selected best management practices should mimic or protect natural hydrographs where they exist. 3.) Establish a common language and quantifiable metrics to be used statewide. A common glossary of terms and metrics are needed to compare information accurately across basins. I urge you to provide this clarity of assignment to the basin roundtables so Colorado can have a more thorough and meaningful water plan." ☐	41 letters received	Staff Response: Thank you to the Audubon Society for organizing their constituent comments. CWCB staff will send a copy of the letters to the Basin Roundtables. The four values driving Colorado's Water Plan include attention to environmental needs. Those four values are 1)vibrant and sustainable cities, 2) viable and productive agriculture, 3) a robust recreation and tourism industry, and 4) a thriving environment that includes healthy watersheds, rivers, streams, and wildlife. Meeting Colorado's nonconsumptive needs is a critical aspect of Colorado's Water Plan. For further review, please see Sections 6.6 and 9.1 which suggest funding watershed master plans statewide and addresses a number of concerns mentioned by the Audubon Society.
15	7/11/2014 - 7/16/14	Emails generated from individuals who submitted a form letter online through the Conservation Colorado website	Email to cewaterplan@state.co.us	5.6.4, 5.7, 5.11	Copy of form letter: " I am writing to support your efforts to create the first ever statewide water plan. Thank you for reiterating the importance of the plan, and water conservation, in your recent State of the State address. As our state's communities grow, our rivers are becoming increasingly strained. That means we need to change the status quo. We need our rivers to be clean and flowing - to support our fish and wildlife, tourism, recreation, and future generations. Colorado's Water Plan has the potential to chart an innovative path forward for our state. I urge you to stand up for measures to protect and restore our rivers, push for conservation, and for cities to live within their means. We need to help agriculture modernize and increase efficiency, and stop looking to the West Slope to solve our water issues. We need to maintain working landscapes, support growing communities, and protect river health. Please ensure that Colorado's Water Plan uses our state's ingenuity to "be prepared" for our water future."	3 letters received	Staff Response: Colorado's Water Plan will support Colorado's rivers as described in Section 6.6, address the need for increased conservation as described in Subsection 6.3.1, and the need for agricultural efficiencies and water sharing practices as described in 6.3.4 and 6.4. With regard to new transmountain diversion projects, the IBCC is exploring innovative ways to address this issue in a balanced manner. Scenario planning indicates that a new transmountain diversion may not be needed in the future, however some futures suggest that new transmountain diversions may be a necessary part of Colorado's water supply portfolio. Colorado's Water Plan will not include any specific transmountain water projects, but it will discuss how we can move forward with this option should it be needed, based on the IBCC's work.

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16	7/17/14	Shivani Kuckreja, South Carolina Citizen	Email to cewaterplan@state.co.us		Text from email: "Dear Colorado water planners, My name is Shivani Kuckreja and I am an intern at the Coastal Conservation League in Charleston, South Carolina. I am compiling information on the surface water appropriation programs and processes of all 50 states in the US and have a question about Colorado's surface water use program. It seems that the state already has an application program in place, as I found this application online: 'http://www.courts.state.co.us/Forms/renderForm1.cfm?Form=175' Does this indicate that once one obtains a water right, one can withdraw as much water as they would like? Does everyone need to obtain a water right regardless of how much they would like to withdraw? From my understanding, the following are the fees associated with obtaining a surface water right: Minimum Application Filing Fee: Water Attorneys: \$150-\$300 per hour + Engineering Costs: \$100- \$200 per hour. Are these fees correct? Furthermore, how will the Colorado Water Plan change the process of withdrawing surface water?"	None	Staff Response: Water rights are appropriated for specific uses and amounts. The water court filing fee for a new water right is \$224, and then Applicants must pay the actual cost of publication (in local a newspaper). The commenter's' suggested hourly rates for attorney's & engineers seems reasonable. For further information, please contact the Division of Water Resources.
17	7/18/14	Peg Rooney, Colorado Citizen	Email to cewaterplan@state.co.us		Text from email: "The following is an excerpt from a report by American Rivers and Western Resource Advocates July 14, 2014. Five Affordable Solutions To Ensure A Reliable Water Future. These five solutions below can help improve the health of the Colorado River, grow the economies of the seven basin states, and protect essential western natural habitats. 1. Municipal conservation, saving 1 million acre-feet—Water efficiency programs have worked time and again, and represent the lowest cost and greatest business benefits; they sometimes cost five to 10 times less than structural projects. Conservation can happen without infringing on consumers and businesses; instead conservation can occur through improved landscaping techniques, rebate programs that incentivize water-saving devices, installing new appliances and fixtures. In addition, standardized water audits across municipalities routinely result in dramatic savings. 2. Municipal reuse, saving 1.2 million acre-feet—Wastewater and gray water can be treated for potable use, and reused for irrigation, industrial processing and cooling, dust control, artificial lakes and replenishing groundwater supply. Rainwater harvesting using innovative new technologies is a simple additional step. 3. Agricultural efficiency and water banking, saving 1 million acre-feet—Agriculture is the river’s largest water use, extending across 5.7 million acres of arid western land and consuming more than 70 percent of the river’s water. But water shortages will soon inevitably impact the agricultural economy and farmers’ livelihood. Voluntarily irrigation efficiency, regulated irrigation, rotational fallowing, crop shifting and innovative irrigation technologies are concepts that many farmers already are using. In addition, water banking is a market-based approach that allows farmers (and others) to bank their unused water voluntarily. 4. Clean, water-efficient energy supplies, saving 160 thousand acre-feet—Generating enough energy for the area’s population requires a significant amount of water, particularly to cool down thermoelectric power generation. To reduce the need for water to cool thermoelectric power plants, Colorado River basin states can continue to pursue energy efficiency and renewable sources of energy like wind, solar photovoltaics, and geothermal, which require little or no water. And new fossil plants can use waste water for cooling or air-cooled towers to save water- technologies already adopted by power plants in Colorado River Basin states. 5. Innovative water opportunities, generating up to 1 million acre-feet—Inland desalination in certain areas with brackish groundwater and surface water is a viable option to stretch water supplies, potentially generating 620,000 acre-feet of water. In addition, dust-on-snow management can help save a minimum of 400,000 acre-feet of water. Finally, tamarisk is an invasive plant that hoards water along the river. Removing dense invasive plants in upland areas will save a minimum of 30,000 acre feet of water."	None	Staff Response: Colorado's Water Plan recognizes the importance of many of the commenter's points, which are incorporated into the following sections: conservation 6.3.1, reuse 6.3.2, agricultural efficiency and sharing 6.3.4 & 6.4, and conservation for energy 6.3.5. With regard to the commenter's last point on desalination and other innovative water opportunities - water providers are considering reverse osmosis however brine disposal is a significant water quality and environmental concern. Section 6.3.2 indicates Colorado's support of technological invasion such as zero liquid discharge to make such technologies more viable from an environmental stand point. Finally, tamarisk does consume a significant amount of water as its monoculture is detrimental to many avian species however, tamarisk has not been shown to use a significantly greater amount of water than native plants like cottonwoods. The water savings for tamarisk as well as the yields from many of the aforementioned strategies are likely overstated.

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18	7/16/14	Jeff Wiedner, American Rivers	Email to cewaterplan@state.co.us		Text from email: "Please find attached comments on the Colorado Water Plan from our constituents. I'm attaching a CSV of the comments that have been made and a sample of the letter that would have gone to the water plan email address. The action alert was sent in April 2014 with comments having been made as late as July 15, 2014. The comment letter that they would have sent: === Dear Director Colorado State Water Conservation Board, As a supporter of American Rivers, Conservation Colorado, Western Resource Advocates, Friends of the Yampa, and High Country Conservation Advocates, I am writing to ask that you insist Colorado's rivers be protected through specific stream improvement projects identified in each river basin. These rivers include the Yampa, Green, Colorado, Fraser, Blue, Eagle, Frying pan, Roaring Fork, and Gunnison Rivers. All of these rivers are now being targeted for potential new projects that could drain even more water to the Front Range. There simply is not enough water left to satisfy all the demands being made without irreparably damaging the health of our world-class rivers. The Colorado River and its major tributaries are the economic foundation of the West Slope of Colorado. Current diversions that move water across the continental divide already take more than half a million acre feet (over 160 billion gallons) each year. Other projects already in the works will drain even more. Colorado River headwaters see as much as 40 to 60 percent of their flow siphoned off by Front Range diversions. Additional diversions would take as much as 80 percent from some rivers when they are completed. These massive reductions in flow have left a wake of damaged rivers in the heart of Colorado's most famous scenic and recreational areas. Yet the Front Range still demands more water. The Upper Colorado River itself is nearly sucked dry, so some interests are shifting their focus to the Yampa, Green, and Gunnison Basins. Any new diversion from the Colorado River basin in Colorado must be only a distant and last resort. There are many alternatives that must be employed first, including much greater conservation and efficient use of both municipal and agricultural water. Colorado's Water Plan needs to incorporate these conservation essentials: * High levels of water conservation by urban water providers in their local plans * A more refined and accurate forecast of the Front Range's municipal water "gap"¶ An emphasis on water re-use/recycling projects as the infrastructure of the future * Recognize that large new trans-mountain diversions from the Colorado River Basin are not the solution for filling the Front Range "gap"¶Colorado's Water Plan must also recognize the need to quantify and provide for the real water needs of healthy rivers, streams, and a "strong environment."¶The water needs and "gap"¶for municipal, industrial, and agricultural uses are well documented, but not for the non-consumptive needs of the environment and recreation. Providing for non-consumptive needs must be more than just "enhancements" added on to both existing and planned diversions. They must be plans in their own right, adding flow to damaged rivers. Flows need to meet the needs of healthy rivers and the species that depend on them. Thank you for your leadership and support of the Colorado Water Plan. Sincerely, Jeff Wiedner, American Rivers"	Spreadsheet of all submissions	Staff Response: Thank you to American Rivers for organizing their constituent comments. The four values driving Colorado's Water Plan include attention to environmental needs. Those four values are 1) vibrant and sustainable cities, 2) viable and productive agriculture, 3) a robust recreation and tourism industry, and 4) a thriving environment that includes healthy watersheds, rivers, streams, and wildlife. Meeting Colorado's nonconsumptive needs is a critical aspect of Colorado's Water Plan. Scenario planning indicates that a new transmountain diversion may not be needed in the future, however some futures suggest that new transmountain diversions may be a necessary part of Colorado's water supply portfolio. Colorado's Water Plan will not include any specific transmountain water projects, but it will discuss how we can move forward with this option should it be needed, based on the IBCC's work. CWCB staff suggests that the commenter read the "Citizen's Guide to Interstate Compacts" published by the Colorado Foundation for Water Education. For further review, please see Sections 6.6 which addresses a number of concerns mentioned by the letters.
19	7/3/14	WaterforColorado.org	Email to cewaterplan@state.co.us		Text from email: "Dear James Ecklund and CWCB Board: Attached are the names of 378 Colorado residents who have signed an online alert on the website WaterforColorado.org in May and June 2014. It has been brought to our attention that your public input email address system was not working properly to capture the comments provided by citizens of Colorado. The text of the original message that they signed reads: Dear Director Ecklund: Gov. Hickenlooper has said that "every discussion about water should begin with conservation," and I could not agree more. Water is our most precious natural resource and we must take steps now to protect and preserve it in a way that will benefit Colorado's rivers, wildlife, recreation, agriculture, businesses and residents. As you oversee the creation of a plan to meet our future water needs, I urge you to prioritize the following goals: 1. Keep Colorado's rivers healthy and flowing. Colorado's rivers are an integral part of our unique heritage and way of life. Rivers support our wildlife, agriculture, and a multi-billion dollar tourism industry. Protecting and restoring our rivers must be a top priority. 2. Increase and prioritize efficiency and conservation. Finding ways to reduce our water usage is crucial to our ability to meet our growing water needs. State studies have shown that water providers will need to reduce current water use by 35% by 2050 in order to meet our future demands. Expand conservation incentives, increase indoor and outdoor efficiency and support recycling programs. 3. Modernize agricultural and water sharing practices. The state should support voluntary, compensated, and flexible water-sharing agreements between agricultural producers and growing communities while respecting their water rights, as well as incentives to improve agricultural infrastructure that benefits operations and rivers. 4. Avoid new, large, trans-mountain water diversion projects. Trans-mountain diversion projects that drain water from West Slope rivers to supply growing Front Range demands are controversial, costly and damaging. Prioritize conservation and reuse so we can make every drop count and avoid the need for these projects. Thank you for helping to keep these four goals at the forefront of Colorado's water plan drafting process. We urge you take their concerns into account, and make Colorado's rivers a top priority in the Colorado Water Plan. If you need any additional information, please call 303-477-0972 or email sue@rivercampaign.org. Sincerely, WaterforColorado.org Team"	Summary spreadsheet of letters	Staff Response: 1) The CWCB and the Basin Roundtables will be working to support conservation, environment, and recreation in the Basin Implementation Plans and draft of Colorado's Water Plan. Meeting Colorado's nonconsumptive needs is a critical aspect of Colorado's Water Plan. In addition, the CWCB's Water Supply Reserve Account (WSRA) grant program has been used by several basins to analyze water flow requirements related to ecological values. 2) With regard to conservation, the Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation as a critical component to helping meet future water needs. Initial work indicates that conservation will likely be able to meet the needs of an additional one million people. This is not enough to meet all of Colorado's future water demand, so Colorado's Water Plan will also encourage balanced multi-purpose projects to meet our future water needs. 3) Agricultural water sharing and modernizing agricultural efficiencies are aspects of Colorado's Water Plan and included in Section 6.4 and Subsection 6.3.4. 4) Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation and reuse, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored.

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20	7/7/14	Matt Reed, The Sierra Club	Email to cewaterplan@state.co.us		Text from email: "Please find attached general comments from The Sierra Club - Rocky Mountain Chapter on the development of Colorado's Water Plan. The Rocky Mountain Chapter includes over 40,000 members and supporters in Colorado, and has a vested interest in water conservation and riparian health throughout the state. Thank you!"	Letter	Staff Response: The four values driving Colorado's Water Plan include attention to environmental needs. Those four values are 1) vibrant and sustainable cities, 2) viable and productive agriculture, 3) a robust recreation and tourism industry, and 4) a thriving environment that includes healthy watersheds, rivers, streams, and wildlife. Meeting Colorado's nonconsumptive needs is a critical aspect of Colorado's Water Plan. The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation as a critical component to helping meet future water needs. Scenario planning indicates that a new transmountain diversion may not be needed in the future, however some futures suggest that new transmountain diversions may be a necessary part of Colorado's water supply portfolio. Colorado's Water Plan will not include any specific transmountain water projects, but it will discuss how we can move forward with this option should it be needed, based on the IBCC's work. Colorado's water markets allow for agricultural water rights to be transferred to an urban water right through the water court process. Although Colorado's Water Plan does not seek to prohibit willing seller from selling their water rights to willing buyers, additional options are needed. One of the largest concerns expressed in Colorado's Water Plan is that the status quo could lead to a percipitious amount of agricultural dry up. A descirption of Colorado's water law is in Section 2.1 and a description of agricultural transfers including alternatives were discussed in Section 6.3.
21	7/8/14	Mely Whiting, Trout Unlimited	Email to Kate McIntire, forwarded to cewaterplan@state.co.us		Summary of recommendations: 1. Increase state and local agency resources to weigh in early in the EIS development process 2. Eliminate the section 122.2 process and allow CPW to provide comments directly to the federal agencies 3. Enter into MOUs with federal permitting agencies to (1) encourage front-loading of environmental impacts investigations; (2) identify common elements in water projects that need to be analyzed; and (3) provide for meaningful stakeholder involvement in the development of environmental impacts investigation and of measures to prevent or mitigate impacts. These MOUs should be developed with stakeholder input. 4. Involve stakeholders early in the process and preserve transparency in decision-making to avoid preventable challenges. 5. Reject far-fetched and/or ineffective suggestions that divert attention and resources away from more practical and effective solutions.	Letter	Staff Response: CWCB appreciates the detailed letter from Trout Unlimited and will consider the permitting improvement suggestion during the revision process of Section 9.3.
22	7/8/14	Robert Stocker, Colorado Citizen	Webform submission on coloradowaterplan.com		Comments to be considered in Colorado's Water Plan: Please see the attached letter.	Letter	Staff Response: The current course Colorado is heading down leads to several of the results that the commenter mentions. For instance, without action, up to 35% of Colorado's farms in the South Platte could be dried up. This is one impetus for why Colorado is pursuing the development of a water plan. Colorado's Water Plan will yield better results through support of conservation, reuse, sharing agreements between farmers and municipalities, incentive-based of water-smart land use, and the development of multi-purpose projects and methods. The CWCB will consider revisions to Section 6.3. Additional comments are included in Chapters of Colorado's Water Plan. More information on transmountatin divresison can be found in Section 9.2. More information on aquifer storage and recharge is available in Section 6.5. More information on water quality is available in Section 7.3.
23	7/8/14	Marge Vorndam, Colorado Citizen	Webform submission on coloradowaterplan.com		Comments to be considered in Colorado's Water Plan: The Arkansas River Basin , beside the Arkansas River, is reliant on Mountain feeder streams. The health and integrity of those streams has to be a paramount consideration of the Arkansas River watershed. Please consider how Millset Creek, St. Charles River, all Apache Creeks, Purgatoire, Cucharas River,, Huerfano River and Graneros watersheds, along with other rivers that contribute to Arkansas River flows along the Front Range, contribute to the integrity of the Arkansas River. How can their traditional (what's left after current water rights withdrawal) be preserved for Arkansas River flows? Can instream non-allocated or unused rights be implemented to preserve what flows are left on these streams?	None	Staff Response: CWCB staff will pass this on to the Arkansas Basin Roundtable.

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24	7/10/14	Gary Wockner, Save the Colorado River Campaign	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us		Text from email: "Still no response to my question below... I'd like to get back to these 1,200 people and let them know you received their comments. I ask because I heard you were having trouble with your online comment system. Did you receive them?"	None	Staff Response: Thank you for your email and input on Colorado's Water Plan. 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 cwaterplan@state.co.us have been included in the CWCB Board packets for review and comment and are also linked below. 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 also available for review online, the link is provided below. Input received between June 21 through August 20 will be included in the September Board packet. At this time, the CWCB is in coordination with the Governor's Office regarding comments related to Colorado's Water Plan. As you know, the first draft version of the plan will be submitted to the Governor on December 10, 2014. Please review the updated schedule including public comment deadlines on the draft of Colorado's Water Plan through 2015 online here: https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/sites/default/files/CWP-Timeline-052014.pdf You can also learn more by reading the May 2014 Statewide and Basin Status Update for Outreach. Please email cwaterplan@state.co.us with any additional questions regarding your group's public input.
25	7/10/14	Theresa Conley, Conservation Colorado	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us		Text from email: "Attached please find my cover letter outlining the actions members of Conservation Colorado have taken in the first half of 2014 regarding Colorado's Water Plan that were directed at the CWCB and cwaterplan@state.co.us. In addition to these 880 actions, additional actions were directed at the Governor and other decision makers, I have not included those in these materials but I can do so if helpful. In addition to my cover letter, I have attached one document with the texts of the comment letters that were submitted to the CWCB as well as the names and contact information of the individuals who submitted comments. Unfortunately, due to the timing and the structure of our databases, we are unable to retrieve the comment letters that were personalized or the exact dates each of the actions were sent (either general or personalized); however, we have included the date ranges. Thank you for your attention to this matter and your continued efforts with outreach. If you have any comments or need additional information, please let me know."	Letter, Text from action alerts, spreadsheet of veto alert, spreadsheet of Colorado's Water Plan alert	Staff Response: Thank you to Conservation Colorado for organizing their constituent comments. Colorado's Water Plan will support Colorado's rivers as will be described in Section 6.6 address the need for increased conservation as described in Subsection 6.3.1, and the need for agricultural efficiencies and water sharing practices as described in 6.3.4 and 6.4. With regard to new transmountain diversion projects, the IBCC is exploring innovative ways to address this issue in a balanced manner. Scenario planning indicates that a new transmountain diversion may not be needed in the future, however some futures suggest that new transmountain diversions may be a necessary part of Colorado's water supply portfolio. Colorado's Water Plan will not include any specific transmountain water projects, but it will discuss how we can move forward with this option should it be needed, based on the IBCC's work.
26	7/11/14	Gary Wockner, Save the Colorado River Campaign	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us		Text from email: "The South Platte/Metro BIP is being presented to the CWCB at 10:35 on Wednesday. Do you have that presentation in your possession? If you have that presentation in your posession, please send it to me today. (It's not posted on the basin's webpage.) If not, point me to who has it so I can get it today or Monday."	None	Staff Response: A copy of this presentation and the Basin Implementation Plan is available online at www.coloradowaterplan.com
27	7/11/14	Buddy Sims, Colorado Citizen	Webform submission on coloradowaterplan.com		Comments to be considered in Colorado's Water Plan: A single marijuana plant uses 6 gallon of water per day on average, more if a very large plant. In Eagle town building a 20,000 sq ft grow house, that 18,000 gallons of water per day with 3,000 pot plants. Need to regulate number of pot plants in CO as each store has to grow 70% of their pot for retail sale.	None	Staff Response: CWCB staff will have a Board discussion on whether or not Colorado's Water Plan needs to incorporate projections of water use for growing marijuana in the water demand projections.
28	7/14/2014	Dave Miller, Colorado Citizen	Email to Lindsay Cox, forwarded to cwaterplan@state.co.us		Text from email: "Unfortunately, I can not attend CWCB's July 16-17, 2014 Board Meeting in Rangely. Therefore, please immediately forward my attached June 24, 2014 Colorado Water Planning letter and enclosures to all CWCB members, as my "Public Input" for Agenda Item No. 14, per CWCB's printed Meeting Agenda instructions. In addition, please have all CWCB members consider this email as my official request to give a 60 minute PowerPoint Presentation titled: Central Colorado Project (CCP) - Colorado's Innovative State Water Plan, at CWCB's September Board Meeting. Natural Energy Resources Company's previously provided Central Colorado Project 32 slide PowerPoint disc, dated 8-1-13 includes detailed engineering data. This overlooked data explains how annual revenues from CCP's high altitude peaking power and western blackout protection capabilities will substantially exceed CCP's annual costs to solve Colorado's escalating "water supply gap" throughout both sides of the Continental Divide, including down river states. Curiously, none of CCP's breakthrough clean water, energy, and air solutions for Colorado and its down river states are mentioned in any of CWCB's extensive efforts to formulate a meaningful State Water Plan. CWCB can quickly correct this state water planning travesty with an objective briefing and preliminary NEPA required EIS scoping/modeling evaluation of Central Colorado Project. Thank you CWCB members for considering these comments and our proposed Central Colorado Project briefing at your Board's earliest opportunity. Please advise ASAP."	Letter	Staff Response: All of the comments on Colorado's Water Plan, received via the Colorado's Water Plan website or by email to cwaterplan@state.co.us will be included in the CWCB Board packets for review and comment. The public comment period for this week's Board meeting closed on June 20th. While not every individual receives a direct email reply regarding their input, a CWCB staff response and/or recommendation is included in a summary spreadsheet within the related Board packet and is also available for review online. Here is a link to the webpage where you can view a record of all input received to date (including links to summary spreadsheets and all of the documents received). The input received through June 20th has been posted and is available at: https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cwaterplan/record-input-received-date Due to the already crowded agenda for the upcoming September Board meeting, I cannot offer you an hour of presentation time on the agenda. However, during our standing public input agenda item, there is an opportunity to address the Board. We ask that organizations coordinate with CWCB staff at least two week in advance of the meeting date and limit presentation time to a maximum of 5 minutes.

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29	7/21/2014	Kari Harden, Colorado Citizen	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us		Text from email: "As the landowners (for multiple generations) of more than 90 percent of the property proposed for conversion into Morrison Creek Reservoir, we are open to the idea of the project on the condition that it operates and functions in a manner that is reasonable, respectful, sustainable, and aesthetic. We have been in discussion with the Upper Yampa Water Conservancy District (UYWCD) for many years about the potential reservoir, and as families whose homes and livelihoods depend on this land, have carefully considered the personal tradeoffs. The proposed site of the reservoir includes valuable agricultural and recreational land, as well as favorite fishing grounds and the wedding locations of our daughters and granddaughters. We have been engaged throughout this process with the UYWCD regarding the specifics of the construction and operation of the reservoir. One primary concern discussed has been minimizing the draw down in order to minimize mudflats in the shallow areas. We have also agreed upon non-motorized recreational use, minimal traffic impacts, and private shoreline. Upon weighing the costs and benefits of the project as it relates to the land to which we are all deeply devoted, we have worked to also keep at the forefront what is best for the Yampa Valley community and state of Colorado. We support the Morrison Creek Reservoir project – but only with the inclusion of the aforementioned matters that relate directly to our continued quality of life on the land we have fought to preserve and the natural resources we have worked to conserve. Signed, The Dequine family, Germaine family, and Kim Singleton"	None	Staff Response: Colorado's Water Plan will not include any specific water projects. The CWCB would like to encourage multipurpose projects and full mitigation. CWCB staff will pass this letter along to the Yampa/White/Green Basin Roundtable.
30	7/21/2014	Richard Saterdal, Morrison Divide Ranch HOA	Email to Kate McIntire, forwarded to cwaterplan@state.co.us		Text from email: "We at the Morrison Divide Ranch subdivision, along with our neighbors, have been following the proposed Morrison Creek Reservoir with great interest since we first heard about this project in 2007. There is quite a bit of information available regarding this reservoir including information that is pertinent to the Yampa-White-Green Basin Implementation Plan (YWG BIP). The proposed Morrison Creek Reservoir is given prominence in the draft YWG BIP by being one of only five projects and processes called out by name in the executive summary. This reservoir is described in Chapter 4 where its purpose, capacity, storage right, cost and challenges are addressed in Table 4-4 of the draft YWG BIP. But much of this information has not been filled in yet in this table. For instance, Table 4-4 does not include a cost estimate for this project. However, Resource Engineering prepared a reservoir feasibility study report for the Upper Yampa Water Conservancy District (UYWCD) in 2009 that estimated the cost of this project to be \$20,300,000. Many of the challenges to making this reservoir a viable project and to getting the necessary permits and approvals are also known and should be included in Table 4-4. Construction of the proposed Morrison Creek Reservoir will destroy wetlands and encroach into the Sarvis Creek Wilderness area, requiring a challenging permitting and approval process. This reservoir will also destroy prime agricultural hay and meadowlands, as shown below, as well as inundate areas designated by the Colorado Division of Wildlife as severe winter elk habitat. [image attached] The proposed Morrison Creek Reservoir will also disrupt and deplete the natural flow of the outstanding trout stream below the Morrison Creek dam, especially since the UYWCD wants to transfer via pipeline the water stored in this reservoir out of the Morrison Creek basin and into Stagecoach Reservoir. The water rights that the UYWCD has for Morrison Creek water are very junior water rights, and for this reason there is a substantial risk that the UYWCD will be unable to store water in Morrison Creek Reservoir in dry years or periods of high demand. There are also community opposition, technical and cost challenges that the project must overcome. The benefits of this reservoir must outweigh the drawbacks in order for it to be a viable project. These issues should be listed in Table 4-4 to convey some of the challenges that the proposed reservoir project must overcome. Chapter 2 of the draft YWG BIP discusses environmental needs, including instream flows. It is my understanding that the Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB) has in recent years obtained decreed instream flow water rights for Morrison Creek downstream of the proposed Morrison Creek Reservoir for the protection of aquatic life, but that these rights are junior even to the UYWCD's water rights. This reservoir will therefore not be required to be operated in a way that maintains minimum flows in the creek. The CWCB has discussed instream flows below the reservoir with the UYWCD and should be able to provide an accurate assessment of the potential impacts of the reservoir on instream flows for the YWG BIP. Table 2-14, Attributes of	Image	Staff Response: Colorado's Water Plan will not include any specific water projects. The CWCB would like to encourage multipurpose projects and full mitigation. CWCB staff will pass this letter along to the Yampa/White/Green Basin Roundtable.
31	7/22/2014	Leland Swenson, USDA Farm Service Agency	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us		Text from email: "The Colorado Farm Service Agency (FSA) State Committee would like to submit the attached statement for consideration in the development of the Colorado Water Plan. The members of the state committee are listed on the letterhead. They are agriculture producers that represent all regions of Colorado. Thank you for including this in your deliberations."	Letter	Staff Response: Colorado's Water Plan recognizes the importance of agriculture to Colorado. Many of the values expressed by the USDA FSA State Committee are incorporated throughout much of Colorado's Water Plan. Statement of importance related to agriculture is in Chapter 5, agriculture efficiency is detailed in Section 6.3.4, and alternative transfer methods are discussed in Section 6.4.

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32	7/21/2014	Lou Dequine, Colorado Citizen	Webform submission on coloradowaterplan.com		Comments to be considered in Colorado's Water Plan: As the landowners (for multiple generations) of more than 90 percent of the property proposed for conversion into Morrison Creek Reservoir, we are open to the idea of the project on the condition that it operates and functions in a manner that is reasonable, respectful, sustainable, and aesthetic. We have been in discussion with the Upper Yampa Water Conservancy District (UYWCD) for many years about the potential reservoir, and as families whose homes and livelihoods depend on this land, have carefully considered the personal tradeoffs. The proposed site of the reservoir includes valuable agricultural and recreational land, as well as favorite fishing grounds and the wedding locations of our daughters and granddaughters. We have been engaged throughout this process with the UYWCD regarding the specifics of the construction and operation of the reservoir. One primary concern discussed has been minimizing the draw down in order to minimize mudflats in the shallow areas. We have also agreed upon non-motorized recreational use, minimal traffic impacts, and private shoreline. Upon weighing the costs and benefits of the project as it relates to the land to which we are all deeply devoted, we have worked to also keep at the forefront what is best for the Yampa Valley community and state of Colorado. We support the Morrison Creek Reservoir project – but only with the inclusion of the aforementioned matters that relate directly to our continued quality of life on the land we have fought to preserve and the natural resources we have worked to conserve. Signed, The Dequine family, Germaine family, and Kim Singleton	None	Staff Response: Colorado's Water Plan will not include any specific water projects. The CWCB would like to encourage multipurpose projects and full mitigation. CWCB staff will pass this letter along to the Yampa/White/Green Basin Roundtable.
33	7/24/2014	Molly Mugglestone, Protect the Flows; Brooke Webb, Colorado Citizen	Webform submission on coloradowaterplan.com; Email to James Eklund, forwarded to cewaterplan@state.co.us		Comments to be considered in Colorado's Water Plan: Please see a pledge signed by 43 CO elected officials including State Senators, State Representatives, County Commissioners, Mayors and City Council members regarding the state water plan.	Letter	Staff Response: Many of the values expressed in the commenters letter are incorporated into Colorado's Water Plan. More efficient agricultural water delivery issues are discussed in Section 6.3.4 ,municiple conservation is discussed in Section 6.3.1. Moderizing and maximizing existing storages is a common theme and is discussed in Section 6.5 and 6.6. The health and vitatility of Colorado's rivers is discussed in Chapter 5 and Section 6.6.
34	7/28/2014	Kate Greenberg, National Young Farmers Coalition	Email to cewaterplan@state.co.us		Text from email: "I hope this finds you well. I am sending along my comments for the State Water Plan on behalf of the National Young Farmers Coalition. You'll see it is addressed to the CWCB and a number of roundtables--these are where we have supporters in Colorado. The first page is a summary of our statements and the following pages are more in-depth comments. I am sending to the respective roundtables and am cc'ing the Colorado Water Plan email address here. In brief, the National Young Farmers Coalition supports urban and agricultural conservation as the first and best option to meet Colorado's needs. Water education and land-use planning should be scaled up; agricultural conservation incentivized and its diverse impacts accounted for; land stewardship that works on behalf of clean and ample water should be elevated as a state-wide priority; farmers should be able to contribute to the health of streams and rivers rather than face disincentives to conservation; permanently removing water from the land must be a last resort and any transfer should be accompanied by strong conservation strategies that plan for the health and productivity of the land over time; and no new transmountain diversions should be included in the plan as these threaten the social, economic and ecological foundation on which rural communities are built, thus jeopardizing the ability of young farmers and ranchers to make a living off the land. You'll find further detail in the attached document. Thanks so much for your time on this."	Comments	Staff Recommendation: The comments on land stewardship such as soil health management, rotational grazing, and conservation tillage will be incorporated into Section 6.3.4 on agirculatural efficiency and reuse. Other comments are incorporated into Section 6.3.1, Section 6.3.3, and Section 6.4.

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35	7/30/2014	Nic Korte, Grand Valley Audubon Society	Webform submission on coloradowaterplan.com		Text from email: "I hope this finds you well. I am sending along my comments for the State Water Plan on behalf of the National Young Farmers Coalition. You'll see it is addressed to the CWCB and a number of roundtables--these are where we have supporters in Colorado. The first page is a summary of our statements and the following pages are more in-depth comments. I am sending to the respective roundtables and am cc'ing the Colorado Water Plan email address here. In brief, the National Young Farmers Coalition supports urban and agricultural conservation as the first and best option to meet Colorado's needs. Water education and land-use planning should be scaled up; agricultural conservation incentivized and its diverse impacts accounted for; land stewardship that works on behalf of clean and ample water should be elevated as a state-wide priority; farmers should be able to contribute to the health of streams and rivers rather than face disincentives to conservation; permanently removing water from the land must be a last resort and any transfer should be accompanied by strong conservation strategies that plan for the health and productivity of the land over time; and no new transmountain diversions should be included in the plan as these threaten the social, economic and ecological foundation on which rural communities are built, thus jeopardizing the ability of young farmers and ranchers to make a living off the land. You'll find further detail in the attached document. Thanks so much for your time on this."	None	Staff Response: Thank you for your positive comments on the nonconsumptive toolbox. Colorado's Water Plan does not seek to make fundamental changes to Colorado's water law and limiting all future nonconsumptive use is well outside the bounds of the plan. However, the plan does recognize how critical the environment is to Colorado and summarizes the environmental projects found in the Basin Implementation Plans in Section 6.6. Colorado's Water Plan also suggests funding watershed master plans in Section 9.1. With regard to the commenter's point on desalination and other innovative water opportunities - water providers are considering reverse osmosis however brine disposal is a significant water quality and environmental concern. Section 6.3.2 indicates Colorado's support of technological invasion such as zero liquid discharge to make such technologies more viable from an environmental stand point.
36	7/31/2014	Celia Greenman, Colorado Citizen	Email to cewaterplan@state.co.us		Text from email: "Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the State Water Plan. For my interest in non-consumptive use, some of the items I found useful and which were discussed in the Non-Consumptive Toolbox" report (July 2013) were the basin maps; the measurable outcomes along with examples; the toolbox; and the decision tree. When discussing ecosystems and sensitive species, use of CPW, CNHP, and TNC evaluations were utilized. I also appreciate that stakeholder groups would be assembled to work on implementation. With regard to other points: · The real quantifiable water needs for Environmental and Recreational uses must be determined. (These are listed as an Action Request). · Minimum in-stream flows may not be adequate as a sole protection for environmental needs and values if water rights are too limited or too junior to be effective.· Rivers and streams should be seen as continuous systems, not isolated reaches. Therefore, close attention should be paid to the connectivity section of the Non-Consumptive Toolbox report. · Environmental and Recreation uses must be factored into discussions of land use, growth, and water supply .. · Most importantly, all alternatives to a new Trans-Mountain diversion must be implemented before any new project from the Colorado River is considered. The Metro Basin Roundtable produced a conservation strategy but it did not seem to incorporate some of the ideas discussed in the Non-Consumptive Toolbox. 1) In addition to identifying aquatic species that may be in need of protection, plant and animal species in adjacent wetland and riparian areas must also be assessed. 2) I did not read of conservation measures associated with agricultural practices. Replacement of failing infrastructure in water delivery for municipal, industrial, and agricultural use should be a priority. I do not believe this should extend to the lining of irrigation ditches, however, as that would have an adverse effect on surrounding vegetation, particularly cottonwoods. 3) Also the Metro Fact Sheet on wet and dry periods has not been updated since 1997? And certain floods (such as the 1965 flood) are not shown as wet periods, why is this? I could not connect the illustration of flood losses to the issue of water demand. I did not see a Conservation Strategy listed for the South Platte Basin Roundtable."	None	Staff Response: We appreciate the commenter reading many of the materials provided. On July 31, 2014, the day the commenter submitted comments, the draft of the Basin Implantation Plans were also submitted. The plan can be reviewed on www.coloradowaterplan.com.Colorado's Water Plan also suggests funding watershed master plans in Section 9.1 and Section 6.6.
37	8/4/14 - 8/20/14	Emails generated from individuals who submitted a form letter online through change.org	Email to cewaterplan@state.co.us		Text from email: "Water is Colorado's most precious resource – allowing our wildlife, agriculture and businesses to thrive. But Colorado's water resources are already stretched too thin and the state's population is expected to double by 2050. If we don't act now to protect them, our remarkable rivers and the bald eagles, mule deer, red foxes, cottontails, rainbow trout, blue herons and other wildlife that depend on them will be in peril. Please urge the Colorado State Water Conservation Board to prioritize the health of Colorado's rivers and wildlife as they draft the state's first-ever water plan."	Over 1,900 letters received	Staff Response: The four values driving Colorado's Water Plan include attention to environmental needs. Those four values are 1)vibrant and sustainable cities, 2) viable and productive agriculture, 3) a robust recreation and tourism industry, and 4) a thriving environment that includes healthy watersheds, rivers, streams, and wildlife. Meeting Colorado's nonconsumptive needs is a critical aspect of Colorado's Water Plan. The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation as a critical component to helping meet future water needs.

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38	8/1/2014	Reed Hunker, Colorado Citizen	Webform submission to coloradowaterplan.com		Comments to be considered in Colorado's Water Plan: Please consider the fracking going on in the head waters of the CRB, (refer to the three news articles below). This makes no sense to me.	Articles attached	Staff Response: Fracking currently uses approximately 18,000 acre feet per year, which is a very small proportion of Colorado's overall water use. However, there may be some areas where there are greater regional effects. In addition, power plants that burn natural gas to make energy use less water than traditional power plants. Colorado's Water Plan will recognize that there is an energy water nexus.
39	8/2/2014	Geoff Withers, Douglas County Rural Water Authority	Webform submission to coloradowaterplan.com		Comments to be considered in Colorado's Water Plan: As a member of the Douglas County Rural Water Authority Board for four years, I am particularly concerned about the continued prospect of the availability of Denver Basin aquifer water to those of us who have no real alternative. Well monitoring in Douglas County continues under a contract with the USGS, and Elbert County is trying to establish such a program. A northern El Paso County group has tried to establish one, and apparently Arapahoe County is considering it. It is also critical to scientifically evaluate DB supplies, and encourage - in every way possible - municipal high production well users to find alternative, sustainable supplies as early as possible, so that rural household and domestic water users can be assured a continued source of supply.	None	Staff Response: The issues raised by the commenter are largely addressed in Colorado's Water Plan. Denver basin aquifers are described in Chapter 4 and water supply, projects, and methods are decide in Section 6.5, including aquifer storage and recharge. The SWSI 2010 gap numbers which are being utilized in Colorado's Water Plan, include the replacement of 30,000 AF of Denver Basin aquifer supplies currently being used. CWCB continues to support groundwater montioring in Douglas County.
40	8/7/2014	Carl Carnein, Colorado Citizen	Webform submission to coloradowaterplan.com		Comments to be considered in Colorado's Water Plan: I have read the executive summary of the South Platte portion of the plan. My wife and I live in a small subdivision with a special district supplying water in the mountain part of the South Platte basin. On average, we use 30 gpd apiece. We are legally prevented from utilizing water outside of our home--we can't even have a pot of flowers on our deck. We are familiar with what it takes to conserve water. In the executive summary of the South Platte basin plan, I see very little effort to address what I see as the gross waste of water in Colorado's two main urban areas--Denver and Colorado Springs. The evidence for waste is everywhere--from sprinklers running in golf courses and fancy subdivisions to the diversion of water from agricultural uses so that urban users can maintain their leaky faucets and toilets without bothering to fix them (I know, because I have friends whose toilets and faucets have leaked for months--there is no incentive to fix them). In short, I don't see any effort to (1) provide incentives for real conservation in the urban environment, either by individuals or by municipalities that also waste water for frivolous uses; or (2) to control growth as a way of reducing the projected 500,000 acre-foot shortfall in 2050. I believe these two things should be the certerpiece of the plan. Everything else is, to me, secondary. Let's all get serious about the truth, which is that water is going to limit growth in Colorado. If the citizens of the state don't wake up and realize that they can easily reduce their water use, we will all suffer. We need to develop basin-wide regulations, and, if necessary, punitive rate structures as conservation tools, and we need to start thinking seriously about implementing strategies to reduce population growth.	None	Staff Response: : The four values driving Colorado's Water Plan include attention to environmental needs. Those four values are 1) vibrant and sustainable cities, 2) viable and productive agriculture, 3) a robust recreation and tourism industry, and 4) a thriving environment that includes healthy watersheds, rivers, streams, and wildlife. The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation as a critical component to helping meet future water needs. Initial work indicates that conservation will likely be able to meet the needs of an additional one million people. This is not enough to meet all of Colorado's future water demand, so Colorado's Water Plan will also encourage balanced multi-purpose projects to meet our future water needs. The CWCB will send this comment to the South Platte/Metro Basin Roundtable.
41	8/8/2014	John Whitler, Water Research Foundation	Email to cewaterplan@state.co.us		Text from email: "I had two minor comments on the reuse section. 1. This section should recognize that the National Research Council identified 14 research needs in its report Water Reuse: Potential for Expanding the Nation’s Water Supply Through Reuse of Municipal Wastewater. Several organizations and institutions are funding DPR related research in follow up to this report. 2. Additionally, there is DPR research being done by organizations beyond just the WRRF/CA DPR Research Initiative. This could be noted by saying, “Individual utilities, and organizations like the Water Research Foundation are also funding DPR related research.”"	None	Staff Recommendation: Will include suggestion made by the commenter in future revisions.
42	8/11/2014	Laura Belanger, Water Resource Advocates	Email to cewaterplan@state.co.us		Text from email: "Please accept the attached revised version of Western Resource Advocate’s White Paper on Urban Reuse in the Colorado Water Plan to replace the version that was submitted on June 4, 2014 by Drew Beckwith (Table 2 errors have been corrected in this version). Thank you"	WRA's White Paper on Urban Reuse	Staff Response: Reuse is an important part of Colorado's Water Plan and is explored in Section 6.3.2. Your comments will be taken under consideration during the review of that subsection. Some additional information about reuse and how the Basin Implementation Plans incorporated it into their draft BIPs can be found in Section 6.2.
43	8/11/2014	Margaret Cozine, Colorado Citizen	Webform submission to coloradowaterplan.com		Comments to be considered in Colorado's Water Plan: Hello I am concerned that the average citizen in colorado (unlike New Mexico, Arizona, California, Texas) cannot harvest rainwater from her roof to use in growing food for her family. Please address this in your plan as we now are considered a least progressive state in the West with our complicated and punishing water laws. Example: My home had a well permit. I can harvest water, but only to use INSIDE the house. How crazy is that? Margaret Cozine	None	Staff Response: Rainwater harvesting does have some limitations within current Colorado water law. However, CWCB maintains a pilot program to explore how rainwater harvesting can be used. This is further discussed in Subsection 6.3.1.
44	8/19/2014	Brenda Miller, Rancher and licensed wildlife rehabilitator	Webform submission to coloradowaterplan.com		Comments to be considered in Colorado's Water Plan: No more landscaping/watering of road medians on front range-xeriscape only--no drip systems--only what grows in CO. No more watering cemeteries and ball fields (I grew up playing on dirt/weed fields-sometimes someone volunteered to mow) Limit golf course watering to fairways only. Limit how much grass/lawn can be grown around a home. Limit what kind of grass can be grown and receive water. I don't have a lawn--I mow the weeds now and then around the house--nothing fancy because I don't have water to use on a lawn! Things HAVE to GET Real Serious! There are TOO MANY PEOPLE! Limit the human population---it has to happen now.	None	Staff Response: The percentage of municiple water use is small compared to all other uses. However, it is important to use this and other water resources wisely. Conservation and growth.

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45	8/20/2014	Sue Brown, WaterforColorado.org	Email to cewaterplan@state.co.us		Text from email: "Hello - Please find attached a letter with a summary of recent comments on the water plan from over 7000 concerned Colorado residents. These comments were sent directly through the CWCB input email since June 21st, 2014. These Colorado residents participated through an online alert generated by WaterforColorado.org in order to facilitate comments from the public on the state water plan. Each one of them took time from their busy day to read the information, make a conscious decision to send an email to you, and become engaged in the water plan process. We trust you recognize the value of this participation from people you may normally not hear from on water issues. Please let us know if you need any additional information at sue@rivercampaign.org or 303-477-0972"	Letter	Staff Response: Thank you to WaterforColorado.org for organizing their constituent comments. 1) The CWCB and the Basin Roundtables will be working to support conservation, environment, and recreation in the Basin Implementation Plans and draft of Colorado's Water Plan. Meeting Colorado's nonconsumptive needs is a critical aspect of Colorado's Water Plan. In addition, the CWCB's Water Supply Reserve Account (WSRA) grant program has been used by several basins to analyze water flow requirements related to ecological values. 2) The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation as a critical component to helping meet future water needs. Initial work indicates that conservation will likely be able to meet the needs of an additional one million people. This is not enough to meet all of Colorado's future water demand, so Colorado's Water Plan will also encourage balanced multi-purpose projects to meet our future water needs. 3) Agricultural water sharing and modernizing agricultural efficiencies are aspects of Colorado's Water Plan included in Section 6.4 and Subsection 6.3.4. 4) Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation and reuse, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored.
46	8/20/2014	Joe Norris, representing the Consolidated Mutual Water Company and the Agricultural Ditch & Reservoir Company	Email to cewaterplan@state.co.us		Text from email: "Please see the attached letter dated August 20, 2014 from the Consolidated Mutual Water Company and the Agricultural Ditch & Reservoir Company for substantive comments regarding policy implications of the State Engineer's recent participation in water court, especially in the context of change adjudications. The attached file exceeded the maximum file size for submission online, so please consider this as a general comment for consideration by the CWCB at its next scheduled meeting. Please contact myself or Evan Ela of my firm if you have any questions regarding this comment submission."	Letter	Staff Response: CWCB is working with their sister agencies to who are evalutating their own policies to meet the values expressed in Colorado's Water Plan. Your comments will be considered in future revisions of Section 6.4.
47	8/19/2014	Tracy Irving, Colorado Citizen	Webform submission to coloradowaterplan.com		Comments on Colorado's Water Plan Website: after many hour of study i have not been able to answer who.how,etc. the short or long term water markets are operated or are regulated in co. Why is their not more visibility related to this issue? This would seem to deserve some emphasis. My mother always told me if you want to fine the truth - follow the gold	None	Staff Response: Colorado's water markets allow for agricultural water rights to be transferred to an urban water right through the water court process. Although Colorado's Water Plan does not seek to prohibit willing seller from selling their water rights to willing buyers, additional options are needed. One of the largest concerns expressed in Colorado's Water Plan is that the status quo could lead to a percipitious amount of agricultural dry up. A description of Colorado's water law is in Section 2.1 and a description of agricultural transfers including alternatives were discussed in Section 6.3.
48	8/19/2014	Melinda Kassen, IBCC member; Bart Miller, Brew Beckwith, and Laura Belanger, all with the Western Resource Advocates, Theresa Conley, Conservation Colorado	Email to cewaterplan@state.co.us		Text from email: "As mentioned last week, here's a memo laying out those elements from draft BIPs we think other basins, but also the Colorado Water Plan itself, should adopt."	Memorandum	Staff Recommendations: Staff recommends incorporating aspects of the comments into Colorado's Water Plan such as integrating consumptive projects with environment and recreation ones, adding climate change analysis and developing watershed master plans across the state. These suggestions have been incorporated into Section 6.6 next steps. Comments related to conservation will be considered in the update to Section 6.3. Comments related to increased yeilds related to identified projects and processes is in Section 6.2. Comments related to new supply are in Section 8 and alternative agricultural tranfers are in Section 5.7.
49	8/18/14 - 8/19/14	Emails generated from individuals who submitted a form letter through Protect Colorado's Rivers	Email to cewaterplan@state.co.us		Copy of form letter: "Dear Director Eklund: As a citizen of Colorado, I urge you to prioritize water conservation in our cities and towns as you draft our state's first-ever water plan. Water conservation is faster, better, and cheaper than new water projects, which cost billions to build, harm our environment, wreck our rivers, and increase our water bills. With just a 1% per year reduction in our water usage, we can conserve enough water to serve 1.8 million families in Colorado for a year. We should adopt this 1% per year goal in our state water plan. We cannot afford to continue taking more and more water from our rivers -- water conservation is the way forward for Colorado. Thank you for your leadership, and for protecting the future of Colorado's rivers."	11 letters received	Staff Response: The four values driving Colorado's Water Plan include attention to environmental needs. Those four values are 1) vibrant and sustainable cities, 2) viable and productive agriculture, 3) a robust recreation and tourism industry, and 4) a thriving environment that includes healthy watersheds, rivers, streams, and wildlife. Meeting Colorado's nonconsumptive needs is a critical aspect of Colorado's Water Plan. The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation as a critical component to helping meet future water needs.
50	8/8/2014	Front Range Water Council	Received by US mail		The Front Range Water Council has divided its comments into five distrinct section reflective of these themes: 1) The need to further advance conservation and reuse efforts, while recognizing all that has been accomplished to date. 2) the need to lower existing barriers to the implementation of alternative transfer methods and other water sharing opportunities. 3) The advancement of concrete, identifiable refinements to the water project premitting processs so as to reduce unnecessary costs and delays. 4) The future role of the state in the financing and construction of water projects, both consumptive and non-consumptive. 5) Support for the package of priniicples contained in the IBCC Conceptual Agreement.	Letter	Staff Response: Thank you to the Front Range Water Council for putting a considerable amount of effort into your comments. In future revisions of sections on conservation, reusue, alternative agriculture transfers, and permitting, your comments will be considered. In addition, financing is considered as part of Section 9.1 and Section 5.5 will include a description in the appendixes of what other states are doing to meet their water supply gaps. The IBCC conceptual agreement on transmountain diversions is discussed in Chapter 8 and your comments will be considered in future revisions.

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51	8/10/2014	High Country Conservation Advocates	Received by US mail		* Funding for stream management surveys and plans that will fill in the knowledge gap for nonconsumptive needs on priority stream segments. *Funding to develop projects on these segments, where there is limited NGO capacity to bring nonconsumpitve projects to the table. * Support for augmenting instream flows (by appropriation, acquisition, leasing, and water sharing mechanisms) in cooperation with agriculture. * Clear criteria far waer development, requiring conservation, reuse, and efficiency strategies before increased diversions - transmountain or otherwise.	Letter and postcards	Staff Response: Thank you for compiling comments into a concise letter. Funding for watershed master plans is included as a recommendation under Section 6.2 and 9.1 as well as funding for environmental and recreational projects and increasing capacity. Clear criteria for water development will be considered as part of Section 9.4. Lastly, agricultural and environmental water sharing is an imporant multipurpose component mentioned in many Basin Implementation Plans and CWCB supports these types of multipurpose and multiparnter projects.

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We watch this issue very closely. Gov. Hickenlooper has said that "every conversation about water should begin with conservation," and I could not agree more. Water is our most precious natural resource and we must take steps now to protect and preserve it in a way that will benefit Colorado's rivers, wildlife, recreation, agriculture, businesses and residents. As you oversee the creation of a plan to meet our future water needs, I urge you to prioritize the following goals: 1. Keep Colorado's rivers healthy and flowing. Colorado's rivers are an integral part of our unique heritage and way of life. Rivers support our wildlife, agriculture, and a multi-billion dollar tourism industry. Protecting and restoring our rivers must be a top priority. 2. Increasing and prioritizing efficiency and conservation are crucial to our ability to meet our growing water needs. State studies have shown that existing water conservation efforts will have to expanded to ensure we can meet the needs of a growing population. Expand conservation incentives, increase indoor and outdoor efficiency and support recycling programs. 3. Help farmers and ranchers increase their profits and productivity through investments in modernizing agricultural and water sharing practices. The state should support voluntary, compensated, and flexible water-sharing agreements between agricultural producers and growing communities while respecting their water rights, as well as incentives to improve agricultural infrastructure that benefits operations and rivers. 4. Avoid new, large, trans-mountain water diversion projects. Trans-mountain diversion projects that drain water from West Slope rivers to supply growing Front Range demands are controversial, costly and damaging. Prioritize conservation and reuse so we can make every drop count and avoid the need for these projects. Thank you for helping to keep these four goals at the forefront of Colorado's water plan drafting process.

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The river life will die without serious intervention. Please demand conservation. Gov. Hickenlooper has said that "every conversation about water should begin with conservation," and I could not agree more. Water is our most precious natural resource and we must take steps now to protect and preserve it in a way that will benefit Colorado's rivers, wildlife, recreation, agriculture, businesses and residents. As you oversee the creation of a plan to meet our future water needs, I urge you to prioritize the following goals: 1. Keep Colorado's rivers healthy and flowing. Colorado's rivers are an integral part of our unique heritage and way of life. Rivers support our wildlife, agriculture, and a multi-billion dollar tourism industry. Protecting and restoring our rivers must be a top priority. 2. Increasing and prioritizing efficiency and conservation are crucial to our ability to meet our growing water needs. State studies have shown that existing water conservation efforts will have to expanded to ensure we can meet the needs of a growing population. Expand conservation incentives, increase indoor and outdoor efficiency and support recycling programs. 3. Help farmers and ranchers increase their profits and productivity through investments in modernizing agricultural and water sharing practices. The state should support voluntary, compensated, and flexible water-sharing agreements between agricultural producers and growing communities while respecting their water rights, as well as incentives to improve agricultural infrastructure that benefits operations and rivers. 4. Avoid new, large, trans-mountain water diversion projects. Trans-mountain diversion projects that drain water from West Slope rivers to supply growing Front Range demands are controversial, costly and damaging. Prioritize conservation and reuse so we can make every drop count and avoid the need for these projects. Thank you for helping to keep these four goals at the forefront of Colorado's water plan drafting process.

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Water conservation should be permanent, not just something we do during drought years. Gov. Hickenlooper has said that "every conversation about water should begin with conservation," and I could not agree more. Water is our most precious natural resource and we must take steps now to protect and preserve it in a way that will benefit Colorado's rivers, wildlife, recreation, agriculture, businesses and residents. As you oversee the creation of a plan to meet our future water needs, I urge you to prioritize the following goals: 1. Keep Colorado's rivers healthy and flowing. Colorado's rivers are an integral part of our unique heritage and way of life. Rivers support our wildlife, agriculture, and a multi-billion dollar tourism industry. Protecting and restoring our rivers must be a top priority. 2. Increasing and prioritizing efficiency and conservation are crucial to our ability to meet our growing water needs. State studies have shown that existing water conservation efforts will have to be expanded to ensure we can meet the needs of a growing population. Expand conservation incentives, increase indoor and outdoor efficiency and support recycling programs. 3. Help farmers and ranchers increase their profits and productivity through investments in modernizing agricultural and water sharing practices. The state should support voluntary, compensated, and flexible water-sharing agreements between agricultural producers and growing communities while respecting their water rights, as well as incentives to improve agricultural infrastructure that benefits operations and rivers. 4. Avoid new, large, trans-mountain water diversion projects. Trans-mountain diversion projects that drain water from West Slope rivers to supply growing Front Range demands are controversial, costly and damaging. Prioritize conservation and reuse so we can make every drop count and avoid the need for these projects. Thank you for helping to keep these four goals at the forefront of Colorado's water plan drafting process.

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Grimsley Teresa Rd 4-S Alamosa CO 81101 5/24/2014 9:43

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Studt Steven 1020 Rolland Moore Dr Apt 3g Fort Collins CO 80526-1880 5/24/2014 9:48

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Jackson Tom 1535 Franklin St Apt 9b Denver

CO 80218-1653 5/24/2014 9:50

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Olson, Ph.D. Sherry 1520 Findlay Way Boulder CO 80305-6922 5/24/2014 9:57

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Mitchell John 10260 Woodrose Ln Highlands Ranch CO 80129-5427 5/24/2014 10:35

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Green Alice PO Box 723 Wheat Ridge CO 80034-0723 5/24/2014 11:24

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Barnes Lin 2605 W 133rd Cir Broomfield CO 80020-5160 5/24/2014 11:44

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Karson Sharon 3630 N Carefree Cir Colorado Springs CO 80917-2031 5/24/2014 12:04

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Markevich Christel 207 Cumberland Gap Rd Nederland CO 80466-9668 5/24/2014 12:14

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Mayer Anton 3021 W 111th Pl Westminster CO 80031-6834 5/24/2014 12:28

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Engelking James 2395 Creighton Dr Golden CO 80401-2148 5/24/2014 13:09

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Peterson Linda 1325 Redwood Ave Boulder CO 80304-1131 5/24/2014 13:43

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Blakeney Arvin 2300 E Geddes Ave Apt C Centennial CO 80122-1673 5/24/2014 14:14

Please act now to protect Colorado's rivers from being drained dry by human wastefulness and greed. This issue is very important to me. Gov. Hickenlooper has said that "every conversation about water should begin with conservation," and I could not agree more. Water is our most precious natural resource and we must take steps now to protect and preserve it in a way that will benefit Colorado's rivers, wildlife, recreation, agriculture, businesses and residents. As you oversee the creation of a plan to meet our future water needs, I urge you to prioritize the following goals: 1. Keep Colorado's rivers healthy and flowing. Colorado's rivers are an integral part of our unique heritage and way of life. Rivers support our wildlife, agriculture, and a multi-billion dollar tourism industry. Protecting and restoring our rivers must be a top priority. 2. Increasing and prioritizing efficiency and conservation are crucial to our ability to meet our growing water needs. State studies have shown that existing water conservation efforts will have to expanded to ensure we can meet the needs of a growing population. Expand conservation incentives, increase indoor and outdoor efficiency and support recycling programs. 3. Help farmers and ranchers increase their profits and productivity through investments in modernizing agricultural and water sharing practices. The state should support voluntary, compensated, and flexible water-sharing agreements between agricultural producers and growing communities while respecting their water rights, as well as incentives to improve agricultural infrastructure that benefits operations and rivers. 4. Avoid new, large, trans-mountain water diversion projects. Trans-mountain diversion projects that drain water from West Slope rivers to supply growing Front Range demands are controversial, costly and damaging. Prioritize conservation and reuse so we can make every drop count and avoid the need for these projects. Thank you for helping to keep these four goals at the forefront of Colorado's water plan drafting process.

Kurtz Maya 336 Park Dr Glenwood Springs CO 81601-4164 5/24/2014 19:14

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Stocker Janice 7924 Chase Cir Arvada CO 80003-2548 5/24/2014 19:23

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Poessel Sharon 6076 Lamar St Apt 110 Arvada CO

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Thompson Mary PO Box 39 Rand CO

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Thank you for keeping these goals at the forefront of Colorado's water plan drafting process.

Steele L. PO Box 1133 Olathe CO 81425-1133 5/25/2014 1:11

I strongly agree with Gov. Hickenlooper that "every conversation about water should begin with conservation." My grandmother taught me in the 1950's that water is our most precious natural resource and that will never change. We must take steps now to protect and preserve it in a way that will benefit Colorado's rivers, flora and fauna, recreation, agriculture, businesses and residents. As you oversee the creation of a plan to meet our future water needs, I urge you to prioritize the following goals: 1. Keep Colorado's rivers healthy and flowing. Colorado's rivers are an integral part of our unique heritage and way of life. Rivers support our wildlife, agriculture, and a multi-billion dollar tourism industry. Protecting and restoring our rivers must be a top priority. 2. Increasing and prioritizing efficiency and conservation are crucial to our ability to meet our growing water needs. State studies have shown that existing water conservation efforts will have to expanded to ensure we can meet the needs of a growing population. Expand conservation incentives, increase indoor and outdoor efficiency and support recycling programs. 3 Humans depend on agriculture for our food supply. It is essential to aid farmers and ranchers in increasing their profits and productivity through investments in modernizing agricultural and water sharing practices. The state should support voluntary, compensated, and flexible water-sharing agreements between agricultural producers and growing communities while respecting their water rights, as well as incentives to improve agricultural infrastructure that benefits operations and rivers. 4. Avoid new, large, trans-mountain water diversion projects. Trans-mountain diversion projects that drain water from West Slope rivers to supply growing Front Range demands are controversial, costly and damaging. Prioritize conservation and reuse so we can make every drop count and avoid the need for these projects. e.g. Front rangers have the right to have grass, but not to water it! Thank you for helping to keep these four goals at the forefront of Colorado's water plan drafting process.

Streid Noe Kathy 2606 Tumwater Ln Boulder CO 80304-2491 5/25/2014 9:28

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Siri Cydney 84100 E US Highway 50 Cimarron CO 81220-9700 5/25/2014 10:11

Water is our most precious natural resource and steps must be taken to protect and preserve it. As you oversee the creation of a plan to meet our future water needs, I urge you to prioritize the following goals: 1. Keep Colorado's rivers healthy, protected, and responsibly managed. 2. Expand conservation incentives, increase indoor and outdoor efficiency and support recycling programs to increase crucial conservation.. 3. Support voluntary, compensated, and flexible water-sharing agreements between agricultural producers and growing communities while respecting their water rights and offer incentives to improve agricultural infrastructure that benefits operations and rivers. 4. Avoid new, large, trans-mountain water diversion projects. Prioritize conservation and reuse so every drop counts and avoid the need for these projects. Thank you for helping to keep these four goals at the forefront of Colorado's water plan drafting process.

Christopher Dede 1240 Delphi Dr Lafayette CO 80026-1102 5/25/2014 12:13

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Bird Patricia 10662 Brewer Dr Northglenn CO 80234-3726 5/25/2014 14:31

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Lawless Julie PO Box 1233 Frisco CO 80443-1233 5/25/2014 15:11

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Wallace Steven 1902 Lydia Dr Lafayette CO 80026-1307 5/25/2014 16:12

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Miller Lyn 7265 W Center Ave Unit 419 Lakewood CO 80226-2769 5/25/2014 17:45

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Baer Robin 2592 S Independence St Lakewood CO 80227-2846 5/25/2014 18:58

THANK YOU FOR READING MY PERSONAL COMMENTS, ITEM #2... Gov. Hickenlooper has said that "every conversation about water should begin with conservation," and I could not agree more. Water is our most precious natural resource and we must take steps now to protect and preserve it in a way that will benefit Colorado's rivers, wildlife, recreation, agriculture, businesses and residents. As you oversee the creation of a plan to meet our future water needs, I urge you to prioritize the following goals: 1. Keep Colorado's rivers healthy and flowing. Colorado's rivers are an integral part of our unique heritage and way of life. Rivers support our wildlife, agriculture, and a multi-billion dollar tourism industry. Protecting and restoring our rivers must be a top priority. 2. Increasing and prioritizing efficiency and conservation are crucial to our ability to meet our growing water needs. State studies have shown that existing water conservation efforts will have to expanded to ensure we can meet the needs of a growing population. Expand conservation incentives, increase indoor and outdoor efficiency and support recycling programs.I HOPE THIS CAN INCLUDE GRAYWATER STDS FOR RESIDENTIAL USE, PERHAPS EVEN STATE RESEARCH AND TAX INCENTIVES TO MFRS OF GREYWATER RETROFIT SYSTEMS. 3. Help farmers and ranchers increase their profits and productivity through investments in modernizing agricultural and water sharing practices. The state should support voluntary, compensated, and flexible water-sharing agreements between agricultural producers and growing communities while respecting their water rights, as well as incentives to improve agricultural infrastructure that benefits operations and rivers. 4. Avoid new, large, trans-mountain water diversion projects. Trans-mountain diversion projects that drain water from West Slope rivers to supply growing Front Range demands are controversial, costly and damaging. Prioritize conservation and reuse so we can make every drop count and avoid the need for these projects. Thank you for helping to keep these four goals at the forefront of Colorado's water plan drafting process.

Tackett Marsha 6266 S Crocker St Littleton CO 80120-2537 5/25/2014 20:03

So many of our waters have already been ruined by development, drilling, pollution, and humans. Enough is enough! Our waters are supposed to be a place of peace and quiet for us, and the fish and wildlife which live in them! The animals are running out of places to live and be safe. Our fish and wildlife are under threat from so many angles. They desperately need to be protected, mainly from humans. Life is hard enough for people, let alone the animals. Can't we please offer them some much needed help?! PLEASE save the waters for all future generations before they are permanently ruined. Some damage cannot be undone! Gov. Hickenlooper has said that "every conversation about water should begin with conservation," and I could not agree more. Water is our most precious natural resource and we must take steps now to protect and preserve it in a way that will benefit Colorado's rivers, wildlife, recreation, agriculture, businesses and residents. As you oversee the creation of a plan to meet our future water needs, I urge you to prioritize the following goals: 1. Keep Colorado's rivers healthy and flowing. Colorado's rivers are an integral part of our unique heritage and way of life. Rivers support our wildlife, agriculture, and a multi-billion dollar tourism industry. Protecting and restoring our rivers must be a top priority. 2. Increasing and prioritizing efficiency and conservation are crucial to our ability to meet our growing water needs. State studies have shown that existing water conservation efforts will have to expand to ensure we can meet the needs of a growing population. Expand conservation incentives, increase indoor and outdoor efficiency and support recycling programs. 3. Help farmers and ranchers increase their profits and productivity through investments in modernizing agricultural and water sharing practices. The state should support voluntary, compensated, and flexible water-sharing agreements between agricultural producers and growing communities while respecting their water rights, as well as incentives to improve agricultural infrastructure that benefits operations and rivers. 4. Avoid new, large, trans-mountain water diversion projects. Trans-mountain diversion projects that drain water from West Slope rivers to supply growing

HODIE JAKE 145 Starwood Aspen CO 81611 5/26/2014 8:07

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Waterworth Laura 12556 E Tennessee Cir Aurora CO 80012-3458 5/26/2014 12:20

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Reither Reese Veronica 8915 W 5th Ave Lakewood CO 80226-1130 5/27/2014 14:13

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Jenkins Edwin 160 Clearwater Rd Carbondale CO 81623-1807 5/27/2014 16:22

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Smith Lisa 1615 Oakley Ct Colorado Springs CO 80919-5409 5/29/2014 11:31

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Olson, Ph.D. Sherry 1520 Findlay Way Boulder CO 80305-6922 6/4/2014 15:33

Comments on the State Water Plan
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June 26, 2014.

As a Civil and Environmental Engineer with several years of experience, I reviewed the EIS for the Moffat-Gross Environmental Impact Statement expecting a higher level of professionalism than what I found in that document. However, my work on the EIS lead to some ideas for the State Water Plan that are presented below concerning state requirements to analyze and document firm yields of current and proposed future water/reservoir systems and methods to assure protection of the Upper Colorado Basins in light of extensive existing trans-basin withdrawals to the eastern slope.

Firm Yield Comment:

Ironically, most guidance and regulations concerning calculation of and state requirements for firm yield of water supply reservoir systems originate from eastern states of the United States; states where water supply typically exceeds water demands. However, in Colorado, where stream flows in western slope basins are heavily depleted due to existing trans-basin diversions with additional planned diversions that essentially scrape the bottom of the water supply bucket completely drying up the Upper Colorado watersheds, there is no state guidance on calculation of nor requirement for documentation of firm yield in water supply reservoir systems (personal communication with Geoff Deatherage, Division of Water Resources, Colorado). Currently, entities that propose additional water supply projects in Colorado simply provide a firm yield number to the Division of Water Resources. No back up documentation is required. Documentation of firm yield for existing and proposed projects is important; not only to evaluate the efficacy of projects but also to fully assess the water diversions that are required to deliver the stated firm yield and subsequently, the true impacts to basins from which water is diverted. The Moffat-Gross Expansion project will be used as an example.

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) guidance document (NJDEP, 2011) provides guidance to state water providers on how to calculate the “safe” or firm yield of surface water supply reservoir systems. Their definition of “safe yield” is *“that maintainable yield of water from a surface or ground water source or sources which is available continuously during projected future conditions, including a repetition of the most severe drought of record, without creating undesirable effects...”* The NJDEP guidance was written to *“ensure that all people of the state have a sufficient water supply and within each basin there are enough water supplies to ensure present and future needs.”* Safe yield is estimated on an annual basis since repeating surface water supply and end-user demand patterns also vary on this scale. Because critical period durations and timing during the annual water cycle are different for different water supply systems, *“expressing safe yield estimates as average rates over the critical drawdown periods would result in numeric values with inconsistent temporal bases.”* Therefore, to maintain consistency, safe yield estimates for each water supply system are reported as a *“single average annual rate”* (NJDEP, 2011). Thus, according to the NJDEP guidance, the continuous firm yield, that delivered every year of the test period, is a better estimator of the success of a water supply reservoir system to provide a proposed yield.

The stated purpose of the proposed Moffat-Gross project (FEIS, page 1-4) is “to develop 18,000 AFY of new, firm yield to the Moffat Treatment Plant (MTP) and raw water customers upstream of the MTP....” Section 1.4.2 of the FEIS defines firm yield as: “the maximum average annual demand that can be met by Denver Water’s system without shortages through the study period.” However, per the FEIS and inconsistent with the NJDEP guidance, the firm yield requirement for the project was determined based on one critical period, 1953 to 1957. This time period may not represent the most critical years of their 1947 to 1991 study period. The LP2 screening criteria of the Moffat Gross FEIS states that “Yields are considered insufficient to practically provide additional firm yield if there is less than 18,000 AF available with a frequency of **[more]** than 1 in 4 years.” Therefore, if the yield was not met in less than 25 percent of the years in the study period, the Moffat-Gross project could still be considered viable according to the FEIS. Evaluation of the firm yield of the reservoir water supply system over the entire 45 year test period, as suggested in the NJDEP guidance, would provide a more realistic estimate of the feasibility of the project to consistently supply the required firm yield of 18,000 AFY. Even though the PACSM modeling conducted for the Moffat-Gross project could have been used to document the actual projected firm yield for the project, such an analysis was not included in the EIS.

Yearly withdrawals from surface water and ground water in the water supply system when combined with storage in system reservoirs provide the water utilized to meet the firm yield requirement of the system as a whole. Documenting withdrawals needed for the stated firm yield is extremely important when evaluating impacts to water supply basins. Currently Colorado does not require this documentation and so impacts to water supply watersheds, including to aquatic life, recreation, economics, and other water users may not be accurate. Again the Moffat-Gross project is used as an example. An independent firm yield analysis (also submitted with these comments) was performed to verify that, within the already severely depleted upper Fraser basin, excess basin water available for additional diversions could supply the stated firm yield of 18,000 AFY when combined with 72,000 AF of additional storage in Gross Reservoir at the frequency required by the LP2 screening criteria. Additional project diversions and therefore the impact of the Moffat project on basin stream flows are hidden in incremental PACSM model steps; current condition (7,300 AFY), full use (2,713 AFY), and proposed project (10,280 AFY) model scenarios. According to the EIS only the last step in diversions, 10,280 AFY, constituted “project” diversions and resulted in “project” impacts. However, the independent analysis, using slightly higher values than the average “project” diversions, showed that the 18,000 AFY was attained in only 54.5 percent of years of the test period; well below that required by the EIS LP2 screening criteria. The independent firm yield analysis also showed that all the above diversions (average of 20,300 AFY) are required to deliver the 18,000 AFY additional firm yield to Denver at the required frequency confirming that the historical Post-Moffat period of record was the appropriate baseline from which to evaluate impacts to the upper Colorado basins.

In this example, documentation of the firm yield of the project along with the additional surface water diversions required to meet that firm yield is needed to accurately evaluate:

1. If a project meets its stated firm yield or is feasible,
2. If the project provides the intended benefit, and
3. Confirms what baseline should be used to evaluate impacts of water withdrawals from water supply basins.

It is imperative that Colorado supply guidelines/rules by which to evaluate the efficacy of water supply projects to avoid construction of large buckets on the eastern slope that will not provide the intended water supply benefit, will fill infrequently, and underestimate impacts on water supply basins. It is recommended that guidelines similar to those published by the NJDEP be implemented in Colorado prior to approval of any additional storage projects.

Comment on use of 18,000 AF for Purpose of Fracking.

Several comments were received by CWCB concerning use of valuable eastern slope water for fracking purposes. The response is invariably that 18,000 AF is small compared to total water use on the eastern slope and so is insignificant in the overall picture. However, the Moffat-Gross expansion project entails expanding Gross Reservoir to almost triple its current volume and diversion of the remaining water at Denver Water's structures in the Fraser and Williams Fork Basins to achieve a firm yield of 18,000 AFY. Therefore, it does not appear that 18,000 AF is insignificant and use of valuable eastern slope water for purposes of fracking, by which water is lost to further beneficial uses due to deep injection or pollution or both, is of utmost concern.

Comment on Protection of the Upper Colorado Basins

As water supply becomes increasingly over drawn on all Colorado Rivers but, in this case, in the Upper Colorado basins, administering water rights while protecting valuable aquatic resources and upper basin communities is of utmost importance for the state. Trans-basin diversions have already put stream systems and western slope communities at risk of failure. A different approach that does not support draining western slope basins dry is absolutely necessary. Mitigation plans for water supply basins should be evaluated and adjusted frequently to assure that aquatic systems remain intact in water supply basins. Mitigation plans should not be voluntary and should not depend on acceptance of a project that will dry up two important upper Colorado basins; as in the Mitigation and Enhancement Contingency Plan for the Upper Fraser, Williams Fork, and Colorado Basins when dealing with the new Moffat-Gross Expansion Project.

Because water use on the eastern slope pushes the upper western slope basins toward perpetual drought conditions, it is high time that all state water users take responsibility for impacts of historical and potential future trans-basin diversions. All state water users need to pay into a fund, as a fee tied to their water use. Funds should be utilized to offset costs incurred by the upper basin communities caused by low stream flows; a direct effect of trans-basin withdrawals from the upper basins and to monitor the health of stream systems from which water is diverted. In addition, funds could be spent to support instream flow conservation efforts similar to the Colorado Conservation Exchange Center for Collaborative Conservation at CSU or the Colorado Water Trust. Ongoing watershed monitoring results should be utilized as a management tool for water supply providers to assure that interests of all "parties", including water rights holders, aquatic wildlife, and upper basin communities are protected.

Final Memorandum

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Topic: Evaluation of Feasibility of Attaining 18,000 AFY of Firm Yield from Excess Flows Remaining in the Fraser and Williams Fork Basins Combined with 72,000 AF Additional Storage in the Expanded Gross Reservoir.

Summary

Alternative 1A of the Moffat-Gross FEIS would increase storage in Gross Reservoir by 72,000 AF and Denver's firm yield water supply by 18,000 AF/YR. Water for this alternative would come from the Fraser and Williams Fork basins on the west slope through the Moffat Tunnel into Gross Reservoir on the east slope of the continental divide. Because stream flows in these basins are already depleted, up to 70 or 80 percent at the Fraser River at Winter Park USGS gage in the irrigation season, this analysis was undertaken to evaluate how much water remains in the basins, referred to as excess basin water, above and beyond what is currently diverted to the existing 41,800 AF Gross Reservoir.

Since measured flow data at Denver's diversion structures is not available, annual excess basin flows are estimated using USGS flow data and Gross Reservoir storage data over the 44 year period of 1966 to 2013, when data were available at all monitoring locations in all but three years. Estimated ground and surface water inflows that enter the stream between the diversion and USGS gage locations, sometimes over several miles, are subtracted from measured stream flows. Excess basin flows, equal to the yearly sum of the adjusted stream flows at the USGS gages, are applied each year toward storage in the expanded portion of Gross Reservoir and/or the 18,000 AF additional firm yield for Denver's water supply system. Firm yield, which accounts for both the water supply inflow and available reservoir storage from previous years, is assessed annually over this 44 year period.

The firm yield of expanded Gross Reservoir is tested against two flow situations. 1) Use of all calculated excess basin flows to test the firm yield of the combined reservoir/water supply system; this simulates the modeled "current condition" baseline in the EIS. 2) Use of all calculated excess basin flows minus the average annual diversion between the modeled "current" and "full use" EIS scenarios; this simulates the "full use" baseline in the EIS. Diversions up to and including the "full use" model scenario of the EIS when combined with 41,800 AF of storage in the existing Gross Reservoir meet Denver's projected water supply demands through 2022 according to the EIS. As stated in the EIS, after 2022, expansion of Gross Reservoir by 72,000 AF is required to provide the additional 18,000 AFY of firm yield required by 2032. The EIS only considers incremental basin impacts caused by diversions between the "full use" baseline and the proposed project to be project related.

Overall, results of this analysis indicate that the stated 18,000 AFY firm yield requirement for the proposed project, expansion of Gross Reservoir to almost three times its current volume, cannot be met under both of the flow situations above representing both the “current” and “full use” EIS baseline model scenarios. Results of this analysis are as follows.

- The average of all calculated annual excess basin flows closely match the FEIS average additional diversions between the “current” and “proposed” model scenarios of the PACSM water supply model . In fact the average calculated excess basin flow is greater than average modeled diversions by approximately 2,600 AFY and so represents a “best case” estimate of the ability of the proposed project to meet the firm yield requirement of 18,000 AFY.
- Current conditions EIS baseline: Including storage in the expanded portion of Gross Reservoir and all estimated basin excess flows, the reservoir would fill in only 3 years out of 44; the 72000 AF of extra storage would be depleted or zero in 12 years; the required yield of 18,000 AF/YR would be met in 32 years (72.7%) and not met in 12 years (27.2%). The LP2 screening criteria established in the EIS is not met.
- In fact, it would require 4,000 AFY more than all the calculated excess basin flows of 15,557 AFY to achieve the 18,000 AFY firm yield required by the proposed project at the frequency required by the LP2 EIS criteria.
- “Full Use” EIS Baseline: Under the “full use” baseline, a portion of the excess basin flows would be diverted through the Moffat Tunnel and the existing Gross Reservoir to the Moffat Water Treatment Plant without requiring expansion of the reservoir. Under this baseline, that preferred in the EIS, the expanded reservoir would fill in only 1 year out of 44; the 72000 AF of extra storage would be depleted or zero in 20 years; the required yield of 18,000 AF/YR would be met in 24 years (54.5%) and not met in 20 years (45.5%) of this 44 year period of record. The percentage of years where the firm yield of 18,000 AF/YR was NOT met substantially exceeds the EIS alternative screening criteria of greater than one in four years or 25 percent.
- Incremental additional diversions from the Fraser and Williams Fork basins are included in the “current condition”, “full use”, and “proposed project” model scenarios. Of these, the impacts of only the last, the “proposed project” diversions, on basin stream flow are considered to be project impacts in the EIS. In fact all of the modeled additional diversions, equal to approximately twice that of the “proposed project” diversions, are required to achieve the stated project firm yield of 18,000 AFY at a sufficient frequency.
- Basin impacts attributed to the “project” should reflect all additional diversions included in the “current”, “full use”, and “proposed project” model scenarios and are likely twice what is stated in the EIS.
- Guidance published by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP, 2011) define firm or “safe” yield as a continuous quantity of water that can be provided even through a historical critical drought period. Even with 4,000 AFY of additional excess basin flows, storage and firm yield in the expanded Gross Reservoir were zero from 1976 through 1978 due to average or below average years leading up to these three years. This is in contrast to the selected 1950s critical drought years (1953 to 1957) of the PACSM modeling where the

expanded Gross Reservoir filled in wet year 1952 just ahead of the drought period. The mid-1970s should also be included as a critical drought period against which to evaluate the feasibility of the project to achieve the additional firm yield of 18,000 AFY.

Analysis Description

Alternative 1A of the FEIS calls for a substantial increase in Gross Reservoir Storage; from 41,811 AF adding 72,000 AF for a total storage volume of 113,811 AF; an increase in storage volume of 172 percent. Alternative 1A is noted as the preferred alternative. Because stream flows in the Fraser River basin are already depleted under the current configuration of Gross Reservoir this evaluation was undertaken to estimate the additional firm yield of the Fraser and Williams Fork basins if storage in Gross Reservoir is increased.

The FEIS page 2-25 states that *“additional water is available for diversion under the existing Denver Water Rights from the Fraser River, Williams Fork River and South Boulder Creek.”* and (FEIS pg. 2-28) *“the existing diversion and conveyance facilities (i.e. Moffat Diversion tunnel and South Boulder Creek Diversion Canal) have adequate capacity to divert and carry additional flows.”* However, it is unclear how much additional water remains at Denver Water’s diversion structures for diversion to the expanded Gross Reservoir because 1) Denver Water does not measure surface water flow at each of their diversion structures in the Fraser and Williams Fork Rivers and 2) stream flow is monitored by the USGS gages that are located one half to several miles below Denver’s diversion gates (See Figure 1). Measured flows not only reflect Denver diversion operations but also surface water and ground water inflows to the stream that enter between DW diversion points and the USGS gage locations. Therefore, it is not clear how much excess flow is available at the point of diversion for storage in an expanded Gross Reservoir. Flows measured at stream gages located a distance downstream of the diversion structures over-estimate the amount of water physically available at the diversion structures.

Measured USGS stream flow data and storage data in Gross Reservoir are utilized in the following analysis to estimate excess flows from the Fraser and Williams Fork basins that would be used to fill the expanded reservoir and to satisfy Denver’s increased firm yield of 18,000 AF/YR. Basin excess flows that exceed the firm yield of 18,000 AF/YR would be placed into storage in the expanded reservoir for use in years when basin yields are below the target demand rate. The percentage of years when storage and additional flows could or could not meet the targeted firm yield were compared to alternative screening criteria LP2 noted in the FEIS: *“water must be physically available and legally obtainable from a sustainable source in sufficient amounts with sufficient frequency to satisfy needs for additional firm yield.”* *“Firm yields are considered insufficient to practically provide additional firm yield if there is less than 15,000 AF available with a frequency of [more] than one year out of four.”* (FEIS pg 2-6). Note that under screening criteria LP1, that alternatives supply a minimum of 20 percent of the total required project storage, the minimum storage volume considered for alternatives was 15,000 AF. This would facilitate operational management of the additional water supply according to the EIS. Therefore, using the EIS 4 to 1 design ratio of storage to firm yield, five storage locations each of 15,000 AF contributing an incremental 3,750 AFY of firm yield to the project, are required to achieve the full project firm yield

of 18,000 AFY. Since the expanded Gross Reservoir will have an additional 72,000 AF of storage it will provide the entire firm yield.

Depletion of Stream Flows in the Fraser River Basin Observed at USGS gages

Stream flow data at the USGS gage (09024000) “Fraser River at Winter Park” located downstream of the west portal of the Moffat Tunnel were used to evaluate depletion of native flows in the Fraser River caused by current DW Moffat diversions. This USGS gage has recorded flows from 1911 to the present. Years 1911 to 1935 represent the time period prior to Moffat diversions. Pre-Moffat flows were compared to years 1936 to 2013 representing the time period when water was diverted out of the Fraser Valley through the Moffat Tunnel (Post-Moffat). Average and median monthly pre- and post-flows are shown in Figure 2. The percent reduction in monthly average and median pre- to post-time periods is presented in Figure 3.

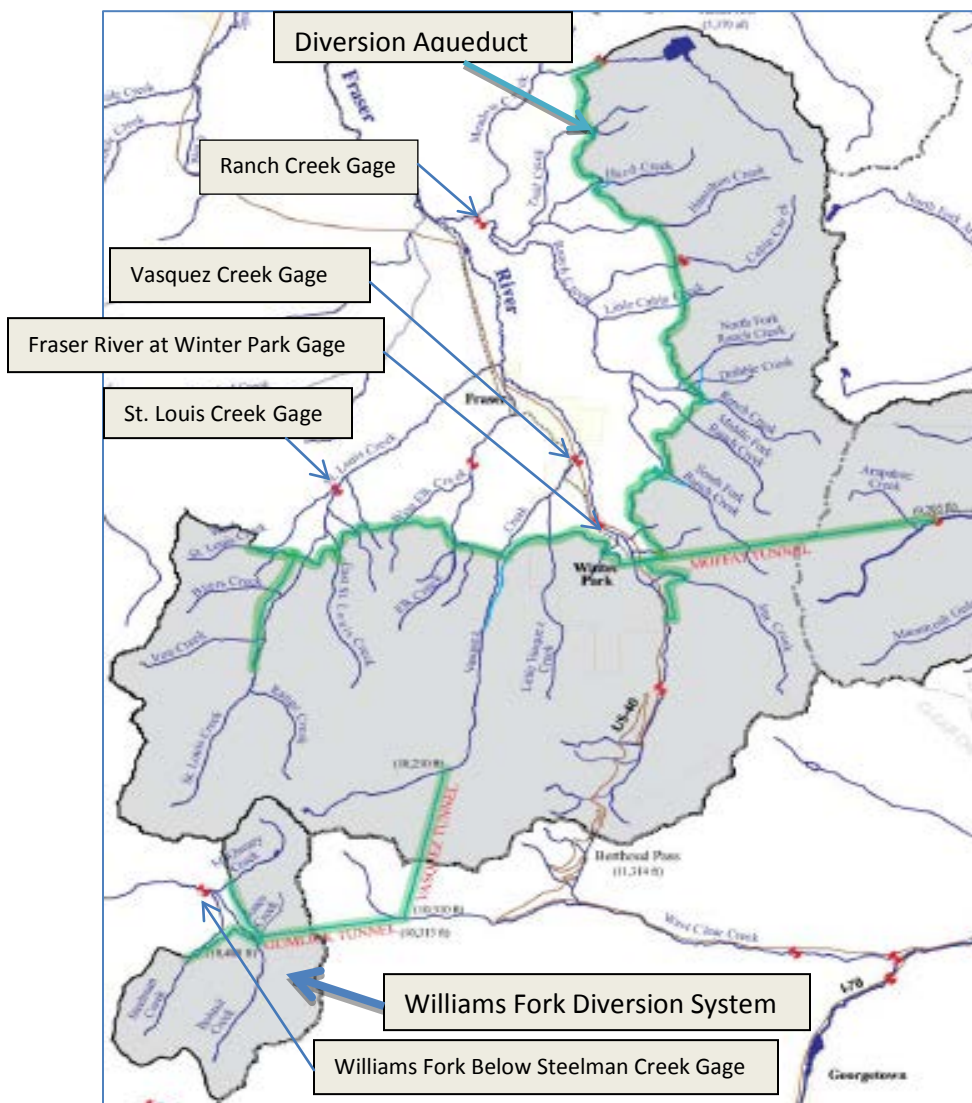
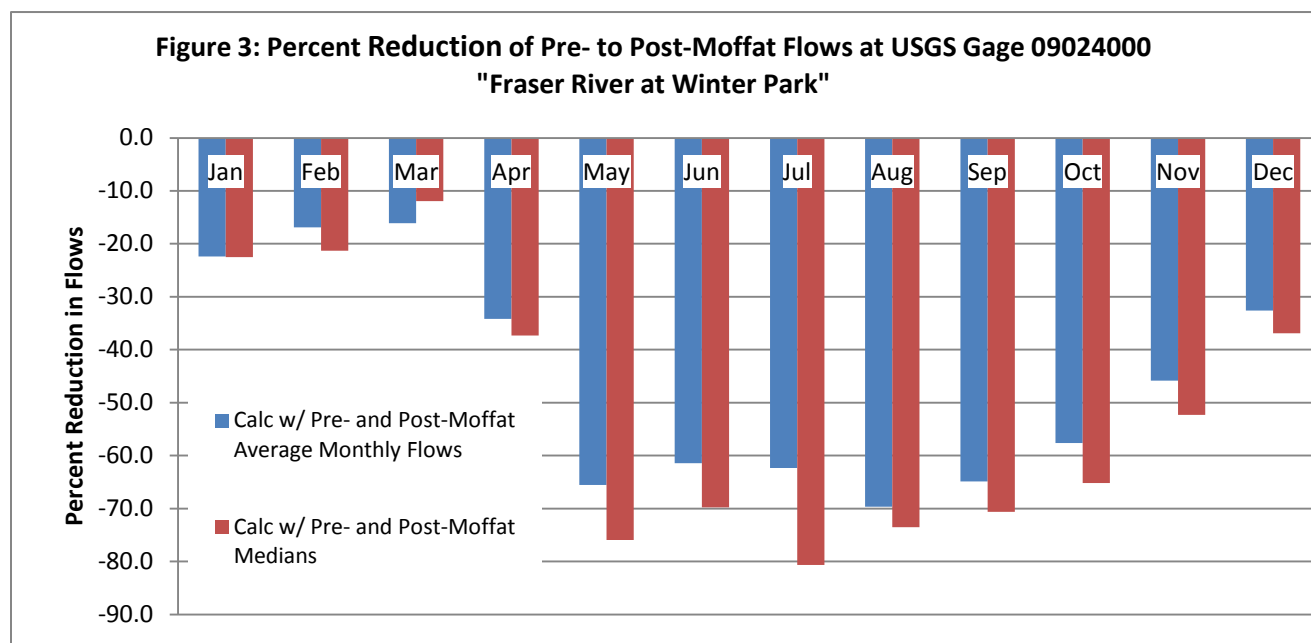
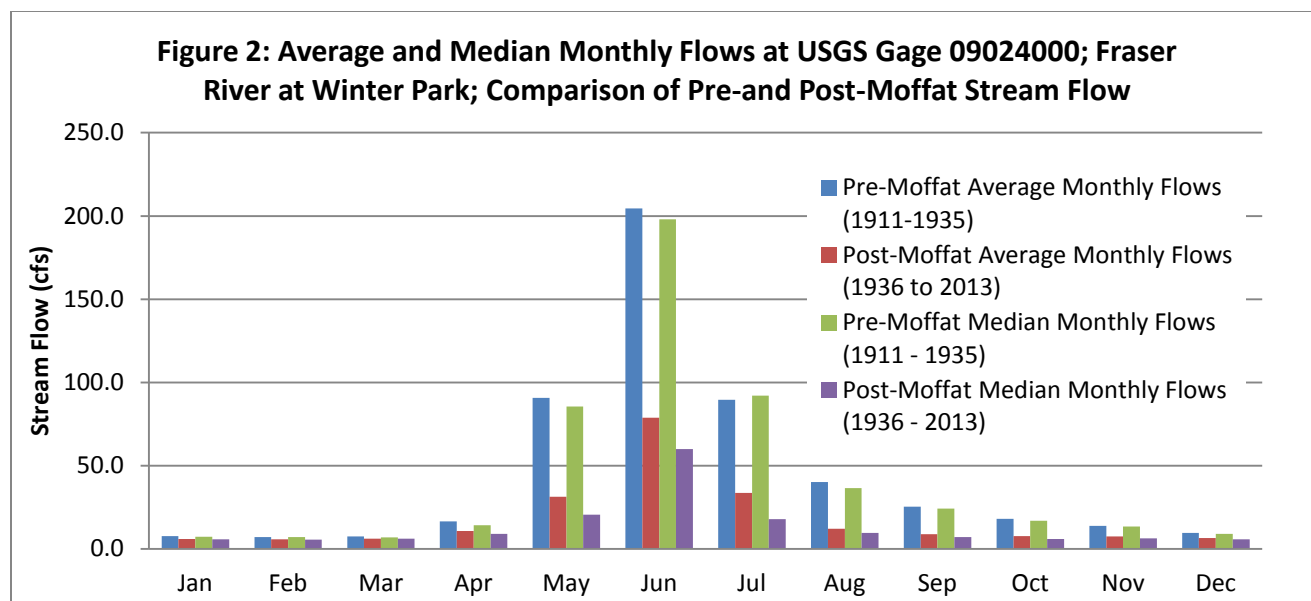


Figure 1 : Denver Water's Diversion System and USGS Gage Locations in the Fraser and Williams Fork River Basins

Source: Figure 1-1 FEIS



Stream flow in the Fraser River at Winter Park is substantially depleted under current operating conditions and Gross Reservoir storage at 41,811 AF. Average stream flows have been reduced by between 60 and 70 percent in May through September. Median monthly stream flows, lower than average monthly flows, are reduced by 70 to 80 percent from pre- to post-Moffat diversion periods in May through September under the EXISTING Gross Reservoir configuration. This means that half the time flow depletion at the Fraser River at Winter Park gage could be greater than 70 to 80 percent in these months.

Given the substantial depletion of flow on the main stem of the Fraser River, it is unclear if there is sufficient water in the Fraser and Williams Fork basins to fill an additional 72,000 acre feet of an

expanded Gross Reservoir or if there is an additional 18,000 AF of firm yield in the basin particularly since additional flows will be obtained primarily during the months of May, June, and July.

Estimate of Additional Firm Yield of Fraser and Williams Fork Basins

Additional Firm Yield from the Fraser and Williams Fork basins was estimated as follows:

1. Excess water at USGS gages in the irrigation seasons (May, June and July) of the 1966 to 2012 period was calculated by adjusting USGS stream flow data with estimated inflows between Denver Water diversion gates and gage locations. These months were selected for analysis because Denver's proposed additional diversions would occur in the high flow months (May through July) according to the FEIS.
2. Since storage capacity is utilized to meet firm yields in low water years; any supply that exceeded 18,000 AF each year was placed into storage in the 72,000 AF of additional storage volume of the expanded Gross Reservoir in this analysis. Water stored from earlier years was combined with water supply inflows in each year to achieve the 18,000 AFY firm yield in years when the yearly basin flow was less than 18,000 AF. In addition, it was assumed that the firm yield would be used in a flow through manner; thereby maximizing the amount of water available for storage in Gross Reservoir while allowing for use of 12,758 AF of storage in Ralston Reservoir.
3. Excess storage volume at the end of each irrigation season was added to the additional basin yield of the next irrigation season; this sum equal to the total amount of water in each historical year of record that would be available to meet the additional 18,000 AF of demand plus additional losses from evaporation (514 AF/YR). The incremental increase in conveyance losses was not included in this estimate though it would further decrease yields from the expanded Gross Reservoir.
4. The number of years when the 18,000 AF of firm yield could and could not be met was tallied; the percentage of years when it could not be met was then compared to LP2 screening criteria noted in the FEIS.
5. Excess yield from this calculation corresponds to the difference noted between the modeled "current" to "proposed" scenarios of the FEIS. In the FEIS these excess flows are divided into the "Full Use" and the "proposed" scenarios where "Full Use" operates under the current configuration of Gross Reservoir at 41,800 AF of storage. Therefore, as stated in the FEIS, the incremental increase in diversions between the "Full Use" and the "proposed" scenarios would be used to fill the additional 72,000 AF of storage and provide the additional 18,000 AF of firm yield under the proposed alternative. The incremental increase of diversions noted in the FEIS from "current" to "full use" were thus subtracted from the excess basin flows and the firm yield evaluated as in number 4 above.

Yearly Excess Basin Flows

The amount of excess water available during the months of May, June, and July in the Fraser and Williams Fork Basins was estimated using USGS measured stream flow and reservoir storage data from 1966 to 2012. This period was chosen because:

- Stream flow data were available at all USGS gages in the Fraser and Williams Fork Basins that monitored stream flow below DW diversion structures (Downloaded from the Colorado Decision Support System (cdss) website).
- Gross reservoir storage data were available in all but three years of this period (1967, 1987, 1989) also available through the cdss website. These three years were omitted from the evaluation.
- This resulted in a 44 year period of record with sufficient measured data to estimate historical excess flows and evaluate if a firm yield of 18,000 AF/YR could be achieved with the enlarged Gross Reservoir.

This evaluation is based on two assumptions:

1. When the Current Gross Reservoir was NOT full (storage was below 41,000 AF), Denver Water diverted all available flow at their diversion structures drying up the stream just downstream of their gate; therefore, stream flow measured at the USGS gages when Gross Reservoir was NOT full reflects surface water and ground water inflow between the diversion points and the gages plus any flow obligations downstream of the collection system.
2. Excess flow would be available only in months of May, June, and July when Gross Reservoir was full; this is the when Denver's proposed additional diversions would occur according to the EIS.

Current Operations at Denver Water Diversion Structures

Currently Denver Water diverts water that is *“physically and legally available at each diversion point subject to minimum bypass flows and calls from downstream senior water rights.” “Streams that do not have minimum bypass requirements (even those with downstream senior rights) are fully diverted at times during the year...” “This results in no stream flow for some distance below the diversions. This is how Denver Water has operated in the past and plans to operate in the future.”* (FEIS p. 3-35)

In dry years Denver Water diverts *“all available flows at each diversion point except for flows required”* to meet downstream obligations. In wet years Denver Water diverts *“100 percent of the water from streams that do not have minimum bypass flow requirements,”* therefore, these streams *“are fully diverted and dried up early in runoff season similar to dry years. Once Denver Water anticipates filling Gross and Ralston reservoirs and water demand is being met, Denver Water will begin to reduce diversions”* and allow water to flow past their diversion structures in the Fraser Valley until *“Gross Reservoir begins to be drawn down, typically in mid-summer, when Denver Water will again divert the maximum amount available to keep Gross Reservoir as full as possible.”* (FEIS p. 3-36).

Historically then, except for downstream obligations, Denver Water often dries up flows downstream of their diversion points in the Fraser Valley, spilling water past diversion points only when Gross Reservoir is full. What volume of spilled water is available at diversion points in the Fraser Valley and Williams Fork watersheds and is this volume sufficient to provide the 18,000 AF of firm yield for an expanded Gross Reservoir?

Historical Storage Data for Gross Reservoir

Historical storage volumes in Gross Reservoir, read at the end or beginning of each month and sometimes mid-month, were evaluated to determine how often and when Gross Reservoir filled between 1966 and 2012. Months when storage in Gross Reservoir was greater than 41,000 AF are noted in Table 1. According to the FEIS, water used to fill the enlarged Gross Reservoir would be diverted primarily in the months of May, June, and July, therefore, these months were used in this evaluation. Note that the existing Gross Reservoir 941,800 AF) filled only once in May and did not fill in the irrigation season in 11 years of the 44 years of record.

Table 1: Months Gross Reservoir Filled; Storage Levels Above 41,000 AF							
Water Year	May	June	July	Water Year	May	June	July
1966	Max 39,979 AF in Jul			1990		x	
1967	Missing storage data in irrigation season			1991		x	
1968	Max 39,419 AF in Aug			1992		x	
1969		x	x	1993			x
1970			x	1994		x	
1971		x		1995			x
1972			x	1996		x	
1973			x	1997		x	
1974	Max 40,800 AF in Jul			1998	x	x	
1975			x	1999	Filled in Sept and Oct		
1976	Max 27,096 AF in Jun			2000		x	
1977	Max 39,898 AF in Jun			2001		x	
1978	Max 40,062 AF in Jul			2002	Max 22,956 AF in Feb		
1979		x		2003		x	x
1980		x		2004	Max 40,381 AF in Oct		
1981		x		2005		x	
1982			x	2006	Max 40,859 AF Jun		
1983		x	x	2007		x	
1984		x	x	2008		x	
1985		x	x	2009		x	x
1986		x	x	2010		x	
1987	Missing storage data in irrigation season			2011		x	
1988		x		2012	Max Storage 38,350 in June		
1989	Missing storage data in irrigation season			2013	Storage Data not Entered		

Historical storage data from Gross Reservoir (Colorado Decision Support System - cdss)

Adjusted Stream Flows

Monthly stream flow measurements in May, June, and July in years 1966 to 2013 were used to estimate excess flows at the following USGS gages shown in Figure 1:

- Fraser River at Winter Park (09024000),
- Vasquez Creek near Winter Park (0902500),
- St. Louis Creek near Fraser (09026500),
- Ranch Creek near Fraser (09032000), and
- Williams Fork below Steelman Creek (09035500).

It is assumed that excess flows would only be available for additional storage at times when the existing Gross Reservoir was full. Therefore, when Gross Reservoir was NOT full there would be no additional water available in that month at that location.

The median of monthly flows for months when Gross Reservoir was NOT full during the time period 1966 to 2012 was assumed to represent the inflow between diversion structures and USGS gages; or “native downstream inflow” plus downstream water obligations. This median flow (shown in Table 2) was subtracted from monthly flows measured at the USGS gages in months when Gross Reservoir filled to estimate the adjusted excess stream flow. Adjusted flows that were negative, where total flows were less than the median adjustment factor, were changed to zero for this calculation.

Table 2 Median Monthly Flows (1966 to 2012) For Months When Gross Reservoir Did NOT Fill Used to Adjust Monthly Stream Flows in Months When Goss DID Fill				
USGS Gage	Elevation Feet	May AF/Mth (cfs)	June AF/Mth (cfs)	July AF/Mth (cfs)
Vasquez Creek near Winter Park (09025000)	8911	1051 (17.1)	878 (14.8)	760 (12.4)
St. Louis Creek near Fraser (09026500)	8773	1507 (24.5)	2705 (45.5)	1904 (31.0)
Fraser River @ Winter Park (09024000)	8985	1257 (20.5)	1928 (32.4)	1471 (23.9)
Ranch Creek near Fraser (09032000)	8665	1139 (18.5)	1236 (20.8)	382 (6.2)
Williams Fork Below Steelman (09035500)	9806	1181 (19.2)	5776 (97.1)	2362 (38.4)

Inflow between DWs diversion structures and the USGS gages originate from:

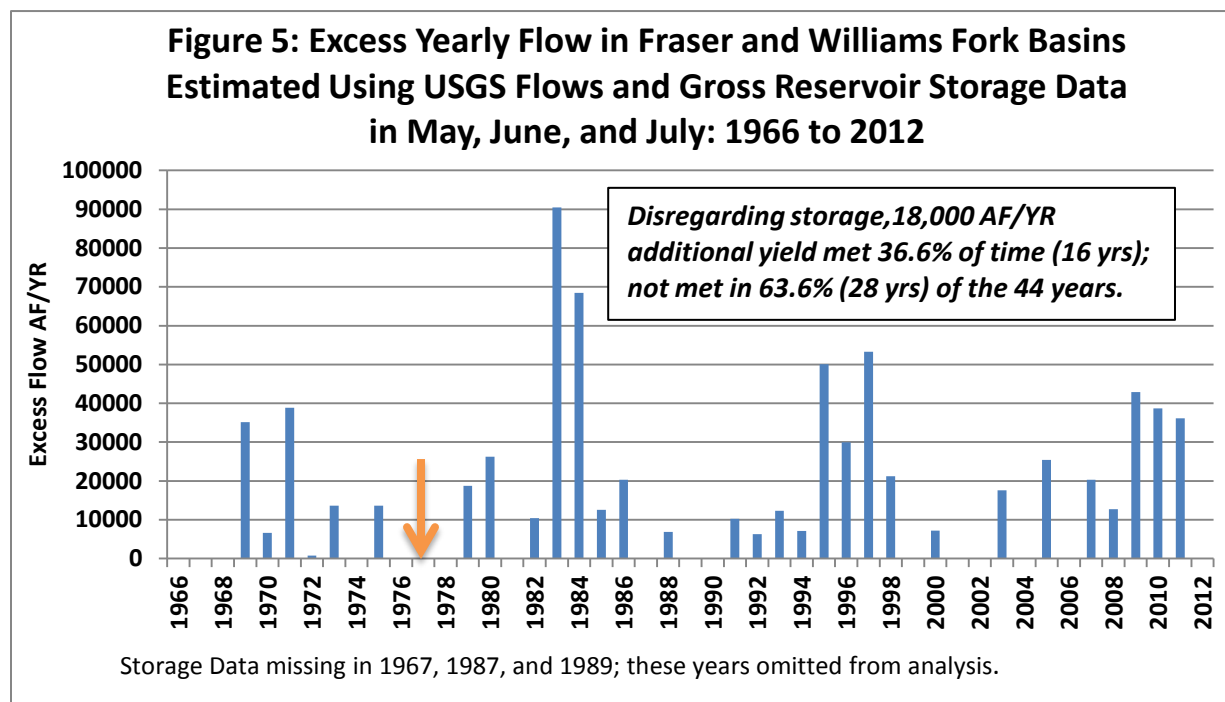
- Mary Jane Creek up to 11,000 feet elevation on the Fraser River;
- Lower elevation areas, up to 9,500 feet, on Vasquez Creek,
- Deadhorse and Spruce Creeks up to 11,584 feet at Bottle Peak on St. Louis Creek,
- Lower elevation areas, up to approximately 9,500 feet, on Ranch Creek, Hurd Creek, Hamilton Creek, Trail Creek, Cabin Creek, Little Cabin Creek, and Dribble Creek.
- Alpine areas up to 12,348 feet including St. Louis Peak (12246 feet) in the Williams Fork Basin. High inflows in June and July are consistent with drainage from high alpine areas, however, operations at the Williams Fork basin diversion structures that optimized filling Williams Fork Reservoir once Gross Reservoir was nearly full also added to flows recorded at the Williams Fork below Steelman Creek USGS gage during this time period (see Williams Fork section).

Minimum bypass requirements (FEIS Table 3.1-8) of 10 cfs on the Fraser River, 8 cfs on Vasquez Creek, 10 cfs for St. Louis Creek, and 4 cfs for Ranch Creek between May 15 and September 15 are reflected in excess flow values above. Bypass flows were incorporated into Right of Way agreements between Denver Water and the US Forest Service in 1970. As part of the Clinton Reservoir Agreement of 1992 Denver Water reserved the right to reduce bypass flows if mandatory restrictions to in-house domestic water use were imposed on its customers (FEIS 3-28). Table 3.1-9 of the FEIS notes that bypass flows were reduced in 1975, 1977, 1980 and consistently in September 2001 through July 2004, the end of the FEIS historical period of record (1975 to 2004). The median inflow value noted in Table 2 above (1966 to 2012 period of record) likely reflects times when bypass flows were both honored and reduced.

In addition, calls by higher priority water rights holders on the Fraser River likely increased flows past Denver Water diversions during the 1966 to 2013 period of record. Senior water rights holders include but are not limited to Beaver Dam Ditch, Deberard Ditch and Reservoir, Earl Ditch, Joy Ditch, Hammond Ditch, Ostrander Ditch, Peterson Ditch, Scybert Ditch, and Winter Park West Wells. For purposes of this evaluation, it was assumed that calls coming from the Fraser River were reflected in the historical flow records at the USGS gages and were not available for diversion by Denver Water.

Excess Basin Flows

Adjusted monthly stream flows in May, June, and July were summed to estimate the yearly total excess basin flow that would be available to fill the expanded Gross Reservoir storage of 72,000 AF. Estimated yearly excess flows are shown in Figure 5.



Average and median excess flows at each USGS gage location are shown in Table 3. Average estimated excess flows compare favorably to average tunnel diversion increases from “current” to “proposed”

conditions modeled in the FEIS using the PACSM model (Table 4). In fact, the average of the estimated excess flows in both the Fraser and Williams Fork basins combined actually exceeds the modeled increase in Moffat flows by approximately 2,600 AF/YR on average and so represents a “best case” estimate of the ability of the proposed project to meet the firm yield requirement of 18,000 AFY. Average excess flows calculated for the Fraser Basin alone compare closely to the modeled increase in the Moffat Tunnel diversions.

It is valid to compare excess flow derived here with the modeled “current to proposed” scenario’s diversion increases because full use system changes occur after 2006 (of the 1966 to 2012 period of calculation). The Full Use scenario included, among others, upgrades to the distribution system from the Foothills and Marston treatment plants, changes to Big Lake Ditch Denver water rights such that additional water could be stored in Williams Fork Reservoir (as of 2013), and an increase in demand of 60,000 AF/YR (as of 2006 per the EIS). It is not clear if water demand remained at the 2006 level through 2013. Full use did not include any additional storage in Denver’s northern water system, including Gross Reservoir.

Table 3 Average and Median Excess Flows at USGS Gage Locations Available to Fill 72,000 AF of the Expanded Gross Reservoir and Provide Denver Water’s 18,000 AF/YR Additional Yield			
USGS Gage Location	Average of Estimated Excess Flows (AF/YR)	Median of Estimated Excess Flows (AF/YR)	Maximum of Estimated Excess Flows (AF/YR)
Williams Fork (WF) Below Steelman	2,682	2,150	11,314
Ranch Creek near Fraser	2,891	1,636	17,797
Fraser River @Winter Park	3,323	971	20,837
St. Louis Creek near Fraser	3,546	2,430	18,693
Vasquez Creek near Winter Park	3,115	1,183	21,942
Total Flow Fraser (excluding WF)	12,875	6,220	NA
Total Flow Fraser & Williams Fk. Basin	15,557	8370	NA

Period of Record = 1966 to 2012 not including 1967, 1987, and 1989. Maximum excess flows occurred in 1983 at all locations except the Williams Fork basin where maximum flows occurred in 1984.

Table 4 Average Modeled Increases of Tunnel Diversions noted in DEIS (Table H-7.1)	
<i>Gumlick Tunnel comparable to estimated excess flows in Williams Fork Basin</i>	
“Current to Full Use”	887 AF/YR
“Full Use to Proposed”	1,904 AF/YR
“Current to Proposed”	2,795 AF/YR
<i>Moffat Tunnel compares to sum of estimated excess flows in Fraser & Williams Fork Basins</i>	
“Current to Full Use”	2,713 AF/YR
“Full Use to Proposed”	10,284 AF/YR
“Current to Proposed”	12,998 AF/YR

Williams Fork Diversions

Water rights belonging to Denver Water in the Williams Fork Basin, including those that are currently used for trans-mountain diversions on McQuery Creek, Jones Creek, Bobtail Creek and Steelman Creek (See Figure 1), are noted in Table 3.1-12 of the FEIS. Other rights in this basin include conditional flow rights from Middle Fork and South Fork of the Williams Fork River, Allen Creek, and Darling Creek that have not been developed as well as a storage right for the Williams Fork Reservoir for 96,637 AF.

“Denver Water’s headwater diversions are protected by Williams Fork Reservoir such that when the Denver Water rights are out of priority with respect to senior diverters below Williams Fork Reservoir, the reservoir releases water to satisfy the senior diverters....Williams Fork Reservoir is operated in part to exchange water to replace out of priority diversions at Denver Water’s Moffat Collection System, Roberts Tunnel, and Dillon Reservoir” (FEIS pg. 3-42).

As stated in the FEIS (pg. 3-42), *“Denver Water often diverts 90% to 100% of the average monthly native flow from McQueary, Jones, Bobtail, and Steelman creeks from October through April... During the summer from May through September, the average monthly percentage of native flow diverted by Denver Water varies more and ranges from 24% to 94% under Current Conditions. During those months, Denver Water diverts the greatest percentage of native flow in April, May, August and September when flows are typically lower. In June and July, Denver Water diverts a much lower percentage of the native flow at these locations (24% to 43% on average) because flows are typically much higher during runoff.”* According to the Upper Colorado River Basin Information report prepared as part of the Basin Round Table efforts for the Upper Colorado Basin (CWCB website 1/1/2007), the *“primary operational objective [for Williams fork diversions] is to fill Gross Reservoir. Once filled, the general practice is to cease diversions at the collection system in favor of storage in the Williams Fork Reservoir.”* Denver now owns the water rights for the Big Lake Ditch which historically diverted just upstream of the Williams Fork Reservoir to Reeder Creek. As of 2013, this water, approximately 10,000 AF/YR, will be used for storage in Williams Fork Reservoir. In addition, under the 10,825 agreement, Denver no longer is required to release 5,412 AF to meet USFWS flow recommendations in the 15-Mile Reach in Grand Junction. Therefore, approximately 15,400 AF/YR of additional water is now available to Denver Water for storage in the Williams Fork Reservoir providing more flexibility for additional diversions through the Gumlick Tunnel from the upper Williams Fork basin. It is unclear how their operations have changed since 2013.

The assumption in this evaluation, that diversion head gates remain open when Gross Reservoir was not full, is not valid during June and July for the upper Williams Fork Basin. However, calculated excess basin flows for the Williams Fork diversion points (2,682 AF/YR average) very closely match the modeled increase between the “Current” and “proposed” PACSM model scenarios (2,795 AF/YR average). Therefore, calculated excess flows from the upper Williams Fork basin were retained in this firm yield analysis.

Average (Median) flows at the Williams Fork Below Steelman USGS gage in June and July over the 1966 to 2013 period of record are 6,862 (7926) and 3,448 (2875) AF/mth, respectively. Arbitrarily assuming that “native” inflows entering below the diversion structures but upstream of the USGS gage are 1000 AF (16.8 cfs) and 500 AF (8.4 cfs) in June and July, respectively; additional water available from the

upper Williams Fork, on average, would be 5,862 and 2,375 AF/mth or 8,200 AF in these two months alone. This additional water from the Williams Fork Basin plus the 2,600 AF overestimate of calculated excess basin flows (compared with modeled numbers) is more than sufficient to supply the observed average 7,300 AF/Y discrepancy between measured and modeled Moffat Tunnel diversions under the “current” conditions scenario (See : Discrepancy Between Measured and Modeled Current Diversions section below).

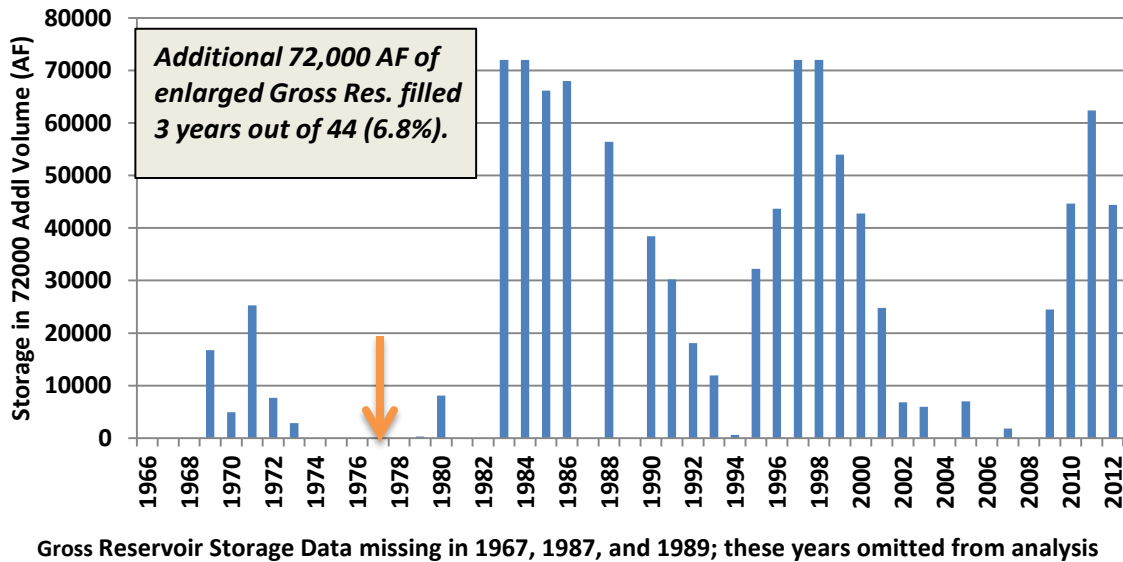
Firm Yield of Excess Flows Diverted from Moffat and Williams Fork Basins NOT Accounting for Full Use Diversions: Current Use Baseline

In Alternative 1A Gross Reservoir needs to produce an additional firm yield of 18,000 AF/YR to meet Denver’s future water demands. “Firm” yield takes into account storage of extra water (above the required yield of 18,000 AF/YR) that can be stored in the reservoir, in this case in the upper 72,000 AF of the expanded Gross Reservoir, and used in years when 18,000 AF of excess water is not available in the basin or 64 percent of the years between 1966 and 2012 (See Figure 5). “Firm yield” of excess basin water was calculated as follows:

- End storage for each irrigation season was calculated as end storage from the previous year’s irrigation season plus additional excess basin water provided in the current irrigation season minus 18,000 AF, the required firm yield for the system. An additional 514 AF was subtracted from the yearly total to account for the incremental increase in evaporation in the expanded Gross Reservoir compared to the “Full Use” configuration (as discussed on page 5-15 of the FEIS). Incremental conveyance losses were not accounted for in this calculation.
- If storage for a given year was negative (i.e. there was not enough water to provide the 18,000 AF/YR yield) ending storage for that year was set at zero; assuming that water would not be taken from the current 41,811 AF in Gross Reservoir to meet the demand.
- If storage for a given year was over 72,000 AF it was set to 72,000 AF assuming that the current 41,811 AF or the existing reservoir would also be filled in these years.
- The previous year storage for the first year (1966), in the 72,000 AF portion of the total 113,800 AF expanded storage volume, was assumed to be zero as construction of Gross dam would have just been completed.

Estimated storage in the 72,000 AF of the expanded Gross Reservoir for 44 years between 1966 and 2012 (omitting 1967, 1987, and 1989) is shown in Figure 6. Storage levels and the ability to meet the firm yield requirement of 18,000 AF/YR in the expanded reservoir depend on hydrologic conditions in the first few years of filling, periods of drought (mid-1970s and mid 2000s), and periods of high flow (mid 1980s, late 1990s, and 2011). Based on this estimate of firm yield of the Fraser and Williams Fork Basins the expanded gross reservoir would fill in only 3 years and the 72000 AF of extra storage would be depleted or zero in 12 years (assuming all available yield under 18,000 AF would be used).

Figure 6: Storage (AF) in Additional 72,000 AF Volume of Enlarged Gross Reservoir NOT Accounting for Full Use



Year 1983 was notable. High snow pack and spring rains produced major flooding on the Colorado River. June and July issues of High Country News were awash in news of the flood:

“A record 120,000 cfs was flowing into Lake Powell from late spring snow and rain in the Rocky Mountains that no one had anticipated. On July 2, the lake - considered full at 3700' - was just 3.5 feet from its maximum capacity of 3711' and rising three inches a day.”

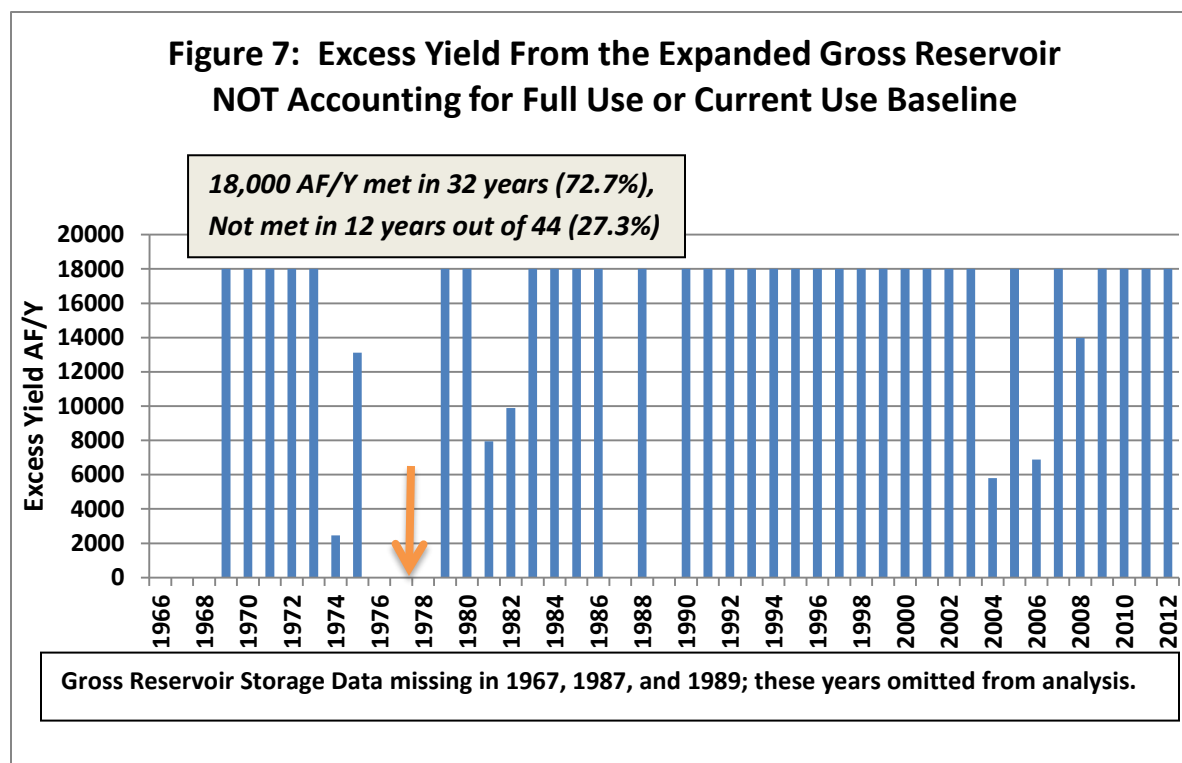
“The July 8 issue reported that the dam's spillway began breaking up when officials upped the release to 92,000 cfs. The high velocity water was carving out huge holes in one of the tunnels, a process known as cavitation that sent chunks of concrete and red silt from the eroding Navajo sandstone bedrock shooting into the clear river below the dam.

The expanded Gross Reservoir almost filled for the first time in 1983 in this calculation. Previous year (1982) excess storage was estimated at 0 AF with an additional 89,919 AF available from 1983 runoff: however, after filling an additional volume to 71,919 AF and subtracting 18,000 AF of firm yield, no additional water would have passed DWs diversion gates in 1983. Not only is this an indication of the substantial size of the new reservoir but also that filling it will depend on very high flow years, the frequency of which may decrease due to climate change. In this initial analysis, the expanded Gross Reservoir was estimated to fill in three years, 1984, 1997, and 1998. Extra water that could not be stored in the expanded reservoir amounted to 49,880, 5,812, and 2,723 AF in these years respectively. In all other years barring calls on the river and bypass flow requirements, diversion gates in the Fraser valley could remain open throughout the irrigation season, dewatering streams just downstream of the

diversion gates, and there would be sufficient storage in the expanded reservoir to accommodate all of the flows.

Firm yield of 18,000 AF/Y was not met in 12 years out of the 44 year period of analysis or 27.3 percent of the time (Figure 7). In particular, an extended dry period occurred in the mid-1970s. Even though 18,000 AF/Y of excess yield could be achieved in 1969 through 1973, only in 1971 was storage sufficient to provide an additional yield of this amount. A prolonged period of dry years in the 1970s, perhaps a second critical period after the 1950s drought, resulted in low to no excess yield from 1974 to 1978. In drought years 2002 and 2012, there was sufficient storage in the expanded Gross Reservoir to achieve the desired excess yield of 18,000 AF/Y, however, following high flow years of the late 1990s, storage was depleted such that in two years of the mid-2000s excess yield was below 8,000 AF/Y.

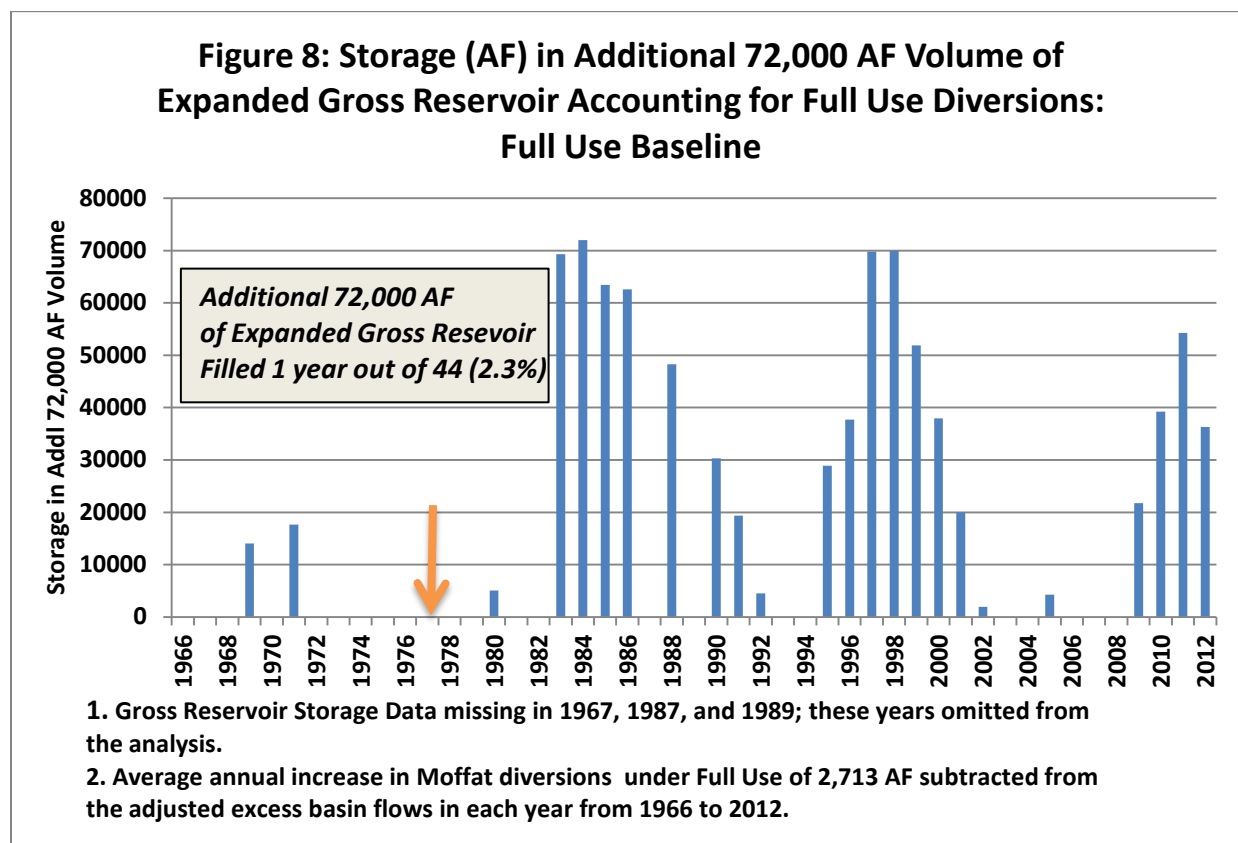
Even with extra diversions; the calculated over-estimate of 2,600 AF/Y and the additional average amount water of 2,713 AF/Y that was not allocated to the proposed project (“current” to “full use” model scenarios), the firm yield of 18,000 AF/Y was NOT met in greater than 1 in 4 years with the expanded Gross Reservoir. In fact, it would require an additional 4,000 AFY more than all the calculated excess basin flows, of 15,557 AFY (2,600 AFY greater than FEIS 12,998 AFY additional diversions), to achieve the 18,000 AFY firm yield required by the proposed project (See “Comparison of Excess Basin Flows with Modeled Diversions” Section below.

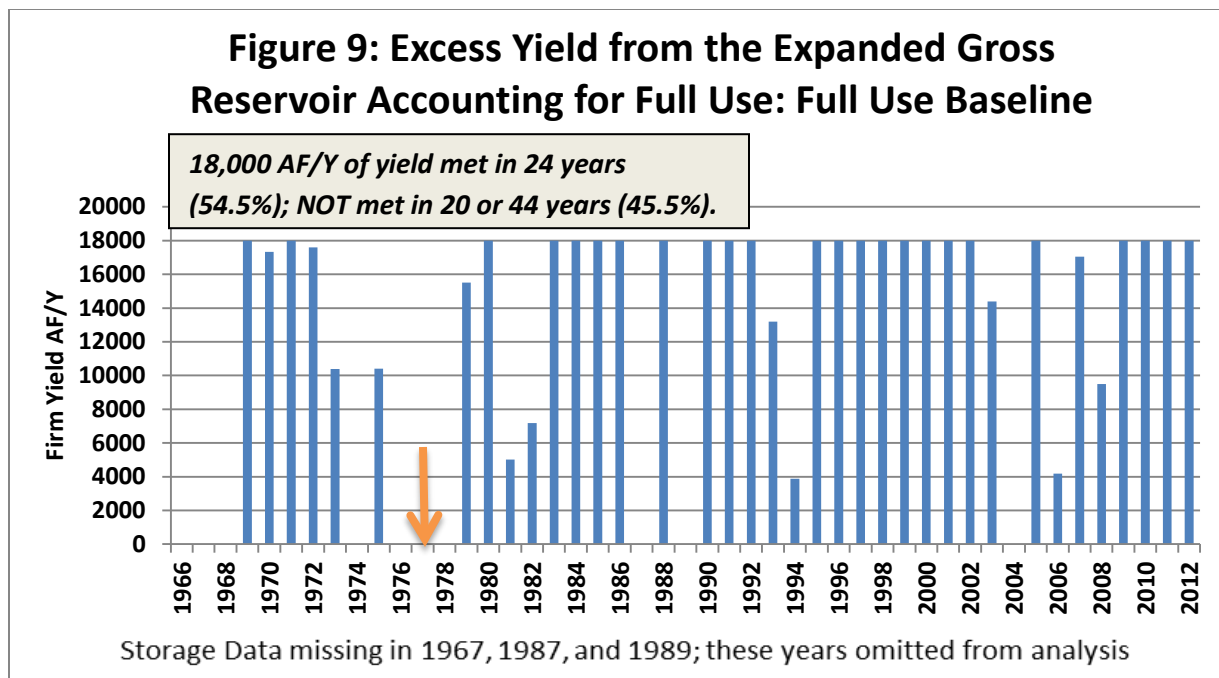


Firm Yield of Excess Flows Accounting for Full Use Diversions: Full Use Baseline

Because the FEIS states that any water diverted from the basin above and beyond that for the Full Use Scenario would be used to fill the expanded Gross Reservoir and contribute to the firm yield of 18,000 AF/YR, the average annual increase in Moffat Tunnel diversions from “current” to “Full Use” scenarios (FEIS Table H-7.1) of 2,713 AF/YR for an average year was subtracted from the adjusted flows and the calculation completed as described above. Storage in the additional 72,000 AF volume of the expanded Gross Reservoir is shown in Figure 8.

Based on this estimate of firm yield of the Fraser and Williams Fork Basins, accounting for Full Use diversions noted in the FEIS, the expanded gross reservoir would fill in only 1 year (1984) with 44,454 AF of extra water that could not be stored in the expanded reservoir. The 72000 AF of extra storage in the expanded reservoir would be depleted or zero in 20 years (assuming all available yield under 18,000 AF would be used). In particular, from 1972 through the end of the 1970s, excess storage in the expanded Gross Reservoir was zero with excess yield also low to zero during this time period (Figure 9). As before, 18,000 AF of additional yield was achieved in 2002 because of high flow years in the late 1990s. However, excess storage in the expanded Gross Reservoir was depleted by 2002 and very low or zero from 2002 to 2008. Perhaps the 1970s and mid-2000s should be included as other critical time periods by which to judge the feasibility of the proposed project.





Even with additional excess basin flows of 2,682 AF/Y over-estimated in this calculation, the required yield of 18,000 AF/YR would be met in 24 years (54.5%) and not met in 20 years (45.5%) of this 44 year period of record. The percentage of years where the firm yield of 18,000 AF/YR was NOT met substantially exceeds the FEIS alternative screening criteria of greater than one in four years or 25 percent.

Climate Change Considerations

Climate change is predicted to decrease surface water supply in the south western United States by approximately 10 percent (Averyt, 2013). Water stress, estimated using the water supply stress index (WaSSI), the ratio of water demand to water supply, is predicted to increase due to climate change from between 0.4 and 4.0 percent (representing the range in stress index from different basins) to between 0.1 and 20 percent in western slope Colorado basins (Averyt, 2013). Note a WaSSI index of greater than one means water supply is less than water demand. Climate change is expected to substantially impact water supplies in western Colorado.

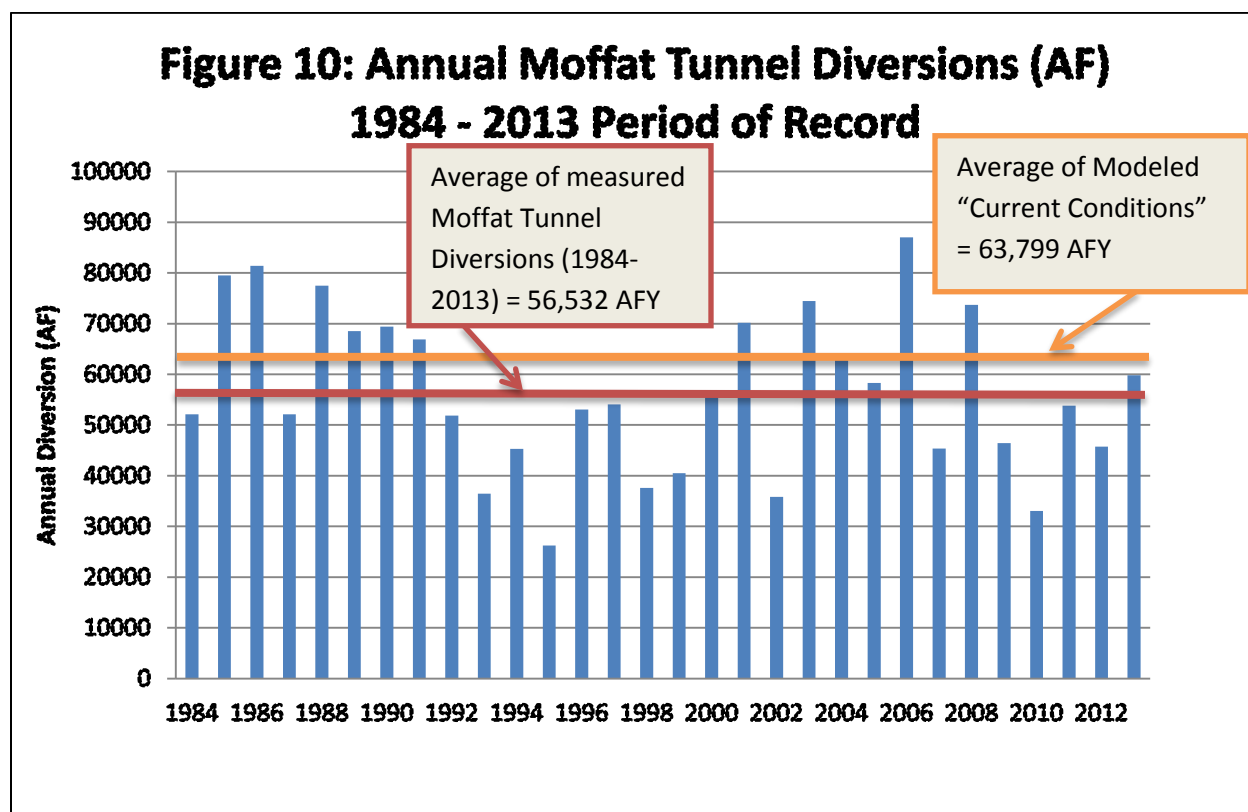
Truncated excess basin flows that account for “full use” model diversions were reduced by 10 percent in years when excess flows were available in the Fraser and Williams Fork basins (i.e. when the existing Gross Reservoir filled) and the firm yield of 18,000 AFY evaluated as before. Because flows in 1983 and 1984 were very high, the expanded Gross Reservoir filled in 1984 with 29,209 AF spilled below the diversion structures. The firm yield of 18,000 AFY was NOT met in one additional year (21 years) or 47.7 percent of the 44 year period of evaluation. Firm yields are controlled by high flow years of 1983, 1984, 1997, and 1998. As before, no additional yield was available from 1976 through 1978. Of course, the past record cannot predict the timing, volume, and sequence of future water supply years though it is anticipated that, due to climate change, droughts may become more severe than the historical record.

Basin Impacts are Hidden in Incremental Model Scenarios

Additional diversions through the Moffat Tunnel are presented incrementally in the FEIS. First, 7,300 AFY above measured average diversions are diverted as part of the “current condition” modeling. Second, the “full use” model scenario utilizes an additional 2,713 AFY on average. Third, the proposed project utilizes an average of 10,280 AFY more water from the Fraser and Williams Fork basins. Only the third incremental increase is considered project water in the FEIS. Therefore, impacts to river flows are limited to only this last increase in diversions in the EIS analysis. “Current condition” model results are considered one of the baselines of the FEIS and so the first 7,300 AFY is not presented nor addressed in the FEIS document.

Discrepancy Between Measured and Modeled Current Diversions

Diversions through the Moffat and Gumlick (or Williams Fork Tunnel) Tunnels are monitored and data reported in the Colorado Decision Support System database. Average measured tunnel diversions from 1984 to 2013 are 56,532 AFY (Figure 10). Average modeled Moffat Tunnel diversions reported on Table H-7.1 are 63,799 AFY; 7,267 AFY more than the measured average. Measured Gumlick Tunnel diversions average 4,954 AFY from 1984 to 2012 and compare to modeled current conditions average diversions of 8,853 AFY. Modeled diversions from the Williams Fork Basin exceed measured averages by 3,900 AFY. Therefore, of the 7,300 AFY discrepancy noted for the Moffat Tunnel diversions, 3,400 AFY on average are supplied by water from the Fraser Valley in the PACSM model.



Tunnel Diversions in 2006, used to delineate “current conditions” in the PACSM modeling, exceeded every other year in the 1985 to 2013 period of record by at least 5,600 AFY. Year 2006 did not represent a new plateau in Denver Water’s water supply needs as diversions after 2006 were substantially lower, averaging 55,619 AFY and approximately 900 AF less than the 1984 to 2013 30 year average. Use of the 2006 baseline condition inflates withdrawals and reduces basin flows under the “current conditions” model scenario compared to actual measured stream and diversion flows in the Fraser and Williams Fork River Basins.

Discrepancies between modeled current flow and measured flows are seen at the Fraser River at Winter Park and the Williams Fork Below Steelman USGS gages (Table 5) but not at the Vasquez Creek and St. Louis USGS gages. It is unclear why the average annual flow discrepancies (8,961 AF) do not add up to that observed for the Moffat Tunnel diversions (7,300 AF) but may, in part, be due to conveyance losses in the Moffat collection system and Tunnel.

Table 5 Comparison of Average Post-Moffat Measured Flows with Modeled “Current Condition” Flows			
Location	Average of USGS Post-Moffat Flows	Average Modeled “Current Condition” Flows ¹	Volume of Discrepancy Between Flows (AF)
Fraser River at Winter Park Gage (1936 – 2013)²			
Average Annual Flow (AF/YR)	13,020	8529	4,491
April Average Flow (cfs)	11	4	408
May Average Flow (cfs)	31	17	876
June Average Flow (cfs)	79	59	1,185
July Average Flow (cfs)	34	21	781
Total Summer months Fraser River at Winter Park			3,250 ³
Williams Fork Below Steelman Creek Gage (1966 – 2013)			
Average Annual Flow (AF/YR)	14,074	9,600	4,470
May Monthly Flow (cfs)	28	10	1,135
June Average Flow (cfs)	115	88	1,626
July Average Flow (cfs)	56	50	374
August Average Flow (cfs)	10	5	316
Total Summer Months Williams Fork Below Steelman			3,451 ³
Total Discrepancy at Fraser and Williams Fork Basin Gages: Measured vs Modeled			
Discrepancy Between Average Annual Flow (AF)			8,961
Summer Months Discrepancy (AF)			6,700

¹Current Condition Flows from Tables H-7.1, H-1.33, and H-1.55.

²Averages for the post-Moffat period of record at each gage.

³Additional 1,209 AF discrepancy summed from August through April at Fraser River at Winter Park Gage and 971 AF summed from September through April at Williams Fork Below Steelman Gage.

Comparison of Calculated Excess Basin Flows with Modeled Diversions

The sum of the three incremental diversions from the FEIS, discussed above, matches calculated excess basin flows that are required to attain a firm yield of 18,000 AFY in the expanded Gross Reservoir at a frequency greater than the LP2 screening criteria (Table 6).

Table 6: Comparison of Calculated Excess Basin Flows with Modeled Diversions			
Description of Calculated Excess Flow	Calculated Excess Flows (AFY)	Modeled Diversions (AFY)	Description of Modeled Incremental Diversions
Total Calculated Excess Basin Flows;	15,557	7,300	Average discrepancy between measured diversions and current conditions model
Additional Flow Required to Meet 18,000 AFY Firm Yield in Expanded Gross at a sufficient frequency.	4,000	2,713	Current to Full Use Model Scenarios
	---	10,284	Full Use to Proposed Model Scenarios
Totals	19,557	20,297	

Note: Calculated Excess flows do not include incremental conveyance losses within the Moffat Collection System.

Impacts to basin stream flow discussions in the FEIS should reflect all diversion increases that are required to operate the expanded Gross Reservoir at a firm yield of 18,000 AFY that meets the LP2 screening criteria. Limiting responsibility of basin impacts to the third incremental increase in diversions in the FEIS significantly under-represents those impacts. In fact, total diversions required to fully operate the expanded Gross Reservoir are approximately twice that stated in the FEIS; therefore, impacts to basin stream flows are likely twice what is stated in the FEIS.

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Dear Colorado Water Conservation Board,

The Sierra Club Rocky Mountain Chapter submits the following statement on Colorado's Water Plan. The Rocky Mountain Chapter represents over 40,000 members and supporters throughout Colorado, and has a vested interest in water conservation and riparian health in the nine main river basins of the state. Our mission is to explore, enjoy and protect the wild places of the earth; to practice and promote the responsible use of the earth's ecosystems and resources; to educate and enlist humanity to protect and restore the quality of the natural and human environment; and to use all lawful means to carry out these objectives. We thank the Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB) and Governor Hickenlooper for your commitment to developing the first-ever statewide plan to guide future water use.

In developing the Water Plan, the CWCB has a critical opportunity to set a positive course for future water management and use in Colorado. It is imperative that the heart of the Plan include these four conservation actions. First, restoring and protecting rivers needs to be a top priority. Second, the Plan must call for meeting demand through increased efficiency and conservation. Third, the Plan should provide mechanisms for modernizing agricultural and water-sharing practices. And fourth, large trans-mountain diversions should be avoided. New supplies, as needed, should be built incrementally and developed within the basins of demand.

Colorado's Rivers Must be Restored and Protected to Remain Healthy and Flowing

At the foundation of the Water Plan there must be the priority that Colorado's rivers be healthy and flowing. Our rivers support a \$9-billion economy and over 80,000 recreation-based jobs. Rafters, kayakers, fishermen and other recreationists contribute to a thriving tourism economy because of clean waters and adequate river levels. Gold-medal trout, diverse birds, elk, mule deer and other animals depend on functioning rivers and riparian health. The Sierra Club Rocky Mountain Chapter urges the CWCB to protect river health and water levels to ensure a healthy environment and economy for current and future Coloradans.

Water Efficiency and Conservation Must be Prioritized

Costly, wasteful and environmentally destructive trans-mountain diversions can be avoided in large part by expanding conservation incentives, increasing water efficiency, and by developing effective water recycling programs. Maximizing current water supply and using it more efficiently makes sense, economically, environmentally and politically. Water conservation measures are effective, flexible and cost-efficient compared to pipelines and large diversion projects. The Rocky Mountain Chapter urges the

CWCB to meet Colorado's upcoming water demands through conservation, re-use and common-sense solutions, not through big new supplies.

Agricultural and Water Sharing Practices Must be Modernized

Colorado's agriculture is a cornerstone of the state's economy and culture, and farms and ranches should not be sacrificed due to poor water management and short-sighted reallocation. The Rocky Mountain Chapter calls for a Water Plan that stresses voluntary, compensated and flexible water-sharing agreements between the agricultural community and growing cities and towns. Irrigation practices and infrastructure should be upgraded and modernized through economic incentives, while keeping water available for instream flows and riparian health.

New, Large Trans-Mountain Diversions Must be Avoided

A Water Plan that prioritizes river restoration and protection, water efficiency and conservation, and the modernization of agricultural and water sharing practices will render large trans-mountain diversions unnecessary. The Front Range's business-as-usual approach of looking to the West Slope for water can no longer be an answer. New, large trans-mountain diversions are too expensive, too inefficient, too environmentally damaging and too costly to West Slope communities to be a part of Colorado's future and the de facto Water Plan. On the other hand, conservation and efficiency are less expensive, more flexible and more effective. Trans-mountain diversions undermine river health, thus undermining Colorado's economic health and well-being. Conservation, re-use and agricultural modernization are effective tools for future water planning. Dewatering the West Slope to feed ballooning Front Range populations treats the symptoms while ignoring the cause. The Rocky Mountain Chapter strongly urges the CWCB to reject new trans-mountain diversions in Colorado's Water Plan.

Healthy rivers are the foundation of Colorado's environmental and economic health. As such, it is essential that Colorado's Water Plan be done right. The Sierra Club Rocky Mountain Chapter urges a path forward that conserves water, demands efficiency, protects and enhances Colorado's environment and economy, and promotes greater cooperation among all water users.

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Colorado Water Conservation Board
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Re: Trout Unlimited's Comments on Draft Chapter 5.10 of the Colorado Water Plan

Dear Ms. Montgomery and Board Members:

Trout Unlimited (TU) respectfully requests your consideration of the following comments on the April 26, 2014 draft of Chapter 5.10 of the Colorado Water Plan (CWP).

Having dedicated significant resources to participation in the permitting process for the Windy Gap Firming Project (WGFP) and the Moffat Collection System Project (Moffat) for the last 10+ years, Trout Unlimited can offer the perspective of a closely involved stakeholder. After 10+ years, we can honestly say we sympathize with the project proponents' frustrations and concerns over the length of time and cumbersomeness of the process. We hope our perspective and suggestions will be helpful in finding a better way.

Understanding the Problem

Before engaging in any process modification, it is important to truly understand the reasons for delay. Otherwise, changes that appear to facilitate expedient decision-making could in fact add to the delay. It is also important to remember that federal agencies are the ultimate decision-makers in most water project permitting processes and most delays are associated with federal permitting. State decisions occur relatively quickly, unless they are judicially challenged.

In looking at WGFP and Moffat, as well as the Northern Integrated Supply Project (NISP), the greatest delays so far have been in the development of the final environmental impact statements (EIS). It took 5 years for the Bureau of Reclamation to issue the draft EIS for WGFP and another 3 years to issue its final EIS. The Moffat draft EIS was issued 6 years after scoping and it took another 5 years to issue the final EIS. The draft EIS for NISP was issued approximately 4 years after formal project scoping. A supplemental EIS was required and is expected to be released this year, 5 years after the draft EIS was completed. A final EIS is also expected in 2014, over 10 years after scoping.

Part of the reason for the delays can be traced to the complexity of the issues involved with these projects. Limitations in federal agency resources may also have played a role. However, our sense is that much of the delay – and particularly the delay between the draft and final EIS - was caused by the inadequacy of the information and analyses. These inadequacies triggered challenges that led to the development of significant additional information between the draft and final EIS,

resulting in significant additional delays. These challenges came from multiple sources, including other federal agencies.

Focus on Effective Solutions

While not much can be done about the time needed to develop and evaluate complex information, steps could be taken to reduce delays, particularly the delays between the draft and the final EISs. Some of these steps have been at least partially identified in staff's draft Chapter 5.10. Others have not.

1. Increase state and local agency resources

Early involvement by state and local agencies as well as other key stakeholders in the development of the draft EIS could prevent later challenges that lead to a delayed final EIS.

State and local agencies can participate in the EIS process as cooperating agencies. However, their meaningful participation requires adequate funding. The Water Quality Control Division (WQCD), the agency charged with initial 401 certifications, lacks staffing to engage in the EIS process. Yet, it relies on the EIS findings to make 401 certification decisions. Last year, the WQCD announced that it would cancel its bi-annual, federally mandated impaired waters review (303(d)) process so staff could be re-assigned to the EIS processes for WGFP, Moffat and NISP. This is NOT a sustainable solution. Adequate staffing for meaningful review and involvement in the EIS process is critical.

Local government participation early in the process is just as critical and can prevent significant delay and duplication particularly when a 1041 permit is required.

2. Improve the Quality of Draft EIS Documents

Early participation by state and local agencies in the development of the EIS is likely to improve the quality of the EIS. Early participation will also facilitate information needed to make state and local decisions which, in turn, prevents additional delays in making those decisions. Early involvement of other stakeholders through informal processes will improve it even more as well as help reduce the potential for challenges that will require additional studies once the draft EIS is issued.

3. Eliminate Unnecessary Processes

While not a significant source of delay, the so-called Section 122.2 process added a significant and unnecessary burden to the WGFP and Moffat permitting processes. Before Section 122.2, which was enacted years ago but forgotten until recently, Colorado Parks and Wildlife (formerly Division of Wildlife) commented on the impacts of proposed water projects on fish and wildlife and proposed potential mitigation measures directly to the federal permitting agencies. Section 122.2 added an elaborate process whereby the fish and wildlife recommendations of CPW go first through the Wildlife Commission, then through the CWCB, and finally to the Governor, before it goes to the federal agencies.

Section 122.2 adds little to the process. Branded as the “state’s final position” with respect to needed fish and wildlife mitigation, the outcome is only a recommendation. It is not binding on the federal agencies or on 401 certification decisions. Moreover, given the restrictions on the state’s ability to formulate mitigation measures imposed by a very restrictive interpretation of the statute, coupled with the fact that the state’s proposed mitigation is based on a draft, rather than a final EIS, the state’s recommendations are viewed by the federal agencies as partial mitigation at best.

If the state is truly serious about streamlining the permitting process for water projects, it should consider enacting legislation eliminating this unnecessary and cumbersome process. CPW can then participate in the EIS process and make its own recommendations directly to the federal agencies as it has done in the past. Of course, CPW’s recommendations should be made in a manner that is transparent to the public.

4. Involve Stakeholders and Preserve Transparency

For every proposed water project, there will likely be those who oppose no matter what the conditions or circumstances. However, where opposition is based on pertinent, relevant, and well supported concerns, it is often heard by federal, state and local decision-makers and can lead to delays both in the EIS process and in the final records of decision. An opportunity for early involvement by these stakeholders is likely to reduce challenges that result in delays.

Conversely, MOUs, MOAs, and other mechanisms to increase agency coordination can lead to less duplication and faster decisions, but can also harden the agencies’ position in the absence of stakeholder input and create a sense that by the time the project comes to the public a decision has, for all intents and purposes, already been made. This, in turn, can significantly increase public opposition and lead to further delays. Accordingly, any document reflecting agency coordination (i.e., MOUs, MOAs, etc.) should be thoroughly subject to public review and comment before adopted and should include provision for stakeholder involvement in the coordinated process.

Reject Far-Fetched and Ineffective “Solutions”

TU is aware of a number of suggestions to streamline the federal process by attempting to restrict the scope of federal environmental impacts analysis. These suggestions range from amending NEPA to preclude federal agencies’ ability to investigate impacts beyond initial scoping, to developing MOAs with federal agencies doing the same, to development of a programmatic (state-wide?) EIS for any and all future water projects. TU agrees that early identification of issues and input in development of the scope of the EIS is very important and commitments from federal and state agencies to attempt to do so would be worth pursuing. However, attempting to bar EIS review of issues identified through the post-scoping investigation process would not only require a highly unlikely NEPA amendment, it would completely misapprehend the complexities involved in evaluation of water development projects of the magnitude requiring an EIS. This, in turn, would lead to challenges and additional delay. Likewise, identifying common elements that need to be developed in an EIS for water projects is a good idea. However, the development of a full-fledged, binding programmatic EIS is not defensible given the significant differences in circumstances and impacts from project to project.

TU is also aware of suggestions to complete the 401 certification between the draft EIS and the final EIS to accelerate the state process. The EIS is the primary source of data relied upon in the

401 certification process. If the draft EIS is defective, so will be the 401 certification and challenges will likely ensue. If efforts to improve the quality of draft EISs – including providing early state agency and stakeholder input - succeed, the time between the draft and final EIS will likely be short and 401 certifications based on draft documents not needed. Dedicating agency resources to facilitate an adequate EIS process is a much more effective and efficient use of state resources than diverting those resources to complete a potentially defective and challengeable 401 certification a bit earlier in the process.

Finally, TU is aware of suggestions to change state law to weaken local government's 1041 authorities. TU submits that if there is any hope to reach consensus between east and west slope over water projects, this is most certainly not a good course of action.

Summary of Recommendations

1. Increase state and local agency resources to weigh in early in the EIS development process
2. Eliminate the section 122.2 process and allow CPW to provide comments directly to the federal agencies
3. Enter into MOUs with federal permitting agencies to (1) encourage front-loading of environmental impacts investigations; (2) identify common elements in water projects that need to be analyzed; and (3) provide for meaningful stakeholder involvement in the development of environmental impacts investigation and of measures to prevent or mitigate impacts. These MOUs should be developed with stakeholder input.
4. Involve stakeholders early in the process and preserve transparency in decision-making to avoid preventable challenges.
5. Reject far-fetched and/or ineffective suggestions that divert attention and resources away from more practical and effective solutions.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

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Dear Board Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on Colorado's Water Plan.

I've called Colorado my home for nearly half a century. When I arrived, open country was just a short drive from Denver. My wife and I would frequently escape the city by driving on the dirt road to Daniels Park in Douglas County. One of my favorite views along the way was an iconic windmill on a ranch near a turn in the road. I don't think I could find the location where the windmill once stood. Roads have been paved, and the countryside is now filled with housing developments and shopping malls. Colorado had done little in the way of intelligent planning for the future. It's heartening to see a statewide effort to develop a plan for water.

Responsibility and Sustainability

I hope that Colorado's Water Plan will recognize our generation's moral responsibility to future citizens and, indeed, to the future of life itself. The plan needs to be both sustainable and environmentally responsible. A 100-year supply of ground water is not sustainable. Reservoirs that fill up with silt after several decades are not sustainable. Allocations of water in the Colorado River based on wet-year flows are not sustainable.

We fail to live up to our responsibility to life itself when we sate our thirst by degrading natural stream flows so much that fish die, surrounding wildlife habitat is destroyed, and wetlands are extirpated. Colorado's Water Plan needs to be cognizant of the environmental effects of any changes that we make.

The Front Range population boom is not sustainable. Front Range communities are already experiencing its obvious effects: escalating real estate prices, overcrowded classrooms, and traffic jams. The effects of relying on an unsustainable water supply are less visible today, but unless we change our ways they will have a much larger future impact. We may need to plan for future growth, but doing things to encourage it is foolish and irresponsible.

As you continue to develop Colorado's Water Plan I hope you will consider the following suggestions.

Conservation

Conservation is by far the most cost-effective way to deal with water shortages. Often conservation requires a lot of little changes, but little things add up. Conservation strategies might include:

- Developing rate structures that discourage excessive use.
- Educating consumers about developing responsible water-use habits like turning off the faucet while brushing teeth.
- Encouraging water-responsible landscaping and eliminating covenants that require things like maintaining bluegrass lawns.
- Requiring WaterSense-certified plumbing fixtures in new construction and replacement markets (recently done by Senate Bill 14-103).
- Tracking losses in municipal water systems and eliminating leaks.

- Allowing homeowners to collect rainwater from their roofs and reuse graywater in their yards.
- Modifying water law to discourage waste. Our current “use it or lose it” policy does just the opposite.
- Promoting water-efficient agricultural practices.

Environment

It's not surprising that Katharine Lee Bates was inspired by Colorado's diverse ecosystems when she wrote “American the Beautiful.” From purple mountains to fruited plain we are blessed indeed. A healthy environment is by far the best legacy that we can pass on to future generations. Strategies to protect the environment should include:

- Establishing science-based standards for flow characteristics required to maintain plants, fish, and wildlife dependent on streams and rivers for propagation and survival.
- Modifying water rights to assure that environmental standards are met before water is extracted for other uses. (Instream flow rights begin to address this issue. Unfortunately, these are usually junior rights. The doctrine of prior appropriation should be modified to recognize rights of the stream and the animals that depend on it. They got there first.)
- Minimizing trans-basin diversions. They disrupt ecosystems at both ends of the straw. They may also increase the susceptibility of recipient rivers to flooding.
- Recognizing stream health as a beneficial use and allowing non-governmental water rights to be established for maintaining stream health.
- Storing water by recharging depleted aquifers. Aquifer storage would minimize evaporation loss. Much of the ground water we consume has been successfully stored in aquifers for thousands of years. When water is available, let's put some back for future use.
- Appreciating the prairie as an ecosystem worthy of protection. Diverting water from streams for irrigating fields of water-hungry plants damages riparian ecosystems near the stream and prairie ecosystems near the fields. “Buy and dry” gets a bad wrap. In some cases it may have positive environmental consequences. Coloradans should stick to growing crops like wheat in their dry, sunny climate. Iowa's sultry summer climate is better-suited to growing corn.
- Requiring minimal standards for returning industrial water to the environment. I'm particularly concerned about the practice of injecting fracking effluents into deep wells. We've been down this road before with earthquakes and toxic plumes associated with injection wells at Rocky Mountain Arsenal. Let's not go there again. Cleaning up toxic effluents should be one of the costs of doing business.

Conclusion

Thank you again for allowing me to comment on Colorado's Water Plan. I recognize that my suggestions are general and may not fit neatly into the Basin Roundtable format. I hope you will give them serious consideration nevertheless.

Sincerely yours,

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RE Conservation Colorado Members' Comments submitted to cowaterplan@state.co.us

Dear Ms. McIntire:

It has come to our attention that the Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB) may not have received all of the comments submitted by members of Conservation Colorado. We are resubmitting the text of the comments (actions) submitted and the lists of individuals who took action, for your records and consideration.

The CWCB has repeatedly advised that it wants a grassroots, bottoms-up approach in developing Colorado's Water Plan. As such, at Conservation Colorado we have engaged our members about the plan and invited them to take action by submitting a comment letter to the CWCB, Governor John Hickenlooper, or other important decision makers.

As you will find, from January 2014 through June 2014, our members took 880 direct actions targeted at the CWCB voicing their concerns and opinions regarding the developing plan; this is in addition to actions that were directed at the Governor or other decision makers. I have attached the text of both comment letters, titled "Protect Our Rivers" and "It's time for change. But change takes leadership", as well as the list of individuals who took action on each alert.

It is our understanding that the email submission error has been fixed and we will not need to continue submitting summary reports of actions and action takers. Please advise if that is not the case. In the meantime, please take the concerns and actions of nearly 900 Colorado citizens into account, and make Colorado's rivers a top priority in Colorado's Water Plan.

Sincerely,

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Sent on January 25, 2014; Actions taken 1/25/14 – 6/1/14
412 Citizens took individual action and sent a letter to the CWCB
31 Citizens edited and personalized letters (letters unavailable)

Subject: Protect Our Rivers

I am writing to support your efforts to create the first ever statewide water plan. Thank you for reiterating the importance of the plan, and water conservation, in your recent State of the State address.

As our state's communities grow, our rivers are becoming increasingly strained. That means we need to change the status quo. We need our rivers to be clean and flowing – to support our fish and wildlife, tourism, recreation, and future generations.

Colorado's Water Plan has the potential to chart an innovative path forward for our state. I urge you to stand up for measures to protect and restore our rivers, push for conservation, and for cities to live within their means. We need to help agriculture modernize and increase efficiency, and stop looking to the West Slope to solve our water issues. We need to maintain working landscapes, support growing communities, and protect river health.

Please ensure that Colorado's Water Plan uses our state's ingenuity to "be prepared" for our water future."

Sincerely,

Sent on June 6, 2014; Actions taken on 6/6/14 - 6/18/14
468 Citizens took individual action and sent a letter to the CWCB
Individualized actions cannot be captured at this time

Subject: It's time for change. But change takes leadership.

The upcoming state water plan presents an opportunity to break from the status quo and create water policy for the future that reflects - and protects - our diverse water values. Senate Bill 14-023 would have created an innovative, collaborative, and modest sharing practice that would have helped our farmers, ranchers and our streams. I am disappointed that you chose to veto this important water conservation measure.

As the water plan develops, we ask that you make a real commitment to protecting our rivers and streams. It's no longer enough to just have 'conversations about conservation', we need action as well - at the legislature, within the plan, in our homes, and from our top leaders like you. The more the state supports collaborative practices that help us save water, the better able we will be to meet our future water challenges and needs.

We need your leadership to create change and to implement creative, collaborative solutions that protect our farms, rivers, and growing communities. You failed to lead on Senate Bill 14-023, please don't fail to lead on our state water plan.

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Colorado's River Basin Roundtable Chairs and members
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Subject: Colorado's breakthrough Western Clean Water, Energy, and Air Plan

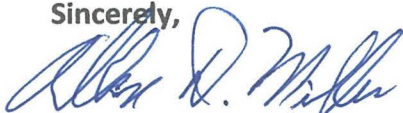
Dear Colorado State Water Planners:

The enclosed documents (*and numerous previous documents*) briefly explain how innovative high altitude multiple river basin pumped-storage projects could quickly solve escalating clean water, energy, and air crises for all western states, while also generating surplus funds for control of major forest fires and floods.

Regretably, none of Colorado's costly efforts to develop a meaningful State Water Plan (*as directed by Colorado's 2003 Legislature, and recently by Governor Hickenlooper*) have considered the breakthrough renewable water and energy capabilities of high altitude multiple river basin pumped-storage projects for highly variable droughts, growth, blackouts, and climate change needs throughout western states and power grid.

In view of these basic, but unrecognized facts, Colorado's appointed and volunteer water, energy, and environmental planners should immediately cooperate with federal permitting agencies and all western states to model, evaluate, and develop breakthrough high altitude, multiple river basin pumped-storage projects. Such projects are essential for current and future human and environmental needs. I would be honored to discuss in more detail.

Sincerely,



Allen D. (Dave) Miller, President, & regional water, energy, environmental planner since 1986

Encls: Docs dated 6-16-14; 4-30-14; 4-07-14; 3-21-14; 3-27-14; 6-10-14; CCP PowerPoint disc

cc: Governor John Hickenlooper; U. S. Secretaries of Interior, Agriculture & Energy; EPA Administrator; Western Governors; The White House; CEQ; Congressional Resources Committees; USBR; USACOE; Colorado Legislators & Congressional Delegation; CO Governor's Energy Office; Colorado Water Resources and Power Development Authority; Colorado Water Congress; Colorado Foundation For Water Education; Colorado Water Court Committee; selected local, state, federal leaders.

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Subject: Breakthrough western clean water, energy, and air solutions

Dear Secretaries Jewell, Vilsack, Moniz, and Administrator McCarthy:

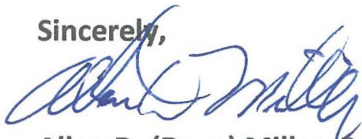
The enclosed documents briefly explain how innovative high altitude multiple river basin pumped-storage projects could permanently solve our nation's clean water, energy, and air crises for western droughts, growth, and climate change, while also providing surplus revenues for vital forest fire and flood control needs.

Unfortunately, all western states and federal agencies have failed to objectively evaluate such projects, as required by good science and National Environmental Policy Act rules.

In view of these basic facts, I respectfully request your personal support for a cooperative federal and western state program to model, evaluate, and develop high altitude multiple river basin, pumped-storage projects. These self-funding projects are essential to eventually replace traditional low altitude dams on western rivers that are filling with silt, concentrating pollutants, causing excessive regional evaporation losses, risking human lives, and harming river environments.

Your favorable responses to this potentially historic request will be greatly appreciated by our nation's current and future generations. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Allen D. (Dave) Miller, President and regional water/energy/environmental planner

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cc: Western Governors; The White House; CEQ; Congressional Resources Committees; USBR; USACOE; selected local, state, federal leaders and entities.

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April 30, 2014 (revised)

The Honorable John Hickenlooper
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Subject: Colorado's ignored sustainable water and energy solutions

Dear Governor Hickenlooper and Colorado Legislators:

Since 2003, Colorado has had over 400 water planners and numerous contractors engaged in a unique, basin-centric, statewide water planning process. Unfortunately, this costly experiment has failed to provide sustainable solutions for our headwater state's escalating renewable water shortage crises. In fact, Colorado's current Draft State Water Plan supports several ongoing farm and aquifer dry-up proposals, and transmountain reuse-to-extinction projects, that are threatening our state's economic and environmental future.

Recent public documents describe how Colorado's innovative, but ignored, high altitude multiple river basin pumped-storage options could soon provide high value peaking power needed to prevent Western blackouts, while increasing the productivity of limited water resources throughout multiple Southwestern river basins. Pumped-storage is also essential to achieve Colorado's 30% renewable energy goals from sporadic wind and solar operations.

Preliminary evaluations of Colorado's breakthrough Central Colorado Project (CCP) have confirmed its annual net peaking power revenues will substantially exceed its annual net water solutions costs throughout Colorado's five major river basins (*Gunnison, Rio Grande, Arkansas, South Platte, and Colorado*). Surplus revenues from CCP's Western blackout prevention capabilities can also be used to reduce Colorado's escalating utility and farm dry-up costs, while funding our state's neglected flood and forest fire control capabilities.

Unfortunately, Colorado's grass roots water planners have not had the vision and political courage needed to objectively evaluate and implement Colorado's breakthrough high altitude, multiple basin, pumped-storage solutions. Colorado's Executive and Legislative Branch leaders must correct our state's seriously flawed renewable water and energy planning process.

Sincerely,



Allen D. (Dave) Miller, strategic water and energy planner since 1986

Encls: Public Water & Energy Planning Documents, dated 4-7-14; 3-21-14; 3-27-14; & 1-8-14
cc: Colorado State Auditor; selected local, state, regional, and federal leaders and agencies

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April 7, 2014 (revised)

Urgent Memo For: Colorado Springs Mayor Steve Bach; Council Members; and Jerry Forte

From: Allen D. (Dave) Miller  regional renewable water and energy planner

Subject: Overlooked Water, Energy, Flood, and Forest Fire Solutions

The enclosed documents explain how projected revenues from Central Colorado Project's (CCP) innovative high altitude, multiple river basin, pumped-storage operations could quickly reduce regional water and energy costs, while funding vital flood and forest fire control needs.

Unfortunately, Colorado Springs Utilities' (CSU) obsolete Southern Delivery System (SDS) Phase One pipeline, currently being constructed from USBR's flood-limited Pueblo Reservoir has, and will, substantially increase local water user costs. If and when SDS's proposed Phase Two terminal reservoirs are financed and constructed, all residential and business water rates could double every few years under today's expected slower growth scenarios.

In addition to SDS's escalating water user costs and ignored dam safety concerns, its inefficient fossil-fueled, pipeline pumping operation is being constructed to eventually use and reuse CSU's previously developed transmountain diversion rights to extinction. Although Colorado's unique transmountain reuse-to-extinction concept is technically allowed under an obscure 1969 Colorado water law, its long-term economic and environmental impacts can be devastating for down river farms, cities, states, and environments.

Curiously, none of SDS's major transmountain reuse-to-extinction impacts on Southeastern Colorado and down river states were properly evaluated by state and federal permitting agencies. This serious oversight is a major violation of National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) rules. It is also compelling justification for an emergency Supplemental EIS modeling comparison of Southern Delivery System vs. Central Colorado Project.

In view of these facts, Colorado Springs Mayor, Council Members, and Utilities Director should immediately seek an emergency Supplemental EIS comparison of Southern Delivery System and Central Colorado Project. CSU's projected urgent needs for SDS were based primarily on a fast growth scenario from development of Banning Lewis Ranch, east of Colorado Springs. There may also be valid technical reasons to convert SDS's partially completed pipeline from Pueblo Reservoir into a cost-effective flood control facility for El Paso, Teller, and Pueblo Counties. Projected cash flows from Central Colorado Project's high value 3,000 megawatt peaking power operation for Western blackout protection needs can also be used to reduce local and regional utility costs, while funding neglected local flood and forest fire control capabilities.

**Encls: Urgent Regional Water and Energy Planning Messages, dated 3-21-14, 3-27-14, 1-8-14
cc: Southeastern Colorado leaders & media; CO water planners; federal permitting agencies**

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March 21, 2014

Urgent Message For: Colorado Governor John Hickenlooper; Arizona Governor Jan Brewer; Arkansas Governor Mike Beebe; California Governor Jerry Brown; Idaho Governor C. L. "Butch" Otter; Kansas Governor Sam Brownback; Montana Governor Steve Bullock; Nebraska Governor Dave Heineman; Nevada Governor Brian Sandoval; New Mexico Governor Susana Martinez; North Dakota Governor Jack Dalrymple; Oklahoma Governor Mary Fallin; Oregon Governor John Kitzhaber; South Dakota Governor Dennis Daugaard; Texas Governor Rick Perry; Utah Governor Gary Herbert; Washington Governor Jay Inslee; Wyoming Governor Matthew Mead

From: Allen D. (Dave) Miller,  regional renewable water and energy planner

Subject: High altitude, pumped-storage solutions for Western clean water and energy needs

The enclosed U. S. Patent Abstract and Central Colorado Project (CCP) Schematic describe how innovative high altitude, multiple river, multiple state, pumped-storage projects could quickly solve escalating renewable water and energy shortage crises for highly variable western droughts, blackouts, growth, and climate change conditions.

In view of these major breakthrough capabilities, I respectfully suggest all western states unite with federal agencies to identify, evaluate, and develop such projects, as soon as possible.

After returning from this year's National Governors Association Conference in Washington, D.C., Governor Hickenlooper advised about 300 of Colorado's governor-appointed and volunteer water planners that federal agencies would support development of large renewable water and energy projects-- if western states agree on the projects to develop.

Natural Energy proudly offers its self funding Central Colorado Project (CCP) as a model renewable water and energy solution for all western states. I would be honored to give CCP briefings, when and where invited (*see CCP PowerPoint, etc. at www.centralcoloradoproject.us*).

Thank you for considering this urgent message in support of all western states.

Encls: U. S. Patent Abstract, dated 1-11-11; Central Colorado Project (CCP) Schematic

cc: Secretaries of Agriculture, Interior, and Energy; The White House; CEO; EPA; USBR; USACOE; WAPA; Congressional Water and Energy Committees; Colorado Congressional Delegation and Legislators; Western Tribes; Western Governors Association; President of Mexico.



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(12) **United States Patent**
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(10) **Patent No.:** **US 7,866,919 B2**
 (45) **Date of Patent:** **Jan. 11, 2011**

(54) **SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR CONTROLLING WATER FLOW BETWEEN MULTIPLE RESERVOIRS OF A RENEWABLE WATER AND ENERGY SYSTEM**

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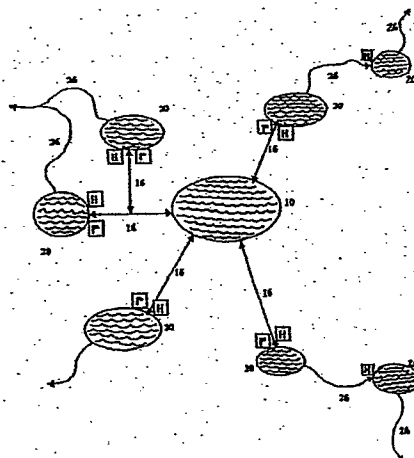
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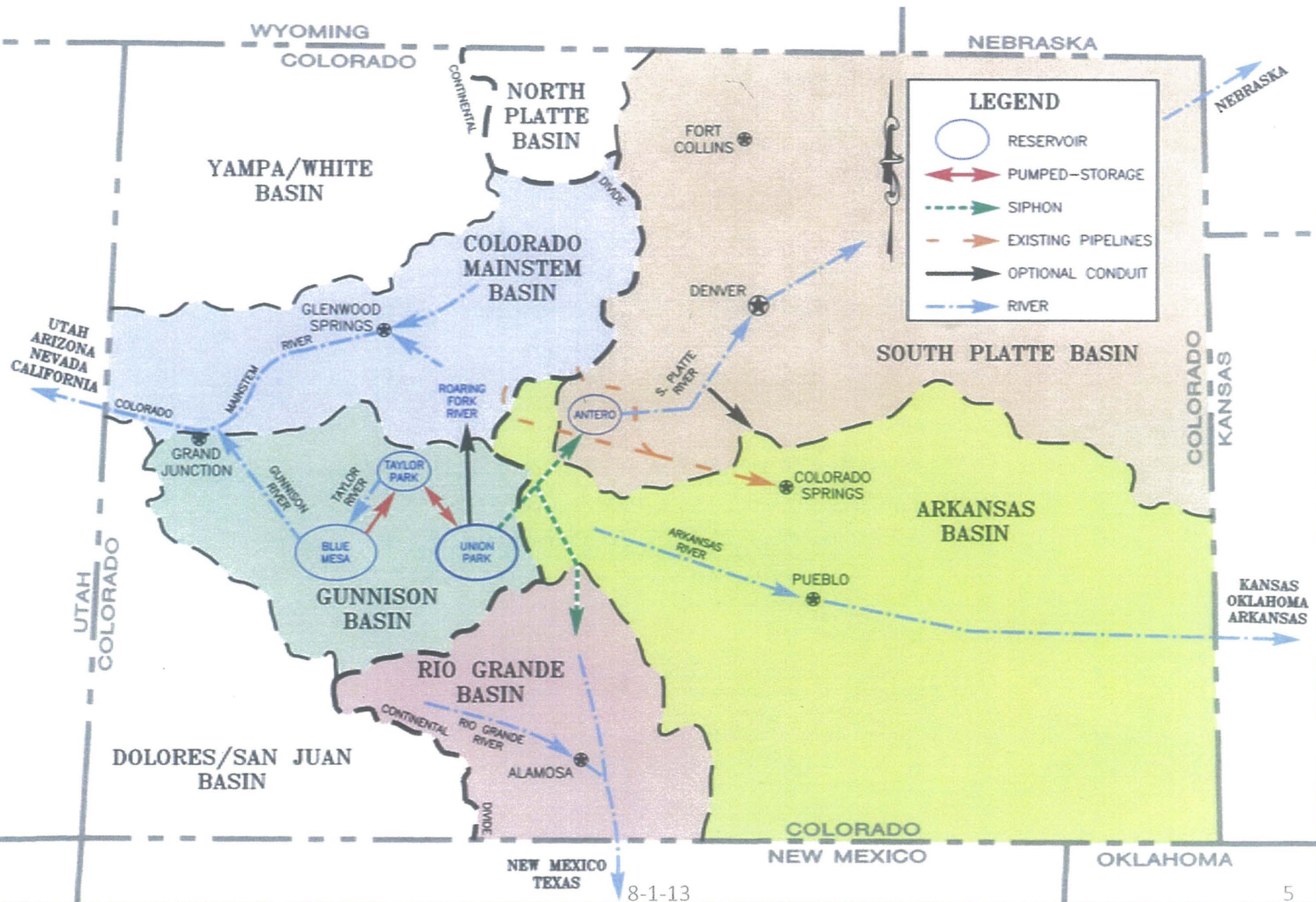
A high altitude pumped-storage system for selectively integrating, storing, and distributing water and energy to increase the regional productivity of existing and future water and energy resources throughout multiple river basins is disclosed. This system addresses in part the increased requirement of supplying energy demands from a renewable energy source, such as wind, solar, or water generated power. The system includes at least one primary reservoir connected to multiple secondary reservoirs by conduits. The system allows for selectively distributing water and energy between secondary reservoirs and at least one primary reservoir. The system may comprise one or more hydroelectric power generation facilities. A method for increasing the regional efficiency of existing and future systems for producing, storing, and delivering energy from sources such as hydroelectric, wind and solar power from the water collected by the system described herein is also disclosed.

16 Claims, 4 Drawing Sheets



SCHEMATIC OF CENTRAL COLORADO PROJECT (CCP)

Colorado's optimal State Water Plan



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From: Allen D. (Dave) Miller,  regional renewable water and energy planner

Subject: Colorado's fatally-flawed Draft State Water Plan

Your recent decisions to exclude all new transmountain alternatives from Colorado's initial **Draft State Water Plan**, while promoting harmful transmountain reuse, farm dry-up, and aquifer depletion alternatives, is potentially the most damaging economic and environmental travesty in our state's history. Please consider the following **Colorado State Water Plan facts**:

Fact No. 1 Colorado is the only western state that has never developed and maintained a professional State Water Plan, in close coordination with federal permitting and funding agencies, to guide its vital statewide water development decisions;

Fact No. 2 Colorado's 1937 Legislature established our state's governor-appointed, basin-oriented, Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB) to primarily ... *plan, protect, and develop Colorado's interstate entitlements for current and future generations*;

Fact No. 3 Soon thereafter, 52 tax-funded Water Conservation/Conservancy Districts were formed to protect local interests of major Colorado river basins on both sides of the Divide;

Fact No. 4 Colorado's 1982 Legislature also authorized our state's governor-appointed **Colorado Water Resources and Power Development Authority (CWRPDA)** to primarily help Colorado plan, fund, and develop both large and small water and energy projects, that would beneficially use Colorado's entitled, unused, and vulnerable interstate waters;

Fact No. 5 U. S. Department of Interior's periodic Colorado River Consumptive Uses & Losses Reports clearly indicate Colorado's water planners have failed to develop and beneficially use about 30% of Colorado's annual 3.87 million acre-feet legal share of the Colorado River;

Fact No. 6 “USE IT or LOSE IT” is the most fundamental water law of the West. Colorado’s divided water planners have ignored this reality, regarding unused Colorado River rights;

Fact No. 7 Colorado is fortunate to be the primary headwater state and renewable water source for our nation’s arid Southwestern Region on both sides of the Continental Divide;

Fact No. 8 About 85% of Colorado’s water originates on the west side of the Divide, and about 85% of Colorado’s population, irrigated farms, water needs, and expected growth, are east of the Divide. This means Colorado’s most vital water planning decisions and solutions have, and should continue to involve, major transmountain diversion projects to benefit both slopes;

Fact No. 9 From 1987 to 1990, Colorado’s Water Resources and Power Development Authority (CWRPDA), and the U. S. Bureau of Reclamation (USBR), jointly evaluated 19 large Gunnison transmountain diversion projects, as part of CWRPDA’s major Upper Gunnison-Uncompahgre Basin Feasibility Study. An update of USBR’s detailed cost per acre-foot comparisons would clearly confirm several of these potential Gunnison transmountain alternatives are superior to all transmountain reuse, farm dry-up, and aquifer depletion alternatives currently being included in Colorado’s Draft State Water Plan (*see USBR’s attached 2 page Summary*);

Fact No. 10 As indicated in USBR’s *Gunnison Transmountain Study Summary*, all of its proposed Aspinall Marketable Pool alternatives from USBR’s Blue Mesa Reservoir are substantially superior, both economically and environmentally, to the transmountain reuse alternatives currently being constructed for Metros Denver and Colorado Springs;

Fact No. 11 Congress authorized USBR’s Aspinall Reservoirs in 1956, primarily to help Colorado develop 300,000 acre-feet of its unused Colorado River Rights for statewide needs. Colorado Supreme Court Decision 98SA327 recently confirmed this overlooked and unfulfilled reality;

Fact No. 12 EPA wisely vetoed Metro Denver’s twenty-year Two Forks Dam Project, primarily because: *...superior water sources were improperly screened from the environmental studies (i.e. Colorado’s untapped Gunnison and Yampa branches of the Colorado River)*. Chips Berry and Dave Miller were the only outsiders invited to EPA’s Atlanta Office, when and where EPA’s Two Forks Veto Statement was drafted. They were also the only outsiders invited to the Environmental Community’s Two Forks Veto Party in Denver;

Fact No. 13 Although never officially recognized by Colorado’s Legislative and Executive Branches, CWCB and CWRPDA’s legal mandates to “*plan, protect and develop Colorado’s interstate rights*” were largely compromised during 1990, when Colorado’s State Engineer and CWCB Director were both suddenly fired on the same day, without any public explanation. CWRPDA’s and USBR’s cooperative Upper Gunnison Phase 2 Study of 19 viable Gunnison Transmountain Alternatives was also abruptly cancelled before publication, without any public explanation. USBR was forced to reprogram one million dollars within its FY 1990 budget;

Fact No. 14 Since 1990, CWCB has been heavily involved with several questionable study initiatives, and Colorado’s unique grassroots, basin-centric, water planning processes that have failed to solve Colorado’s escalating water shortages, farm dry-ups, and high costs;

Fact No. 15 Since 2007, Colorado's water planners have intentionally stonewalled Natural Energy's breakthrough, U. S. Patented, multibasin, pumped- storage solution for Colorado and its down river states (*Utah, Arizona, Nevada, California, New Mexico, Texas, Kansas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Nebraska*). This project is called: **Central Colorado Project (CCP)**;

Fact No. 16 Within a few months, cooperative state-federal modeling can confirm projected annual net revenues from CCP's high value, 3,000 megawatt, pumped-storage operation for western blackout protection needs will exceed CCP's breakthrough water supply costs throughout Colorado's five major river basins (*Gunnison, Rio Grande, Arkansas, South Platte, and Colorado*) and down river states, on both sides of the Divide (*See Natural Energy's 32 slide PowerPoint Briefing at www.centralcoloradoproject.us*). CCP's net annual cash flows can also be used to reduce regional utility costs and provide funds for neglected regional flood and forest fire control needs;

Fact No. 17 Curiously, Colorado is the only western state that has never formulated and maintained a professionally prepared State Water Plan, in close coordination with federal permitting and funding agencies, to guide its vital water development decisions for current and future generations. In contrast, Colorado's water planners are largely part-time, non-professional volunteers, representing limited local and self interests;

Fact No. 18 Good science and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) rules clearly require objective modeling and scoping comparisons of all reasonable alternatives, when considering major water planning and development decisions. Preliminary modeling of Central Colorado Project's unique water and energy solutions for Colorado and its downriver states could be completed within a few months, if given a high priority by responsible state and federal leaders;

Conclusion As our nation's primary headwater state, Colorado is fortunate to have the snow melt and innovative high altitude, multiple river basin, pumped-storage sites needed to quickly solve escalating renewable water and energy shortage crises, throughout Colorado and our nation's arid Southwestern Region on both sides of the Continental Divide. Unfortunately, Colorado also has hundreds of volunteer water planners and over 70% of our nation's water lawyers, who have vested interests in maintaining their state's artificial water shortages, inflated water right values, and gridlocked water planning process. Now, after a costly 10 year grass roots water planning process, as directed by Colorado's Legislature, Colorado's governor-directed **Draft State Water Plan** will not include any new statewide and regional solutions, when published this December. Colorado's Executive and Legislative Branches should immediately unite behind an emergency western state and federal program to model, plan, and develop innovative high altitude multiple river basin pumped-storage projects. Such projects are urgently required to solve the Western Region's escalating renewable water and energy shortage crises for highly variable drought, growth, and climate change conditions.

Encl: USBR's Gunnison Transmountain Diversion Alternatives Summary Sheet

cc: Secretaries of Interior, Energy, and Agriculture; EPA; USBR; USACOE; The White House; CEQ; Western governors; Congressional Committees; selected business, education, and environmental leaders.

Transmountain Diversion Alternative Summary Sheet

Alternative Description	Annual Cost/AF	Annual Cost/AF w/ 90% Tunnels	Annual Cost/AF w/ 80% Tunnels	Annual Cost/AF w/ 70% Tunnels	Annual Cost/AF w/ 60% Tunnels	Annual Cost/AF w/ 50% Tunnels
ALTERNATIVE #1 (60,000 AF/yr) Transmountain Diversion from Taylor Park to Arkansas R., gravity delivery system following Buena Vista Route.	\$534	\$486	\$438	\$390	\$342	\$295
ALTERNATIVE #2 (60,000 AF/yr) Transmountain Diversion from Taylor Park to S. Platte R., gravity delivery system following Buena Vista Route.	\$902	\$834	\$766	\$698	\$630	\$563
ALTERNATIVE #3 (60,000 AF/yr) Transmountain Diversion from Taylor Park to Arkansas R., pump lift from Taylor Park, following Buena Vista Pump Route.	\$337	\$318	\$299	\$280	\$261	\$242
ALTERNATIVE #4 (60,000 AF/yr) Transmountain Diversion from Taylor Park to S. Platte R., pump lift from Taylor Park, following Buena Vista Pump Route.	\$655	\$633	\$611	\$589	\$567	\$545
ALTERNATIVE #5 (210,000 AF/yr) Pump lift from Blue Mesa to Taylor Park, transmountain diversion from Taylor Park to Arkansas R., gravity delivery system following Buena Vista Route.	\$441	\$422	\$402	\$382	\$362	\$343
ALTERNATIVE #6 (210,000 AF/yr) Pump lift from Blue Mesa to Taylor Park, transmountain diversion from Taylor Park to S. Platte R., gravity delivery system following Buena Vista Route.	\$648	\$619	\$590	\$561	\$532	\$503
ALTERNATIVE #7 (210,000 AF/yr) Pump lift from Blue Mesa to Taylor Park, transmountain diversion from Taylor Park to Arkansas R., pump lift from Taylor Park following Buena Vista Pump Route.	\$387	\$380	\$372	\$364	\$357	\$349
ALTERNATIVE #8 (210,000 AF/yr) Pump lift from Blue Mesa to Taylor Park, transmountain diversion from Taylor Park to S. Platte R., pump lift from Taylor Park following Buena Vista Pump Route.	\$505	\$494	\$484	\$474	\$463	\$453
ALTERNATIVE #9 (60,000 AF/yr) Transmountain Diversion from Taylor Park to Arkansas R., pump lift from Taylor Park, following North Route.	\$556	\$510	\$463	\$417	\$370	\$324
ALTERNATIVE #10 (60,000 AF/yr) Transmountain Diversion from Taylor Park to S. Platte R., pump lift from Taylor Park, following North Route.	\$746	\$685	\$624	\$564	\$503	\$442
ALTERNATIVE #11 (210,000 AF/yr) Pump lift from Blue Mesa to Taylor Park, transmountain diversion from Taylor Park to Arkansas R., pump lift from Taylor Park following North Route.	\$460	\$441	\$422	\$402	\$383	\$364
ALTERNATIVE #12 (210,000 AF/yr) Pump lift from Blue Mesa to Taylor Park, transmountain diversion from Taylor Park to S. Platte R., pump lift from Taylor Park following North Route.	\$550	\$525	\$500	\$475	\$450	\$425

Alternative Description	Annual Cost/AF					
ALTERNATIVE #13 *(120,000 AF/yr) Union Park Water Supply Project.	\$875	\$836	\$798	\$760	\$721	\$683
ALTERNATIVE #14 (73,100 AF/yr) Collegiate Range Project.	\$833	\$776	\$718	\$661	\$603	\$546
ALTERNATIVE #15 (73,100 AF/yr) Collegiate Range Project w/o Almont Dam.	\$831	\$773	\$716	\$658	\$601	\$543
ALTERNATIVE # 16 (210,000 AF/yr) Pump lift from Blue Mesa to Tomichi Creek Tunnel, transmountain diversion to Arkansas R., following S. Arkansas R. Route.	\$405	\$387	\$368	\$350	\$331	\$313
ALTERNATIVE # 17 (60,000 AF/yr) Pump lift from Blue Mesa to Tomichi Creek Tunnel, transmountain diversion to Arkansas R., following S. Arkansas R. Route.	\$723	\$679	\$634	\$589	\$545	\$500
ALTERNATIVE # 18 (210,000 AF/yr) Pump lift from Blue Mesa to Monarch Tunnel, transmountain diversion to Arkansas R., following S. Arkansas R. Route.	\$358	\$348	\$338	\$328	\$318	\$308
ALTERNATIVE # 19 (60,000 AF/yr) Pump lift from Blue Mesa to Monarch Tunnel, transmountain diversion to Arkansas R., following S. Arkansas R. Route.	\$623	\$594	\$565	\$536	\$508	\$479

* NRI benefit based on NECD concept of wet year storage with dry year deliveries. Actual amount of annual storage in Union Park Reservoir equals 60,000 AF.

Added Note These USBR Summary Sheets show 8 of USBR's 19 Gunnison Transmountain Alternatives evaluated for CWRPDA's unpublished Upper Gunnison-Uncompahgre Basin Feasibility Phase 2 Study Report, would have provided an average annual 210,000 acre-feet of USBR's 300,000 acre-feet Aspinall Marketable Pool Water Rights, for Colorado's Front Range growth and drought protection needs. An objective update of these cost estimates with today's much lower 50 year financing costs would confirm these alternatives are still economically and environmentally superior, to all Transmountain Reuse Alternatives currently being constructed and/or planned for Metros Denver and Colorado Springs. Please also note Natural Energy's proposed high altitude Taylor Park-Union Park Pumped-storage Transmountain Alternative No. 13 would have increased Metro Denver's average annual water supply by 120,000 acre-feet, with an average annual diversion of only 60,000 acre-feet from the Upper Gunnison Basin's Taylor River. Please also note that Union Park's high value peaking power revenues from its Taylor Park-Union Park pumped-storage operation for Western brown and blackout protection needs were not included in USBR's water supply evaluations for Front Range drought and growth needs. Copies of USBR's detailed sheets for each Gunnison Transmountain Diversion Alternative evaluated can be obtained from CWRPDA at 303-830-1550, or USBR at 970-248-0641. *adm*



Arkansas Basin Roundtable

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Arkansas River Basin Roundtable Basin Implementation Plan Input Form

The Arkansas River Basin Roundtable is charged by the Colorado General Assembly to assess the water supply needs of the basin and propose projects and methods to address those needs. As a citizen who is interested in water issues in the Arkansas Basin, you are being asked for your input as the Roundtable balances the competing needs for water: agriculture, municipal, recreation, environmental and industrial. You can obtain additional information at our website: <http://www.ArkansasBasin.com>. Thank you for your input.

Name: Allen D. (Dave) Miller, *ADM* June 10, 2014 (Required for inclusion)

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I reside in El Paso County or Do Not Reside in Arkansas Basin ☐
(County Name)

What do you believe are the important needs or areas of concern in the use of water in the Arkansas River Basin?

Arkansas River Basin Roundtable and all of Colorado's unique Basin Water Planning Roundtables have failed to consider the following important needs and vital areas of concern in the use of water throughout our state's major river basins:

- The major breakthrough capabilities of innovative high altitude multiple river basin pumped-storage projects for sustainable clean water, energy, and environmental needs throughout Colorado and our nation's arid southwestern states have been improperly ignored since this advanced concept was granted a U. S. Patent, dated January 11, 2011 (1-11-11);
- None of Colorado's governor-appointed water planners and volunteer Basin Roundtable planners have explained why they support the dry-up of Eastern Colorado farms, towns, and environments with major *transmountain reuse to extinction projects*, while opposing development of our state's threatened Colorado River rights with self-funding high altitude pumped-storage solutions throughout multiple river basins on both sides of the Divide;
- Why are Colorado water planners ignoring U. S. Department of Interior Dam Safety Reports indicating U. S. Bureau of Reclamation's earthen Pueblo and Taylor Park Dams could suddenly fail catastrophically with only 55% of today's Probable Maximum Flood (PMF) criteria? Many thousands of lives on both sides of the Divide could be saved with innovative multiple basin pumped water and energy storage projects.

What action or actions should be taken to address your needs or concerns?

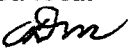
All of Colorado's appointed and volunteer water, energy, and environmental planners should immediately unite behind an emergency state-federal modeling evaluation of Central Colorado Project (CCP). As indicated in Natural Energy Resources Company web site, enclosed 38 slide PowerPoint disc and supporting documents, a recent engineering evaluation indicates peaking power revenues from CCP's western blackout protection capabilities will more than cover Colorado's new water supply costs for droughts, growth, and climate change for at least the next 100 years. CCP's unprecedented economic advantages can also cover Colorado's unfunded costs for control of floods and forest fires.

Can you identify a specific project or solution that could address your needs or concerns?

Emergency modeling evaluations and development of Colorado's breakthrough high altitude multiple river pumped-storage solutions will automatically eliminate our headwater state's artificial water shortages, inflated costs, and irrigated land and water speculations.

What else do you think the Arkansas River Basin Roundtable should consider in developing the Basin Implementation Plan?

Grass-roots input are important for solving many complex issues. However, Colorado's costly nine year Statewide Water Supply Initiative (SWSI) to develop a meaningful State Water Plan with part-time nonprofessionals from competing river districts, is an unreasonable expectation. Colorado will soon have its sustainable State Water, Energy, and Environmental Plan for the foreseeable future with preliminary, NEPA required, scoping evaluations of our state's most promising high altitude multiple river basin pumped-storage projects.

Please forward copies of this completed Arkansas Basin Input Form, CCP PowerPoint disc, and supporting documents to all appointed Colorado Water Conservation Board members, Interbasin Compact Committee members, and Basin Roundtable Chairs. I will forward copies to Governor Hickenlooper, Colorado Legislators and Congressional Delegation, Congressional Resources Committees, federal permitting agencies, western governors, and selected local government, business, education, environmental, and media entities. Thank you. 

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The Pueblo Chieftain

Roundtable fears more farm dry-ups could be in store

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A state water plan that fails to look at every option would put Arkansas Valley farms at risk.

The Arkansas Basin Roundtable wants more emphasis on increasing storage and finding new water supplies in order to stop raids on agricultural supplies.

However, the reluctance of the Western Slope to budge on those issues could doom the Arkansas Valley to more farm dry-ups as Colorado rushes to adopt a water plan.

"It's frustrating as hell," said Jay Winner, the general manager of the Lower Arkansas Valley Water Conservancy District who represents the roundtable on the state Interbasin Compact Committee. "There are five or six people (on the IBCC) who just want to maintain the status quo." Jeris Danielson, general manager of the Purgatoire River Conservancy District and the basin's other IBCC representative, called a draft planning document "polysyllabic piffle" that prevents progress.

"If you read it, it's all slanted to make sure no new projects happen," Danielson said.

Winner suggested that a year like 2011, where snow hit near record levels in the Colorado River basin and drought began in the Arkansas River basin, could have been a starting point for discussions about maximizing use of existing projects.

"It's all a big stall on the Western Slope," Winner said.

Instead, the state has limited discussion of new projects or expanded storage.

Roundtable Chairman Gary Barber said the Flaming Gorge Task Force, a process that involved all of the nine basin roundtables talking about statewide water projects, addressed many of the same issues the state wants to talk about in Gov. John Hickenlooper's proposed water plan.

But that work was stopped short in 2012 by the Colorado Water Conservation Board.

Failing to consider new sources of supply or more storage would only increase pressure on municipal purchases of farm water in the Arkansas Valley, said Jim Broderick, executive director of the Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District. No one disagreed.

"The basin should be saying not one drop, like the Western Slope," said Reeves Brown, a Beulah rancher and Lower Ark board member who has pushed for putting a higher public value on ag water. "We ought to be able to defend our water."

Keeping ag water in the Arkansas Valley also benefits tourism by keeping flows in the river, said Chaffee County Commissioner Dennis Giese.

"We need this river to run through our valley," Giese said. cwo...@chieftain.com



RCR 16

Horseback

Morrison
Divide Ranch

Silver Creek

Dam Site

Proposed Morrison
Creek Reservoir



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To: Colorado Water Conservation Board
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Agriculture in Colorado is of vital importance, providing the economic, social, environmental and cultural basis of our state. Maintaining and expanding the future viability of agriculture in Colorado must be a top priority in the Colorado Water Plan. To that end the members of the Colorado State Farm Service Committee endorses the following principles and values to be incorporated in the Colorado Water Plan (CWP).

- Agricultural water rights in Colorado must be protected and enhanced by the CWP. Agriculture throughout Colorado must be viewed equally.
- Agricultural interests in one part of the state should never be elevated over the agricultural interests in another part of the state.
- Future agricultural needs in Colorado must be considered and planned for in the CWP.
- Under no circumstances should agriculture be penalized for more efficient water use methods.
- Agriculture must be recognized for the stewardship it continues to provide to wildlife and riparian habitat. Open spaces, working landscapes and conservation easements must be protected and enhanced in the CWP.
- Future residential, municipal and industrial water supply projects that incorporate agricultural and non-consumptive water supplies must be prioritized over single or limited use water supply projects. Agriculture water appropriations must be protected from unintended consequences created by other uses and industries.
- The CWP should promote water conservation in each basin to fully utilize the available water supply within each basin before any trans-basin diversions are considered.
- The importance of the non-consumptive benefits should not be underestimated in the CWP. The historic use of agricultural water rights, including traditional flood irrigation, provides a water flow regime that maintains wetlands, recharges alluvial aquifers, augments minimal stream flows and provides late season flows to downstream users. These practices help mitigate environmental concerns, including threatened and endangered species.
- Both water quality and quantity must be protected to support viable agriculture.



Did you know? The Colorado River was originally called the Grand River, but on July 25, 1921 Congress renamed it. On the Colorado River's 93rd birthday, we honor it for serving as the backbone of the West. Our state benefits from a balanced economy, including robust agriculture, recreation, industry, outdoor-service and technology sectors, which are all dependent on healthy rivers. Water is fundamental and indispensable to vibrant economies and healthy communities, anchoring the assets that make Colorado unique and provide our competitive advantages. As we develop the first statewide water plan, we, as elected officials and leaders in the state, call on Governor Hickenlooper and the Colorado Water Conservation Board to tackle our water challenges with solutions that retain the economic value of our rivers. The state plan should:

- Identify investments in and improvements to irrigation infrastructure for **more efficient agricultural water delivery**, irrigation and reuse, and incentivize best practices and strategies to help sustain this foundational industry;
- **Prioritizes municipal conservation**, committing Colorado's growing urban areas to reducing per capita municipal water use by 35 percent by 2050, which is the target set by the State Water Supply Initiative;
- **Prioritizes modernizing and maximizing existing storage** and delivery systems over new diversions that harm our rivers, in-stream flows, wildlife, and recreation economy;
- Recognizes that the **health and viability of our rivers** as natural and economic resources must be prioritized in water policy and management.

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State Senator Irene Aguilar, SD 32

State Senator Michael Johnston, SD 33

State Senator Lucia Guzman, SD 34

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RE: Comments for Colorado Water Plan

To: Colorado Water Conservation Board, Southwest Roundtable, Colorado Roundtable, Yampa/White Roundtable, Rio Grande Roundtable, Metro Roundtable

From: Kate Greenberg, National Young Farmers Coalition, Durango, CO

Date: 7/28/2014

The National Young Farmers Coalition represents a generation of young people in the U.S. and in the above Basins in Colorado who are making farming and ranching viable careers. Among the top barriers to career in farming— along with impossible land prices, access to capital and the aging farmer population— is water. The decisions we make today will determine our ability to produce food, build viable rural communities, and enhance our natural resources in the decades ahead.

Comments Summary

The following summarize the comments of the National Young Farmers Coalition:

- Conservation of urban and agricultural water is the first and best option to meet Colorado's future needs.
- Urban conservation, water education, and land-use planning should be scaled up to reduce pressures on agriculture.
- Agricultural water conservation should be incentivized and pursued locally to account for impacts to producers, downstream users and ecosystem services.
- Land stewardship, including agricultural practices such as soil health management, rotational grazing and conservation tillage, should be elevated as a state-wide priority to empower farmers in efforts which contribute to conservation, fortify the land against uncertainty and enhance productivity.
- Farmers and ranchers should be able to contribute to the health of our streams and rivers rather than face disincentives to conservation.
- Any efforts that permanently remove water from the land must be a last resort and all transfers of water, whether permanent or temporary, should be developed in tandem with strong conservation strategies that plan for the health and productive capacity of the land over time.

- No new transmountain diversions should be included in the states' water plan. Such projects threaten the social, economic and ecological foundation on which rural communities are built. It is irresponsible to serve the benefit of some at the expense of others.

Comments on Section 5.6.1 M&I Water Conservation Water Conservation Recommendations

Foundational Activities

Cities and towns have improved conservation over time but it has not been enough. Foundational practices, including increased land-use planning, that greatly increase urban conservation while reducing pressures on agriculture should be scaled up and adopted across the state. It has been shown in state policy reports, past successes of urban water providers and their plans for the future that per person water use can be reduced at a rate of 1% per year.

Incentives for outdoor water conservation measures

It is a tragic loss when agricultural water is transferred to meet the consumptive use needs of ornamental plants or lawns in urban areas. All land-use planning should prioritize the lowest water-use option, particularly in ornamental consumptive uses (i.e. consumptive uses that do not contribute to food production or significant ecosystem services and whose aesthetic contributions could be matched equally by minimal to no water-use lawns, boulevards and other spaces).

Water Conservation Education and Outreach

"Implement far reaching water conservation education and outreach measures for creating water stewards across different segments of the population." (P.10). Such efforts are commendable, particularly with the goal of cultivating "stewards," and should include great efforts to educate Colorado citizens on the very close connections between their water use and the food we grow.

Partnerships

We agree partnerships and collaboration are essential to effective conservation strategies. As with all recommendations in this draft plan, land and water use decisions should include land and water stewards, managers and/or researchers who can contribute "field-based" knowledge of biology and ecology. Land-use decisions should always be connected to land-based expertise (and not be born solely from the rendering of numbers in far-away places).

Comments on Section 5.6.4 Agricultural Conservation, Efficiency and Reuse General Comments on Agricultural Efficiency

In general, opportunities for agricultural efficiency improvements are many. But uniform efficiency upgrades are not appropriate across all agricultural operations. We support the need for "careful consideration," as stated in this section, prior to making too many agricultural lands highly technologically efficient in order to evaluate the myriad of impacts such changes would make on other values and services (P.25).

We strongly encourage the State and Basin Roundtables to expand the common understanding of efficiency to include the ability of the land to produce overtime and sustain functioning biological systems. As summarized in this section, all Roundtables have cited a need to “improve agricultural efficiency” and/or “modernize critical water infrastructure.” (P.28). On the whole, efficiency improvements are referred to as upgrades in irrigation technology and delivery. But efficiency gains will be largely under-realized if the land is unable to effectively deliver water to the crops; thus, mechanical efficiencies—such as upgrades in delivery systems or irrigation technology—are put to their best use in tandem with appropriate land stewardship practices—such as cover cropping, conservation tillage, and rotational grazing. These practices, when managed properly, increase the moisture holding capacity of the soil, regulate ground temperature, and develop soil structure—a few of the many benefits land stewardship practices provide for water conservation and productivity.

While some mention is made in this section to include on-farm stewardship practices, such as conservation tillage, cover cropping and mulching, the opportunities individual producers have to proactively enhance water efficiency and conservation through improved land health management need to be significantly elevated in the discussion.

Comments on Potential Recommendations

1. We support incentives for on-farm efficiency and conservation opportunities.
2. We commend the inclusion of land stewardship practices that can increase on-farm conservation such as mulching; however, there are many more tools in the toolkit that should be emphasized including conservation tillage, cover cropping, holistic management of grazers, irrigation timing and monitoring, smart technology, etc. In addition to engineers, policy-makers and economists, those who live and work on the land should be included in conservation discussions so as not to miss opportunities that exist within natural processes.
5. “To create incentives for implementing agricultural conservation measures, the cost of these measures could be borne by the beneficiaries of the re-purposed water.” We support cost sharing for efficiency and conservation gains so as to reduce the burden placed on producers.
6. As in #1, we support incentive-based improvements that take into account the scale, region, and other contexts of a given operation(s) in addition to the ecosystem services that operation(s) provides.

Comments on Section 5.7 Alternative Agricultural-to-Urban Transfer Methods

As stated in this section’s first “Background” paragraph, we agree that the “permanent removal of water from agricultural lands will negatively impact our economy, food security, environment and cultural identity.” (1). Buy-and-dry is not the answer.

Interruptible Supply Agreements remain at the will of the water right holder to undertake. While minimizing the amount of fallowed lands should be a priority, if fallowing is to occur

it is critical to plan for what will happen to the land following water removal. Will it be left barren, contributing to dust-on-snow events or the perpetuation of weed seed production? Will it be planted in a single cover crop that reduces erosion but does little to build soil biology or nutrients? Or will it be planted in a diversified and soil-and climate-specific cover crop that will enhance the future productivity of the land while reducing negative consequences of the fallow? These are just a few of the many questions that should be tied to any water transfer.

It is in the interest of all stakeholders, including cities that depend on this resource, to invest in the long-term health of the land—both as a storehouse of water supply, the foundation of rural economies, and for current and future food security. While farmers and ranchers must, of course, remain autonomous, cities should increase their investment and incentives in practices that improve the health and productivity of lands from which they buy water. In addition, impacts to the community and other third parties that land supports need to be thoroughly studied and accounted for.

Lastly, no new transmountain diversions should be part of any basins' or the states' portfolio as such projects will bring down heavy costs upon rural communities—costs rural residents will bare over time as the economic, ecological and social impacts of dewatering a landscape will harm local business, threaten the economic drivers of recreation and tourism and jeopardize rural identities and livelihoods in the short- and long-terms. Likewise, such projects eliminate any opportunity for young people to farm or ranch those lands from which the water was removed.

We should focus our efforts on creative solutions that elevate conservation, stewardship and collaboration and remember to prioritize those values for which there may not be easy numbers but without which our lives as Coloradans would be drastically changed.

Thank you for your time and consideration of public comment. We look forward to continued engagement during the planning process.

Sincerely,

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The National Young Farmers Coalition represents, mobilizes and engages young farmers to ensure their success. We support practices and policies that will sustain young, independent and prosperous farmers now and in the future.

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California Shuts Down Injection Of Fracking Waste To Protect Scarce Water

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California officials have ordered an emergency shut-down of 11 oil and gas waste injection sites and a review more than 100 others in the state's drought-wracked Central Valley out of fear that companies may have been pumping fracking fluids and other toxic waste into drinking water aquifers there.

The state's Division of Oil and Gas and Geothermal Resources on July 7 issued cease and desist orders to seven energy companies warning that they may be injecting their waste into aquifers that could be a source of drinking water, and stating that their waste disposal "poses danger to life, health, property, and natural resources." The orders were [first reported](#) by the Bakersfield Californian, and the state has confirmed with ProPublica that its investigation is expanding to look at additional wells.

The action comes as California's agriculture industry copes with a drought crisis that has emptied reservoirs and cost the state \$2.2 billion this year alone. The lack of water has forced farmers across the state to supplement their water supply from underground aquifers, [according to a study](#) released this week by the University of California Davis.

The problem is that at least 100 of the state's aquifers were presumed to be useless for drinking and farming because the water was either of poor quality, or too deep underground to easily access. Years ago, the state exempted them from environmental protection and allowed the oil and gas industry to intentionally pollute them. But not all aquifers are exempted, and the system amounts to a patchwork of protected and unprotected water resources deep underground. Now, according to the cease and desist orders issued by the state, it appears that at least seven injection wells are likely pumping waste into fresh water aquifers protected by the law, and not other aquifers sacrificed by the state long ago.

"The aquifers in question with respect to the orders that have been issued are not exempt," said Ed Wilson, a spokesperson for the California Department of Conservation in an email.

[A 2012 ProPublica investigation](#) of more than 700,000 injection wells across the country found that wells were often poorly regulated and experienced high rates of failure, outcomes that were likely polluting underground water supplies that are supposed to be protected by federal law. That investigation also disclosed [a little-known program](#) overseen by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency that exempted more than 1,000 other drinking water aquifers from any sort of pollution protection at all, many of them in California.

Those are the aquifers at issue today. The exempted aquifers, according to documents the state filed with the U.S. EPA in 1981 and obtained by ProPublica, were poorly defined and ambiguously outlined. They were often identified by hand-drawn lines on a map, making it difficult to know today exactly which bodies of water were supposed to be protected, and by which aspects of the governing laws. Those exemptions and documents were signed by California Gov. Jerry Brown, who also was governor in 1981.

State officials emphasized to ProPublica that they will now order water testing and monitoring at the injection well sites in question. To date, they said, they have not yet found any of the more regulated aquifers to have been contaminated.

"We do not have any direct evidence any drinking water has been affected," wrote Steve Bohlen, the state oil and gas supervisor, in a statement to ProPublica.

Bohlen said his office was acting "out of an abundance of caution," and a spokesperson said that the state became aware of the problems through a review of facilities it was conducting according to California's fracking law passed late last year, which required the state to study fracking impacts and adopt regulations to address its risks, presumably including underground disposal.

California officials have long been under fire for their injection well practices, a waste disposal program that the state runs according to federal law and under a sort of license — called "primacy" — given to it by the EPA.

For one, experts say that aquifers the states and the EPA once thought would never be needed may soon become important sources of water as the climate changes and technology reduces the cost of pumping it from deep underground and treating it for consumption. Indeed, towns in Wyoming and Texas — two states also suffering long-term droughts — are pumping, treating, then delivering drinking water to taps

from aquifers which would be considered unusable under California state regulations governing the oil and gas industry.

In June 2011, the EPA conducted a review of other aspects of California's injection well program and found enforcement, testing and oversight problems so significant that the agency demanded California improve its regulations and warned that the state's authority could be revoked.

Among the issues, California and the federal government disagree about what type of water is worth protecting in the first place, with California law only protecting a fraction of the waters that the federal Safe Drinking Water Act requires.

The EPA's report, commissioned from outside consultants, also said that California regulators routinely failed to adequately examine the geology around an injection well to ensure that fluids pumped into it would not leak underground and contaminate drinking water aquifers. The report found that state inspectors often allowed injection at pressures that exceeded the capabilities of the wells and thus risked cracking the surrounding rock and spreading contaminants. Several accidents in recent years in California involved injected waste or injected steam leaking back out of abandoned wells, or blowing out of the ground and creating sinkholes, including one 2011 incident that killed an oil worker.

The exemptions and other failings, said Damon Nagami, a senior attorney with the Natural Resources Defense Council in an email, are "especially disturbing" in a state that has been keenly aware of severe water constraints for more than a century and is now suffering from a crippling drought. "Our drinking water sources must be protected and preserved for the precious resources they are, not sacrificed as a garbage dump for the oil and gas industry."

Still, three years after the EPA's report, California has not yet completed its review of its underground injection program, according to state officials. The scrutiny of the wells surrounding Bakersfield may be the start.

Injection Wells
The Hidden Risks of Pumping Waste Underground

Poisoning the Well: How the Feds Let Industry Pollute the Nation's Underground Water Supply



A view of the dry bed of the E.V. Spence Reservoir in Robert Lee, Texas, in October 2011. Records show that environmental officials have granted more than 50 aquifer exemptions for waste disposal and uranium mining in the drought-stricken state. (Calle Richmond/Reuters)

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Federal officials have given energy and mining companies permission to pollute aquifers in more than 1,500 places across the country, releasing toxic material into underground reservoirs that help supply more than half of the nation's drinking water.

In many cases, the Environmental Protection Agency has granted these so-called aquifer exemptions in Western states now stricken by drought and increasingly desperate for water.

EPA records show that portions of at least 100 drinking water aquifers have been written off because exemptions have allowed them to be used as dumping grounds.

"You are sacrificing these aquifers," said Mark Williams, a hydrologist at the University of Colorado and a member of a National Science Foundation team studying the effects of energy development on the environment. "By definition, you are putting pollution into them. ... If you are looking 50 to 100 years down the road, this is not a good way to go."

As part of an investigation into the threat to water supplies [1] from underground injection of waste, ProPublica set out to identify which aquifers have been polluted.

We found the EPA has not even kept track of exactly how many exemptions it has issued, where they are, or whom they might affect.

What records the agency was able to supply under the Freedom of Information Act show that exemptions are often issued in apparent conflict with the EPA's mandate to protect waters that may be used for drinking.

Though hundreds of exemptions are for lower-quality water of questionable use, many allow grantees to contaminate water so pure it would barely need filtration, or that is treatable using modern technology.

The EPA is only supposed to issue exemptions if aquifers are too remote, too dirty, or too deep to supply affordable drinking water. Applicants must persuade the government that the water is not being used as drinking water and that it never will be.

Sometimes, however, the agency has issued permits for portions of reservoirs that are in use, assuming contaminants will stay within the finite area exempted.

In Wyoming, people are drawing on the same water source for drinking, irrigation and livestock that, about a mile away, is being fouled with federal permission. In Texas, EPA officials are evaluating an exemption for a uranium mine — already approved by the state — even though numerous homes draw water from just outside the underground boundaries outlined in the mining company's application.

The EPA declined repeated requests for interviews for this story, but sent a written response saying exemptions have been issued responsibly, under a process that ensures contaminants remain confined.

"Aquifer Exemptions identify those waters that do not currently serve as a source of drinking water and will not serve as a source of drinking water in the future and, thus, do not need to be protected," an EPA spokesperson wrote in an email statement. "The process of exempting aquifers includes steps that minimize the possibility that future drinking water supplies are endangered."

Yet EPA officials say the agency has quietly assembled an unofficial internal task force to re-evaluate its aquifer exemption policies. The agency's spokesperson declined to give details on the group's work, but insiders say it is attempting to inventory exemptions and to determine whether aquifers should go unprotected in the future, with the value of water rising along with demand for exemptions closer to areas where people live.

Advances in geological sciences [2] have deepened regulators' concerns about exemptions, challenging the notion that waste injected underground will stay inside the tightly drawn boundaries of the exempted areas.

"What they don't often consider is whether that waste will flow outside that zone of influence over time, and there is no doubt that it will," said Mike Wireman, a senior hydrologist with the EPA who has worked with the World Bank on global water supply issues. "Over decades, that water could discharge into a stream. It could seep into a well. If you are a rancher out there and you want to put a well in, it's difficult to find out if there is an exempted aquifer underneath your property."

Aquifer exemptions are a little-known aspect of the government's Underground Injection Control program [2], which is designed to protect water supplies [3] from the underground disposal of waste.

The Safe Drinking Water Act explicitly prohibits injection into a source of drinking water, and requires precautions to ensure that oil and gas and disposal wells that run through them are carefully engineered not to leak.

Areas covered by exemptions are stripped of some of these protections, however. Waste can be discarded into them freely, and wells that run through them need not meet all standards used to prevent pollution. In many cases, no water monitoring or long-term study is required.

The recent surge in domestic drilling and rush for uranium has brought a spike in exemption applications, as well as political pressure not to block or delay them, EPA officials told ProPublica.

"The energy policy in the U.S is keeping this from happening because right now nobody — *nobody* — wants to interfere with the development of oil and gas or uranium," said a senior EPA employee who declined to be identified because of the sensitivity of the subject. "The political pressure is huge not to slow that down."

Many of the exemption permits, records show, have been issued in regions where water is needed most and where intense political debates are underway to decide how to fairly allocate limited water resources.

In drought-stricken Texas, communities are looking to treat brackish aquifers [4] beneath the surface because they have run out of better options and several cities, including San Antonio and El Paso, are considering whether to build new desalinization plants for as much as \$100 million apiece.

And yet environmental officials have granted more than 50 exemptions for waste disposal and uranium mining in Texas, records show. The most recent was issued in September.

The Texas Railroad Commission, the state agency that regulates oil and gas drilling, said it issued additional exemptions, covering large swaths of aquifers underlying the state, when it brought its rules into compliance with the federal Safe Drinking Water Act in 1982. This was in large part because officials viewed them as oil reservoirs and thought they were already contaminated. But it is unclear where, and how extensive, those exemptions are.

EPA "Region VI received a road map — yes, the kind they used to give free at gas stations — with the aquifers delineated, with no detail on depth," said Mario Salazar, a former EPA project engineer who worked with the underground injection program for 25 years and oversaw the approval of Texas' program, in an email.

In California, where nearly half of the nation's fruits and vegetables are grown with water from as far away as the Colorado River, the perennially cash-strapped state's governor is proposing to spend \$14 billion to divert more of the Sacramento River from the north to the south. Near Bakersfield, a private project is underway to build a water bank, essentially an artificial aquifer.

Still, more than 100 exemptions for natural aquifers have been granted in California, some to dispose of drilling and fracking waste in the

state's driest parts. Though most date back to the 1980s, the most recent exemption was approved in 2009 in Kern County, an agricultural heartland that is the epicenter of some of the state's most volatile rivalries over water.

The balance is even more delicate in Colorado. Growth in the Denver metro area has been stubbornly restrained not by available land, but by the limits of aquifers that have been drawn down by as much as 300 vertical feet. Much of Eastern Colorado's water has long been piped underneath the Continental Divide and, until recently, the region was mulling a \$3 billion plan to build a pipeline to bring water hundreds of miles from western Wyoming.

Along with Wyoming, Montana and Utah, however, Colorado has sacrificed more of its aquifer resources than any other part of the country.

More than 1,100 aquifer exemptions have been approved by the EPA's Rocky Mountain regional office, according to a list the agency provided to ProPublica. Many of them are relatively shallow and some are in the same geologic formations containing aquifers relied on by Denver metro residents, though the boundaries are several hundred miles away. More than a dozen exemptions are in waters that might not even need to be treated in order to drink.

"It's short-sighted," said Tom Curtis, the deputy executive director of the American Water Works Association, an international non-governmental drinking water organization. "It's something that future generations may question."

To the resource industries, aquifer exemptions are essential. Oil and gas drilling waste has to go somewhere and in certain parts of the country, there are few alternatives to injecting it into porous rock that also contains water, drilling companies say. In many places, the same layers of rock that contain oil or gas also contain water, and that water is likely to already contain pollutants such as benzene from the natural hydrocarbons within it.

Similarly, the uranium mining industry works by prompting chemical reactions that separate out minerals within the aquifers themselves; the mining can't happen without the pollution.

When regulations governing waste injection were written in the 1980s to protect underground water reserves, industry sought the exemptions as a compromise. The intent was to acknowledge that many deep waters might not be worth protecting even though they technically met the definition of drinking water.

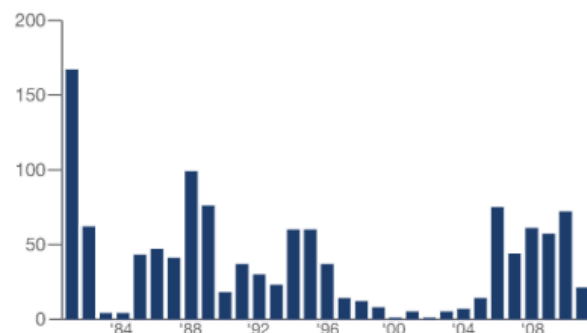
"The concept of aquifer exemptions was something that we 'invented' to address comments when the regulations were first proposed," Salazar, the former EPA official, said. "There was never the intention to exempt aquifers just because they could contain, or would obviate, the development of a resource. Water was the resource that would be protected above all."

Since then, however, approving exemptions has become the norm. In an email, the EPA said that some exemption applications had been denied, but provided no details about how many or which ones. State regulators in Texas and Wyoming could not recall a single application that had been turned down and industry representatives said they had come to expect swift approval.

"Historically they have been fairly routinely granting aquifer exemptions," said Richard Clement, the chief executive of Powertech Uranium, which is currently seeking permits for new mining in South Dakota. "There has never been a case that I'm aware of that it has not been done."

Aquifer Exemptions Granted

The aquifer exemptions approved by the EPA each year are according to a partial list of approvals provided to ProPublica by the agency in response to a FOIA request.



Source: Environmental Protection Agency

In 1981, shortly after the first exemption rules were set, the EPA lowered the bar for exemptions [5] as part of settling a lawsuit filed by the American Petroleum Institute. Since then, the agency has issued permits for water not "reasonably expected" to be used for drinking. The original language allowed exemptions only for water that could never be used.

Oil companies have been the biggest users of aquifer exemptions by far. Most are held by smaller, independent companies, but Chevron, America's second-largest oil company, holds at least 28 aquifer exemptions. Exxon holds at least 14. In Wyoming, the Canadian oil giant EnCana, currently embroiled in an investigation of water contamination related to fracking in the town of Pavillion [6], has been allowed to inject into aquifers at 38 sites.

Once an exemption is issued, it's all but permanent; none have ever been reversed. Permits dictate how much material [7] companies can inject and where, but impose little or no obligations to protect the surrounding water if it has been exempted. The EPA and state environmental agencies require applicants to assess the quality of reservoirs and to do some basic modeling to

show where contaminants should end up. But in most cases there is no obligation, for example, to track what has been put into the earth or — except in the case of the uranium mines — to monitor where it does end up.

The biggest problem now, experts say, is that the EPA's criteria for evaluating applications are outdated. The rules — last revised nearly

three decades ago — haven't adapted to improving water treatment technology and don't reflect the changing value and scarcity of fresh water.

Aquifers once considered unusable can now be processed for drinking water at a reasonable price.

The law defines an underground source of drinking water as any water that has less than 10,000 parts per million of what are called Total Dissolved Solids, a standard measure of water quality, but historically, water with more than 3,000 TDS has been dismissed as too poor for drinking. It also has been taken for granted that, in most places, the deeper the aquifer — say, below about 2,000 feet — the higher the TDS and the less salvageable the water.

Yet today, Texas towns are treating water that has as high as 4,000 TDS and a Wyoming town is pumping from 8,500 feet deep, thousands of feet below aquifers that the EPA has determined were too far underground to ever produce useable water.

"You can just about treat anything nowadays," said Jorge Arroyo, an engineer and director of innovative water technologies at the Texas Water Development Board, which advises the state on groundwater management. Arroyo said he was unaware that so many Texas aquifers had been exempted, and that it would be feasible to treat many of them. Regarding the exemptions, he said, "With the advent of technology to treat some of this water, I think this is a prudent time to reconsider whether we allow them."

Now, as commercial crops wilt in the dry heat and winds rip the dust loose from American prairies, questions are mounting about whether the EPA should continue to grant exemptions going forward.

"Unless someone can build a clear case that this water cannot be used — we need to keep our groundwater clean," said Al Armendariz, a former regional administrator for the EPA's South Central region who now works with the Sierra Club. "We shouldn't be exempting aquifers unless we have no other choice. We should only exempt the aquifer if we are sure we are never going to use the water again."

Still, skeptics say fewer exemptions are unlikely, despite rising concern about them within the EPA, as the demand for space underground continues to grow. Long-term plans to slow climate change and clean up coal by sequestering carbon dioxide underground, for example, could further endanger aquifers, causing chemical reactions that lead to water contamination.

"Everyone wants clean water and everyone wants clean energy," said Richard Healy, a geologist with the U.S. Geological Survey whose work is focused on the nexus of energy production and water. "Energy development can occur very quickly because there is a lot of money involved. Environmental studies take longer."

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Study: Colorado River Basin drying up faster than previously thought

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The Colorado River supplies water to seven states and about 40 million people. (Graphic: U.S. Bureau of Reclamation)

Seven Western states that rely on the Colorado River Basin for valuable water are drawing more heavily from groundwater supplies than previously believed, a new study finds, the latest indication that an historic drought is threatening the region's future access to water.

In the past nine years, the basin — which covers Wyoming, Colorado, Utah, New Mexico, Nevada,

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Arizona and California — has lost about 65 cubic kilometers of fresh water, nearly double the volume of the country's largest reservoir, Lake Mead. That figure surprised the study's authors, who used data from a NASA weather satellite to investigate groundwater supplies.

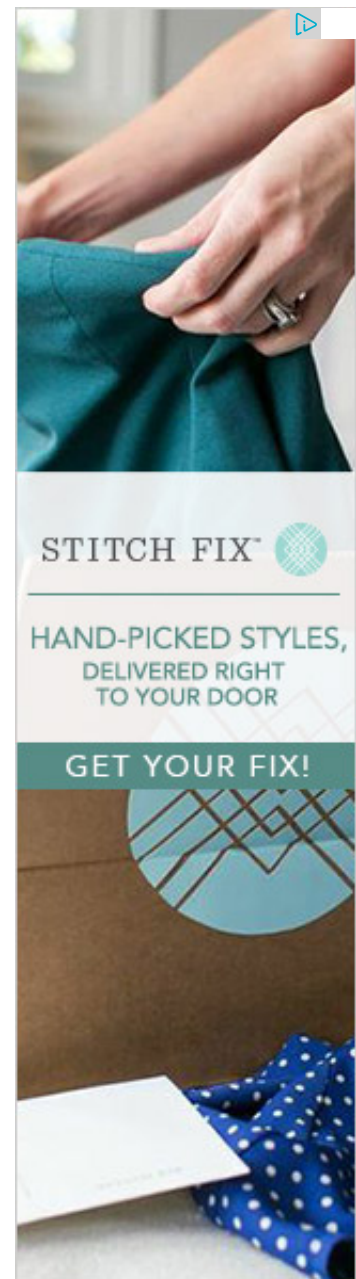
About two-thirds of the water lost over the past nine years came from underground water supplies, rather than surface water.

“We were shocked to see how much water was actually depleted underground,” Stephanie Castle, a water specialist at the University of California at Irvine and lead author of [the report](#), said in an interview.

While surface water in the Colorado River Basin is closely regulated by the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, states are left to regulate groundwater on their own. Some states, like California, have no groundwater management rules; others, like Arizona, have gone so far as to transfer surface water from the Colorado River into underground aquifers for later use.

The Bureau of Reclamation allocates water in strict proportions to each of the seven states within the basin, where 40 million people rely on the Colorado River.

Those allocations have gotten smaller as drought has



swept the West over the past 14 years. Lake Mead is at its lowest level since it was created, after construction of the Hoover Dam in the 1930s, leaving a “bathtub ring” around the lake. Most years, every drop of water is pumped out of the Colorado River before it empties into the Gulf of California.

But what surprised scientists was how much groundwater had been making up the difference. More than three quarters of the water lost over the past decade came from underground. Groundwater doesn’t replenish as quickly as surface water, which comes from rain and snow, and the heavier-than-expected usage is straining already limited resources.

“You get a wet year, you get some precipitation, and those reservoirs can fill right back up,” Castle said. “It can take years, or hundreds of years, to refill groundwater basins.”

Scientists at U.C.-Irvine, the California Institute of Technology, the National Center for Atmospheric Research and NASA observed surface and groundwater levels using the Gravity Recovery and Climate Experiment satellite.

The authors conclude federal officials allocated 30 percent more water from the Colorado River than was actually available. The gaps were made up by groundwater. Across Western states, the farmers and

urban areas that rely on groundwater are already seeing declining water tables, an indication that supply is running low. And while federal officials work to keep water levels high enough at reservoirs like Lake Mead and Lake Powell, in Arizona, to generate power, there is no similar strategy in place to husband groundwater supplies.

Climate change and pressures wrought by booming populations in cities like Denver, Phoenix, Los Angeles and San Diego will only stress water supplies more in the coming decades, the study concluded. Those stresses will mean reservoir storage won't be enough to quench the region's thirst, putting even more pressure on underground supplies.

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“We really don't know how much water is down there. We've already depleted a lot of it. There could be more, but when we have to start to dig deeper to access it, that's a bad sign,” Castle said. “If [ground water basins] continue to be depleted, they don't come back up.”

The report will be published in a forthcoming issue of Geophysical Research Letters, the journal of the American Geophysical Union.

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Colorado's State Water Plan White Paper – Reuse

The Gap

Colorado faces a challenge in determining how to meet the future water demands of a rapidly growing population. Many stakeholders, with assistance from the State, have expended significant time and thought into how to solve this challenge – work remains ongoing and will continue into the future. Meeting our State's urban "gap" will require water providers to decrease demands, increase supply¹, and use supplies more effectively.

Our inability to control the climate, precipitation, or the decisions of all water actors should result in an immediate and long-term focus on fully optimizing supplies through reuse as allowed under Colorado law. In addition to reuse through exchanges, reuse projects in which water is physically captured and returned to distribution systems are rapidly becoming a preferable and viable option and are representative of the type of solution that is needed to manage our urban water supplies in an uncertain future.

The Colorado State Water Plan should acknowledge reuse as an attractive and viable alternative to be considered by all water users as alternative strategies are compared. Incentives to promote the full and effective utilization of reusable water supplies should be accompanied with regulatory and financial support.

The Goal

The Governor and the Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB) can provide critical leadership in the Colorado Water Plan by setting a **goal of promoting the full and effective reuse of municipal supplies and by initiating a reuse planning process** to determine the most effective way to achieve that goal. Reuse by individual communities is important, but regional and intergovernmental opportunities on a watershed basis are likely to provide the greatest value as partnerships share costs and infrastructure and increase flexibility in making water available when and where it's needed.

Evaluating reuse opportunities will be a complex undertaking. Given the importance of understanding and comparing supply alternatives for their ability to help meet the M&I "gap," developing a Colorado reuse plan should be a priority and targeted for completion by December 2015. This will require the state to quickly prioritize the development of a reuse plan, dedicating sufficient financial and staff resources, and acquiring consultant assistance. At the same time, Basin Implementation Plans should include an evaluation of reuse opportunities associated with all existing and potential supplies and projects (for example, for the IPPs in Table 2).

Other states' planning processes can provide useful examples to aid Colorado in moving forward. As the May 16th draft of Chapter 5.6.2 of the Colorado Water Plan notes, significant headway on reuse is being made in California as a result of statewide reuse goals and legislation. Oklahoma's Water for 2060

¹ Healthy, flowing rivers and streams are integral to sustaining the Colorado we all value. New supplies must be developed in ways that don't harm, and may enhance, streamflows.

legislation sets a goal of no additional fresh water use statewide in 2060 than in 2012 with that goal being achieved through conservation, efficiency and reuse. An Advisory Council is charged with recommending programs and incentives toward meeting those goals to the Governor and Legislature by late 2015. In Arizona the Governor appointed a Blue Ribbon Panel on water sustainability to improve the long term sustainability of Arizona's water supplies through increased conservation and recycling. The Panel initially focused on increasing reuse through detailed examinations of water quality, regulatory, infrastructure and public acceptance challenges

Reusable Supplies and Means of Reuse

Colorado's Appropriation Doctrine allows for specific water sources to be reused, though successive reuse of many return flows by downstream water users occurs regularly. Reusable supplies typically include most transbasin imports, the consumptive use portion of transferred water rights² (usually from agriculture), non-tributary groundwater, and native supplies with reuse decreed (typically newer rights).

Reuse may occur in a variety of ways. The exchange of reusable return flows with downstream water users is common and historically has been an effective means of reuse. However, as streamflows become fully appropriated, the ability to develop new exchanges is greatly limited. Lack of integrated delivery infrastructure also limits exchange opportunities. Direct reuse occurs when utilities capture reusable returns flows and return them to their water system for appropriate treatment and distribution, as in Denver Water's non-potable reclaimed water system³, for example. Indirect reuse occurs when return flows are routed through an "environmental barrier" (a stream or river) before being recaptured, treated appropriately, often blended with other supplies, and distributed. Recycled water can be used for potable uses or non-potable uses, such as irrigation and industrial processes. Colorado has potable indirect reuse projects in place with Aurora's Prairie Waters Project⁴ being perhaps the best known example of this. All direct use projects in the state are currently for non-potable uses only. However, indirect potable reuse is common, with municipalities throughout the state diverting upstream water providers' return flows. With proper treatment and monitoring – especially looking to the future – direct potable reuse is a highly likely approach to addressing the gap.

How to Achieve the Goal

Fully optimizing reuse of municipal supplies will require a reuse plan, with at least three sub-elements that: (1) quantify opportunities; (2) evaluate all reuse options; and (3) chart a path forward. Public education and awareness will be critically important to gaining further support especially when compared to other strategies.

Develop a State Reuse Plan

Our water supplies are an extremely precious resource and we need to ensure we are efficient and effective in our use of them. Maximizing reuse potential will require creative, collaborative approaches that utilize shared infrastructure and foster institutional change. This effort will necessitate close coordination and a transparent partnership between state agencies, water providers, the reuse

²Only the portion of a transferred water right that was historically consumed can be reused to ensure that historical return flows are maintained and that other water users are not injured.

³ <http://www.denverwater.org/WaterQuality/RecycledWater/>

⁴ <https://www.auroragov.org/LivingHere/Water/WaterSystem/PrairieWaters/index.htm>

community, and the general public. The media will play a critical role in delivering appropriate messages and characterizations of all future water projects and programs, especially with the larger scale for reuse potential that will be considered going forward. A state planning process focused on developing a comprehensive understanding of reuse potential, obstacles, as well as the means to overcome those will move us towards our goal. Basin Implementation Plans can begin laying the groundwork by clearly identifying reusable supplies associated with existing and planned and potential supplies and projects.

Reuse opportunities should be evaluated alongside other potential supplies to identify coincident benefits as well as tradeoffs, costs, reliability, public concerns, and other issues. We should also evaluate how the state can facilitate and incentivize progress, for example, exploring various funding sources and regulatory reform to support reuse projects and education and communication necessary to achieve public acceptance.

Evaluate All Reuse Options

All means of reuse need to be considered and potable reuse needs to grow as a viable option, especially looking towards the future. Non-potable reuse is important in stretching supplies but insufficient demand, especially in the non-irrigation season, can constrain the development potential for outdoor water programs. Non-potable uses also require separate delivery infrastructure because water isn't treated to drinking water quality. This can be very expensive and is severely limited for application to existing developments where new infrastructure is required. When water is treated to potable quality, a tremendous benefit is that it can be delivered through one set of delivery infrastructure to all customers in all seasons and managed as one with other supplies. Whether direct or indirect potable reuse, such an approach requires intensive and effective monitoring to ensure public safety of drinking water supplies.

Regional reuse projects may provide the greatest value. Such projects could take many forms. A Colorado Reuse Plan could consider partnerships, such as WISE, or even the feasibility of a regional water supply institution. Shared infrastructure to maximize reuse yields should be evaluated, possibly including, but not limited to gravel pit regulating storage, reservoir peak carryover storage, regional pump back systems, and water treatment and distribution systems.

Accurately Quantify Opportunities

It's critical that reasonable and realistic projections be developed when quantifying the "gap" and potential reuse water supply project yields. A key element is that when water is reused to extinction through successive reuse one acre-foot of reusable supply has the potential to be extended to include an additional acre-foot of reuse.⁵ Additionally a long list of supplies *may* be reusable: new water from growth into existing re-usable supplies, transferred agricultural consumptive use from purchases and dedications of agricultural supplies (including the urbanization of agricultural lands), alternative agriculture transfers (ATMs), new transbasin diversions, non-tributary groundwater, and native supplies with decreed reuse. The CWCB Portfolio Tool, developed as part of the 2010 Statewide Water Supply Initiative (SWSI), identifies a variety of reuse Identified Projects and Processes (IPPs, Table 1). The Portfolio Tool also includes numerous others IPPs that would have **additional** reuse potential (Table 2) as each is based at

⁵ Colorado Springs Utilities and the Pueblo Board of Water Works are examples of water providers that successfully realize one acre-foot of reuse for every acre-foot of reusable supply, doubling the effectiveness of these supplies.

least in part on reusable supplies. When we consider reuse from these and existing supplies, it's clear that significant reuse opportunities exist, especially in the Arkansas and South Platte River Basins.

Utilities' water conservation plans, water master plans, and similar documents often provide useful provider-specific information, but a compilation of regional data is needed. Examining the Front Range Denver Metro region, the *1999 Metropolitan Water Supply Investigation*⁶ (MWSI) estimated future reusable return flows totaling 268,000 AFY, with plans by communities to reuse approximately 186,000 AFY through exchange, direct, and indirect reuse. However, the MWSI report is more than 15 years old so estimates must be updated to reflect current reuse supplies, plans, and potential. A 2012 report by Western Resource Advocates (WRA), Trout Unlimited, and the Colorado Environmental Coalition⁷ estimated municipal reuse in the Arkansas basin could increase to a total of 46,500 AFY and additional projects are currently being evaluated or developed.

Work needs to be done to update reuse IPPs. For example, the WISE (Water Infrastructure and Supply Efficiency) partnership needs to be clearly identified. This project would utilize Aurora Water's Prairie Waters Project infrastructure to also deliver reusable supplies to Denver and, when excess supplies are available, to ten Douglas County entities to help reduce their reliance on nonrenewable groundwater. WISE is estimated to provide up to 60,000 AFY on average at build out for South Metro entities and about 15,000 AFY of dry year supplies for Denver Water upon project completion.⁸ Similarly, the Colorado River Cooperative Agreement (CRCA), signed in the fall of 2013, states that "Denver Water will fully construct its recycled water system with the capacity to provide 17,500 acre-feet annually..." The CRCA includes 10,000 AFY of additional reuse or conservation by Denver Water and estimates that Denver Water's exchanges will increase by 21,700 AFY on average.

Facilitate Progress

The mention of water reuse often prompts a list of reasons why such projects are difficult to implement, but all new water supplies come with complex challenges. Rather than being deterred by such hurdles, we should instead determine what needs to be done to overcome them. Funding, technical assistance, political support and public acceptance will be essential.

A wealth of resources exists to aid in making progress. In Colorado we have *WateReuse Colorado* and the *RMSAWWA/RMWEA Joint Reuse Committee* (Rocky Mountain Section American Water Works Association/Rocky Mountain Water Environment Association. These include reuse professionals (utilities, consultants, researchers, and others), many of whom already have reuse programs in place. These same organizations also have national associations focused on increasing the viability and acceptability of water reuse. Tremendous resources are being invested in research in treatment technologies (much focused on potable reuse), energy use, cost benefit analyses, social research, and much more.

The State can help incentivize reuse projects by exploring funding options from the Water Supply Reserve Account, other CWCB funds, and/or the Colorado Water Resources and Power Development Authority to

⁶ Hydrosphere Resource Consultants, 1999. Metropolitan Water Supply Investigation Final Report. To the Colorado Water Conservation Board. January, 1999.

⁷ Western Resource Advocates, et al., 2012. Filling the Gap: Meeting Future Urban Water Needs in the Arkansas Basin, March 2012. <http://westernresourceadvocates.org/water/fillingthegap/FillingTheGapArkansas-Final.pdf>

⁸ <http://www.denverwater.org/SupplyPlanning/WaterSupplyProjects/WISE/> accessed on April 17, 2014.

incorporate grant/loan combinations or lower interest rates for reuse projects. Bureau of Reclamation Title XVI and other reuse specific funding opportunities should also be investigated.

We can increase education and outreach to water providers, planners, the public, and others about the important role that reuse can and does play in meeting water needs in our state. Educating people about the hydrologic cycle, the strict regulatory environment in which recycled water treatment and use occurs, and the incidental potable reuse that takes place every day, will go a long way towards increasing acceptance of reuse, especially direct potable reuse.

In Conclusion

Strong leadership and state initiated reuse-specific planning is necessary to meet the goal of fully optimizing reuse potential. We must better understand reuse opportunities, develop political support, and pursue collaborative, creating thinking. Reuse is a valuable supply alternative, increasing yields from new and existing supplies, and is one of the most resilient water resources available to us, even under uncertain climate and hydrologic conditions.

It is recommended that more descriptive reuse projects and programs be identified by the Basin Roundtables and stakeholder groups so the concepts introduced in this White Paper can be considered by legislators and the interested public. Those concepts should be developed to a level where the primary infrastructure and operating conditions are represented along with an initial assessment of the environmental, social and economic attributes of the proposal. In that way, the reuse proposals can be more readily compared against other water supply approaches.

Table 1: Reuse IPPs from the CWCBC Portfolio Tool

Basin	Project	Yield (acre-feet/year)		
		Low	Medium	High
Arkansas	El Paso County Water Authority Reuse	2,500	2,500	2,500
Arkansas	Pueblo BWW Reuse Plan	21,000	25,000	30,000
Colorado	City of Aspen - Golf course reuse/West Aspen Reclaimed Project	540	540	540
Metro	City of Aurora - Prairie Waters	4,900	6,900	9,700
Metro	City of Thornton - Recapture and exchange with gravel lakes	1,000	1,200	1,500
Metro	City of Brighton - recapture and exchange	2,000	2,200	2,900
Metro	Town of Castle Rock - Reuse of existing firm yield	1,900	1,900	1,900
Metro	ECCV - Northern Project	3,700	3,900	4,500
Metro	City of Northglenn - Existing reuse plan	450	500	650
South Platte	Erie - Reclaimed water	3,700	3,800	4,300
South Platte	City of Longmont - Union pumpback	1,800	2,100	3,000
TOTAL		43,490	50,540	61,490

Table 2: IPPs with Reuse Potential from the CWCB Portfolio Tool

Basin	Project Type*	Project	Yield (acre-feet/year)		
			Low	Medium	High
South Platte	Agricultural Transfers	City of Longmont - Water rights dedication policy	3,800	3,900	4,200
South Platte	Agricultural Transfers	City of Greeley - Acquisition of Poudre ag rights	9,000	9,000	9,000
South Platte	Agricultural Transfers	Other South Platte Ag Transfer Projects - Northern	6,100	6,400	7,300
South Platte	Firming Transbasin Rights	Various Participants - Windy Gap Firming Project	18,000	19,000	21,000
Metro	Agricultural Transfers	City of Brighton - Ag transfers (well aug), SPlatte & Beebe	2,200	2,500	3,200
Metro	Agricultural Transfers	Other Metro Ag Transfer Projects - Denver Metro	12,000	14,000	19,000
Metro	Agricultural Transfers	Other Metro Ag Transfer Projects - South Metro	5,100	7,100	9,600
Metro	Agricultural Transfers	City of Northglenn - Clear Creek ag rights	300	350	450
Metro	Agricultural Transfers	City of Arvada - Clear Creek ag rights	500	600	700
Metro	Firming Transbasin Rights	City and County of Broomfield - Windy Gap Firming Project	3,500	3,800	4,800
Metro	New Transbasin Project	City of Aurora - Eagle River Project	3,200	4,500	6,300
Metro	New Transbasin Project	Denver Water - Total Share of Moffat Collection System	8,700	10,000	14,000
Metro	New Transbasin Project	City of Arvada - Moffat Collection System Project	1,400	1,800	2,200
Arkansas	Agricultural Transfers	Pueblo BWW acquiring shares in Bessemer Ditch.	5,000	6,200	7,200
Arkansas	Agricultural Transfers	Other Arkansas Ag Transfer Projects - Upper Arkansas	3,600	3,600	3,600
Arkansas	Agricultural Transfers	Other Arkansas Ag Transfer Projects -Southwestern	620	620	620
Arkansas	Firming Transbasin Rights	Eagle River Joint Use Project	5,500	5,500	5,500
Arkansas	Firming Transbasin Rights	Arkansas Valley Conduit	1,800	2,500	3,400
Arkansas	Firming Transbasin Rights	Other Arkansas Firming Transbasin Projects - Upper	3,600	3,600	3,600

*Additionally, “Firming In-Basin Rights”, “Growth Into Existing Supplies”, and “Regional In-Basin Project” project types should be evaluated to determine if sources include reusable water supplies.

August 20, 2014

Dear James Eklund and CWCB Board:

This letter provides a summary for your records of online comments submitted on the water plan from 7,000+ Colorado residents since June 21st, 2014. These concerned Colorado residents participated through an online alert generated by WaterforColorado.org in order to facilitate comments from the public on the state water plan. Each one of them took time from their busy day to read the information, make a conscious decision to send an email to you, and become engaged in the water plan process. We hope you recognize the value of this participation from people you may normally not hear from on water issues.

The text of the original message signed by over 7,000+ Colorado residents reads:

To: Director Eklund

Gov. Hickenlooper has said that "every discussion about water should begin with conservation," and I could not agree more. Water is our most precious natural resource and we must take steps now to protect and preserve it in a way that will benefit Colorado's rivers, wildlife, recreation, agriculture, businesses and residents.

As you oversee the creation of a plan to meet our future water needs, I urge you to prioritize the following goals:

1. Keep Colorado's rivers healthy and flowing. Colorado's rivers are an integral part of our unique heritage and way of life. Rivers support our wildlife, agriculture, and a multi-billion dollar tourism industry. Protecting and restoring our rivers must be a top priority.
2. Increase and prioritize efficiency and conservation. Finding ways to reduce our water usage is crucial to our ability to meet our growing water needs. State studies have shown that water providers will need to reduce current water use by 35% by 2050 in order to meet our future demands. Expand conservation incentives, increase indoor and outdoor efficiency and support recycling programs.
3. Modernize agricultural and water sharing practices. The state should support voluntary, compensated, and flexible water-sharing agreements between agricultural producers and growing communities while respecting their water rights, as well as incentives to improve agricultural infrastructure that benefits operations and rivers.

4. Avoid new, large, trans-mountain water diversion projects. Trans-mountain diversion projects that drain water from West Slope rivers to supply growing Front Range demands are controversial, costly and damaging. Prioritize conservation and reuse so we can make every drop count and avoid the need for these projects.

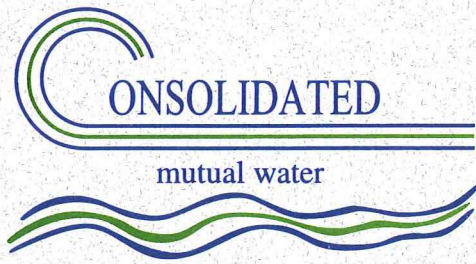
Thank you for helping to keep these four goals at the forefront of Colorado's water plan drafting process.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide this summary of the comments from citizens across Colorado concerned about the future of water in our state.

If you need any additional information, or full file of the signers, please call 303-477-0972 or email sue@rivercampaign.org.

Sincerely,

WaterforColorado.org Team



August 20, 2014

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Re: Comments on Development of Colorado's State Water Plan

Dear Mr. Eklund:

As you may be aware, a number of water users throughout the state have recently engaged in policy-discussions and correspondence with Governor John Hickenlooper, Dick Wolfe, State Engineer, Mike King, Executive Director of the Department of Natural Resources, John Stulp, Chairman of the Interbasin Compact Committee, and other various water leaders throughout the state. These discussions have specifically focused on the recent legal positions taken by the State Engineer Office ("SEO") in Water Court cases and the resulting policy impacts. This letter serves to apprise you and the CWCB of these discussions in the context of the Colorado State Water Plan, and to also present general comments of The Consolidated Mutual Water Company ("Consolidated Mutual") and Agricultural Ditch and Reservoir Company/Golden Canal and Reservoir Company ("Agricultural Ditch") to the draft Plan.

Constituency Represented

Consolidated Mutual is a non-profit corporation of the State of Colorado that owns and operates a municipal water supply system for the benefit of its shareholders and customers. It maintains a portfolio of water rights for supplying its system, including both changed agricultural rights and newer municipal appropriations. Prudent management of these rights requires successive changes of previously quantified water rights to incorporate these water yields into an evolving and developing municipal supply system. The Agricultural Ditch is a non-profit company that maintains an extensive ditch and reservoir system for supplying agricultural, industrial and municipal water users in the western Denver metropolitan area. Agricultural use of water under this system has steadily declined due to urbanization within its service area, making agricultural production under the system less important in economic terms when compared to other areas of the state where irrigated agriculture predominates.

Background

As is readily apparent to Consolidated Mutual and many others, Colorado is at the beginning of a new era of water law in that many originally decreed irrigation water rights with senior priorities, and therefore with reliable water yields, have already been changed and quantified for a new place or type of use and now must be adjudicated by the water courts again to authorize some different aspect of the use such as point of diversion or place of use. Thus, Consolidated Mutual and the Agricultural Ditch's concerns contained here do not address any specific Basin Implementation Plan or proposed project thereunder, but address the State's evolving policies regarding administration and adjudication of water rights. Because some draft sections have not yet been released, we hope you will consider these comments in the drafting of Section 6 of the State Water Plan, titled "Alignment of State Resources and Policies."

The explicit goals sought to be achieved by the creation of the State Water Plan are (1) vibrant and sustainable cities, (2) viable and productive agriculture, (3) a robust recreation and tourism industry, and (4) a thriving environment that includes healthy watersheds, rivers, streams, and wildlife. Aligning Colorado's water resources and policies means coordination and recognition of all of the above goals in the State Water Plan. As the very consideration of a State Water Plan implies, Colorado is facing new challenges and conflicts between varying interests which require looking beyond the specific details of any one water right or water user to the greater hydrologic, legal and practical impacts of any policies adopted by such a Plan.

The SEO's Current Policy

The SEO's policy recently has focused on requiring requantification of individual senior water rights (especially senior rights that have been quantified by the water courts) and basing this policy on a perceived need to protect junior or yet unappropriated water rights. This policy results in decreases in the consumptive use yield of senior rights that have been previously quantified and which yields are relied upon by municipalities and industries as their bases of supply. The SEO has determined to follow this aggressive path in water court adjudications rather than relying on the statutory precepts of abandonment.¹ The SEO's policy has, in effect, imposed a policy in favor of forfeiture of established senior water rights – forcing any entity wishing to make adjustments in its water supply infrastructure to absorb a decrease in the yield of its water rights. The SEO policy has shifted emphasis from ensuring administrability² to aggressively diminishing yields and exacerbating the phenomenon of "buy and dry" of additional agricultural water rights. The effect of this policy causes a continual decrease in the most senior water rights in use and makes Colorado more vulnerable to interstate compact calls.

¹ The State Engineer's Office is required to maintain a decennial abandonment list of all water rights that it believes have been abandoned through nonuse and intent not to use the same. §37-92-401, C.R.S.

² "The state engineer shall be responsible for the administration and distribution of the waters of the state..." §37-92-301(1), C.R.S. The Colorado Supreme Court has also pronounced that the state engineers must administer decreed priorities only and should have "no concern" for unappropriated waters. *Fort Morgan Reservoir & Irrigation, Co. v. McCune*, 206 P. 393 (Colo. 1922).

Comment 1: Avoiding Unnecessary Buy and Dry

The policy of avoiding unnecessary buy-and-dry of agricultural land has been a clearly stated goal for the State Water Plan and of many water leaders throughout Colorado. As described above, the current policies and practices of the SEO have undermined the reliability of existing municipal and industrial water supplies and will cause a steady erosion of senior priorities. Reliable water rights are no longer appropriated from mostly over-appropriated sources, but must be purchased and adjudicated for a new purpose. Endless requantification as advocated by the SEO will require municipal users, and others in need of reliable water supplies, to seek out purchase of additional senior agricultural rights to offset the erosion of their firm-yields. The result of the SEO's current positions is to force water supply entities to acquire more water rights in non-urbanizing agricultural areas of the state, causing loss of additional irrigated agriculture. In order to maintain viable and productive agriculture alongside vibrant and sustainable cities, the State Water Plan should unequivocally state a policy of maintaining the yields of senior water rights and prevent further intensifying the competition for reliable (senior) sources of water.

Comment 2: Active Opposition/Litigation by the SEO in Water Court Causes Has Caused Uncertainty and Inefficiency

The State Water Plan should recognize that the active participation by state agencies, in particular the SEO under its current policies, in water court litigation has a large effect on the reliability and efficiency of water use throughout the state. Lately, the positions taken by the SEO as an active party litigant have been counter-productive to establishing reliable water yields by users and have created confusion and uncertainty for all water users. The practice of aggressively pursuing requantification of water rights in change cases that follow the original court-adjudicated quantification of water rights has only recently become an objective of the SEO. Recently, the SEO has taken the legal position that in every successive change of water rights, no matter how minor, requantification is required and such requantification must include every single year of the water right's history even though such period would differ from the period upon which the original quantification was based. The result encourages uncertainty and lengthy litigation that, if successful, has the effect of continually eroding the court-established yields such water rights over time. While the legal framework for determination of historic consumptive use in second-generation change cases is not explicitly clear³, we believe the better approach is for the SEO to adopt a uniform administrative policy that will not create more confusion, uncertainty, and costly litigation. The legislative process should address uncertainty in the law instead of policy choices by a state agency.

We recommend adopting a clear policy in the State Water Plan that defines the State Engineer's role that emphasizes administration of existing water rights, not aggressively pursuing legal theories that undermine established yields of changed senior water rights, many of

³ This legal question is currently on appeal before the Colorado Supreme Court in *Wolfe v. Sedalia Water and Sanitation District*, 14SA12.

which define the State's water resources foundation that is free from interstate compact administration. This is a state resource that should be protected by the State Water Plan. In short, the State Water Plan should advocate state policies, including those of the agency charged with administration of the State's water resources, that preserve and protect the established yields of senior water rights rather than encourage the plunder of water from predominantly agricultural regions.

In addition, basic economic principles dictate that more information and certainty in a market will decrease transaction costs and create an efficient marketplace. If Colorado hopes to incorporate all four goals of the State Water Plan and align its water resources and policies, an efficient market for water rights will be critical. Confusion and uncertainty caused by current SEO policies and actions will exacerbate the already high transaction costs associated with acquiring, changing, using and marketing a water right.

Comment 3: Recognition of Fundamental & Practical Realities of Water Use

We believe the current legal positions of the SEO ignore the fundamental nature of water rights in Colorado as well as the practical concerns of every water user in the state. A water right, once judicially recognized and quantified based on its consumptive use during a representative historic period, provides its holder the right to use water in that amount under a given priority. Although the water right may be changed through adjudication for a different type or place of use, its *priority* is constant and its *priority* maintains the value of the water right. When a water right is newly purchased by a municipality, often there are practical constraints which require some time before the funding and infrastructure are in place to complete the change and put the water to its changed beneficial use. The SEO's approach has indisputably been to force requantification of such rights, and cause a downward adjustment in every transaction based on non- or less-than-full use during these transition periods. This strict approach ignores the practical realities experienced by all water users and continually erodes the priority system. The policies of the SEO should seek accurate accounting for water usage and abandonment in accordance with statutory procedures where merited, and should not include aggressive litigation in water court cases. The State Water Plan should therefore discourage any policies that punish and disfavor transactions and changes of water rights, and instead encourage an active and certain water market.

Additional Discussion Regarding the SEO's Policies

As described earlier, water users across the State have been involved in discussions regarding this topic recently. We call your attention to the following letters attached hereto as additional support of Consolidated Mutual and the Agricultural Ditch Company's concerns:

1. Letter from Michael Queen and Gary Theander to Governor Hickenlooper et al., State Engineer's Legal Positions and Implications for the Colorado Water Plan (April 4, 2014).

2. Letter from Cynthia Covell et al. to John Suthers and Dick Wolfe, State Engineer's Recent Positions in Water Court Cases and Impact on Water Providers (March 5, 2014).

3. Letter from Cynthia Covell et al. to Dick Wolfe, State Engineer's Recent Positions in Water Court Cases and Impact on Water Providers (February 26, 2014).

4. Letter from Jack Lewis et al. to Dick Wolfe, State Engineer's legal positions in pending water rights change cases on Clear Creek (February 5, 2014).

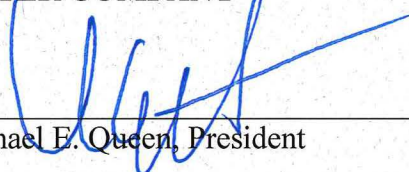
Thank you for hearing our concerns. We look forward to reviewing the complete draft of the State Water Plan once published and to continued participation in the review process.

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cc: The Honorable John Hickenlooper, Governor
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April 4, 2014

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Re: State Engineer's Legal Positions and Implications for the Colorado Water Plan

Dear Governor Hickenlooper and Messrs. Stulp and King:

As you may be aware, a group of parties with pending or decreed water rights change cases on Clear Creek, as well as other parties affected by change cases on Clear Creek, recently corresponded with Dick Wolfe, State Engineer, about the participation of his office in pending water rights change cases involving senior priority agricultural water rights from Clear Creek in the western portion of metropolitan Denver. In particular, we have recently experienced changes in long standing positions by the State Engineer in such cases, which in our opinion will lead to uncertainty, instability, and greater erosion of agricultural water supplies in the State of Colorado. Copies of our letter to Mr. Wolfe and his response to us are attached for your reference. To his credit, in response to the letters, Mr. Wolfe has scheduled meetings during April with the water legal community and with water users in the South Platte watershed. However, the undersigned remain concerned that those involved with the Colorado Water Plan may be unaware of the Division of Water Resources and Attorney General's Office positions.

To summarize the troubling positions, the State Engineer's Office has:

- 1) Challenged the widely-accepted "Coors Factors" methodology for quantifying irrigation return flow percentages even though that methodology has been litigated, incorporated into multiple water court decrees, become a standard for such changes on Clear Creek, and accepted as an appropriate methodology by many water resources experts for more than 30 years;

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- 2) Challenged the widely-accepted historical agricultural study periods for Clear Creek ditch companies and asserted that the study period must include the years up to the present during which time the historically irrigated areas have been progressively transformed into urban environments;
- 3) Asserted that the applicants in the pending cases must perform new ditch-wide analyses of the irrigation systems even though the water court has repeatedly approved the parcel-specific method of analysis and the use of the historical yields from the prior adjudications; and
- 4) Asserted that historically irrigated lands must be dried-up and monumented even under these water-short ditch systems where the formerly irrigated lands have been developed into urban environments and no injury to other water rights has been demonstrated.

What continues to trouble the undersigned is the overall impact of these positions on the goals of the proposed State of Colorado's Water Plan. The State Engineer's positions ignore the fact that land use and demographic patterns have evolved quickly in this formerly agricultural region of the greater Clear Creek watershed. As you may know, a large portion of the western Denver Metropolitan area was once irrigated by major ditch systems that divert water from Clear Creek. Progressive urbanization of these areas began in the late 1950s and has continued steadily since that time. As a result, the signatory water supply entities have purchased water rights from farms and ranches located in this urbanizing area as such rights have become available, and then changed those rights for municipal purposes through the statutory water court process. Approximately 50 water rights change cases have occurred under these major ditch systems in the last 40 years, beginning in the 1970s. These cases have involved substantial proportions (well over 50% in many of the ditch systems) of the acreage subject to irrigation. These cases have been adjudicated upon a representative period of historical use dating from 1929 through the late 1950s – an agricultural period before the urbanization of these lands began. The State Engineer is now challenging this accepted practice of establishing the measure of the changed water rights on the agricultural period and in so doing, is de-stabilizing this common methodology, and legally sanctioned practice, of quantifying the agricultural water rights.

We believe that the legal positions of the State Engineer's Office will significantly curtail further transfer of water and water rights from these urbanizing areas and instead refocus such transfers on the remaining agricultural areas in the state. Our group will argue that the water amounts in question are based on actual historical practices and therefore cannot exceed historical agricultural use. We are certainly willing to litigate the technical merits of the State arguments in the water court setting, but we are concerned that the ultimate result will increase litigation in a relatively well-settled area of the law and may exacerbate the trends that the Colorado Water Plan seeks to avoid. The State Engineer's positions are unnecessary for protecting state interests and ignore the practical constraints experienced by municipal and industrial water suppliers in acquiring and changing senior water rights for their needs.

As you well know, the process of converting agricultural water for urban purposes has occurred in many places in the state. In the western Denver Metropolitan area, buy and dry has accompanied urban development on the same lands, thereby creating developmental growth in place of dried agriculture. This is not the case in many other agricultural regions. We believe the positions of the State Engineer's Office will force the water supply entities to acquire water rights still in agricultural production in other areas of the state, to dry up the irrigated acreage and to change the water rights for municipal purposes in direct contravention to the principles articulated by the proponents of the Colorado Water Plan. We are bringing this to your attention so that the statewide implications of these legal positions can be considered.


Thank you for hearing our concerns. We would like the opportunity to discuss this situation with state policy leaders such as yourself at the earliest possible time.

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RE: State Engineer's Recent Positions in Water Court Cases and Impact on Water Providers

Dear Mr. Suthers and Mr. Wolfe,

Recently our firm became aware of a letter dated February 26, 2013 from certain Colorado water attorneys to Mr. Wolfe. That letter concerned certain positions taken by the State Engineer's Office, the Division Engineers' Offices, and the attorneys representing those offices. Specifically, the letter raised concerns with the number of cases "seeking requantification of previously quantified water rights, to limiting historical consumptive use available from senior water rights on a variety of rationales, and to asserting . . . speculat[ion] or hoarding water rights." See *Letter from Cynthia Covell, et al to Dick Wolfe*, February 16, 2014 (attached, hereinafter "Water Providers Letter").

Speaking for our firm and not necessarily on behalf of any particular client, we agree with the points made in the Water Providers Letter. However, we write this letter to emphasize three additional points:

First, our office has considerable respect for the staff at the Division of Water Resources, the State Engineer's Office (SEO), the various Division Engineers' Offices, and the Attorney General's Office (AGO). We are continually aware of the good work done by your offices on behalf of the State of Colorado. We are writing this letter not as an attack, but as an opportunity to communicate with you outside the circumstances of a particular case, and separate from any ongoing litigation. We sincerely hope you consider the comments of this letter, as well as the Water Providers Letter in that context.

Second, the Water Providers Letter emphasized certain policies being pursued by the SEO and AGO are hampering the efforts of smaller municipal water providers. We do not dispute this position, but would note these policies hamper most water users in Colorado. These policies have been pursued, almost singularly, through litigation of change of water rights cases, but notably have not been incorporated into the other duties which the State Engineer's Office preforms.

We find the scope of application of these policies to be particularly troubling. Specifically: (A) the SEO and AGO are not uniformly applying this policy to all change of water rights cases in which they participate, and (B) the SEO, despite years of active administration of a water right, will take the position in a change case that the water right should never have been used in a manner that for decades was condoned by the SEO, and should now be reduced. It comes as some surprise to water users seeking approval of a change of water rights when the AGO vigorously argues for a large reduction in the right, which the SEO and DEO have been actively administering for decades in a way now claimed to be "injurious" to other water users.

The result of such inconsistent application of this policy, is to cause uncertainty in the value of a water right, confusion as to how the SEO and AGO view the law, leading to uncertainty as to what to expect in change proceedings, as well as increased expense in change proceedings, all of which ultimately result in a greater reluctance to seek a change of water right.

Third, both the reasoning and the authority behind the policies being pursued by the SEO and AGO are unclear. We understand the SEO and AGO each have obligations to interpret and enforce of the law, and as well they have a certain degree of "enforcement discretion." However, the law regarding the need for requantification of a previously quantified water right is far from clear, as evidenced by the prior administration of water rights that both agencies have sought to reduce in the context of water right change cases. In these circumstances, rather than making law through test cases, we believe the legislative process is the more appropriate forum in which to seek a change or clarification of the law. We believe this is all the more true in these circumstances because the policies being pursued appear to be contrary to the underlying intent and overall trend of most of the legislation enacted during the last few years. For example consider the water bills passed in 2013:

- SB13-075, codified at C.R.S. § 37-90-108 (establishing that use of designated groundwater in lesser amount than that permitted does not give rise to a reduction in the maximum amounts of the right);

- SB13-019, codified at C.R.S. § 37-92-305(3)(c), (constraining the ability to reduce a water right based upon periods of non-use, or reduced use under certain circumstances);
- SB13-041, amending C.R.S. § 37-92-103(4) (expanding the definition of beneficial use, in part, to ensure water diverted and stored but not yet put to use will be recognized as part of the water right);
- SB13-074, codified at C.R.S. § 37-92-305(4)(a) and 503(9), (establishing streamlined procedures, and limitations on the ability to reduce a water right in change of water rights cases as pertaining to total historical number of acres irrigated);
- SB13-078, amending C.R.S. § 37-92-305(3.6), (establishing streamlined procedures in change of water rights cases involving erroneously described points of diversion);
- HB13-1248, codified at C.R.S. § 37-60-115(8) (promoting alternative transfer mechanisms with standardized historic consumptive use assumptions without requirement of going through a judicially binding historical consumptive use analysis);
- HB13-1130, codified at C.R.S. § 37-92-309, (expanding the ability to temporarily transfer water rights without requirement of going through a judicially binding historical consumptive use analysis);

While our office did not support all of these pieces of legislation, when viewed together some common themes emerge: a distrust of consumptive use analyses in water court, uncertainty regarding the value of long-standing water rights, and alternatives to judicially binding historical consumptive use analyses. In short, this collection of legislation attempts to reduce distrust of the water rights transfer process by increasing predictability of the outcome.

Considering the laws being enacted by the legislative branch, and the policies which they espouse, it is particularly curious to us that the SEO is aggressively litigating reductions to existing senior water users, even where no other water users have similar concerns.

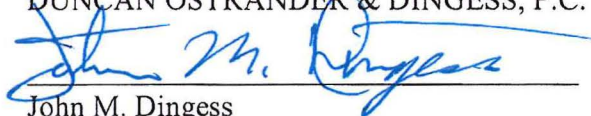
For these reasons, we strongly support the suggestion made in the Water Providers Letter to have discussions between the SEO, AGO and the water bar regarding such policies. We may have different ideas about the meaning and requirements of the law as it stands today, but we should be able to reach some agreement on how competing policy considerations should be balanced, what the law should be going forward, and the means by which the law should be changed or clarified to reflect that balance. That is the outcome we should seek to achieve through such discussions.

Thank you for your time and consideration of these matters, and we look forward to opportunities to meet with you on this topic.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Re: State Engineer's Recent Positions in Water Court Cases and Impact on Water Providers

Dear Dick:

We are attorneys who represent providers of municipal and domestic water supplies throughout Colorado. Our clients are mostly special districts, towns, and small cities, but include some private water providers as well. All of them are working hard to develop sufficient legal, reliable water supplies to meet anticipated future water demand in their communities. This is an ongoing, expensive and time-consuming process, as you know.

In order to acquire the needed water supplies, these communities must typically develop plans for augmentation, exchanges, and change senior water rights through the water court process. A junior municipal water right is simply too unreliable at this point in Colorado's water law history to provide firm yield. The communities must therefore acquire senior water rights and change them to municipal, augmentation, exchange, and related uses in the water courts. Both the acquisition of water rights and prosecution of change cases are extremely time-consuming and costly, involving both legal and engineering fees.

Our clients, and we who represent them, fully support effective administration of Colorado water rights and productive input from the State and Division Engineers ("Engineers") in water court cases. However, we have become increasingly puzzled and concerned about the positions your office, your division offices, and your attorneys have been taking in recent months and years in water court cases these communities have filed. It seems to us that the Engineers are devoting inordinate time and resources to seeking requantification of previously quantified water rights, to limiting historical consumptive use available from senior water rights on a variety of rationales, and to asserting that these mostly small communities, that are trying to secure water supplies in advance of demands, are speculating or hoarding water rights. The amount of water involved in these cases is small in relation to Colorado's overall water supply. The Engineers' approach to these cases greatly increases the cost of these communities' water supply planning, consumes significant resources of the Engineers as well, and appears to us to undermine the goals for the State Water Plan.

We are familiar with recent water court cases in several water divisions in which providers, which we believe are appropriately trying to “get ahead of” or at least keep up with anticipated growth, seek to use consumptive use credits from water rights that were previously quantified, either on a ditchwide basis or on a parcel basis, to firm up or supplement their supplies. The Engineers have challenged quantification in a number of these cases, arguing that changed circumstances [*Williams v. Midway Ranches Property Owners Inc.*, 938 P.2d 515 (Colo. 1997)] require a reduction in historical consumptive use based on lack of use or reduced use of the quantified credits between the date of quantification and the date of anticipated use. Likewise, we are aware of other cases in which long-accepted engineering practices are challenged (although alternatives are not proposed), long-accepted study periods are challenged in favor of study periods that do not demonstrably lead to a quantification that is more appropriate, and even cases in which court-decreed quantifications are claimed to be inaccurate, without evidence that an alternative quantification will better prevent injury. Finally, we are aware of cases in which water providers are accused of speculation when they seek to quantify a water right for future use. This approach seems to demand requantification for the sake of requantification, rather than reflect a legitimate concern for protection of other water rights. Indeed, in many of these cases, the other affected water rights are represented in the water court proceeding, and have concurred with the applicant’s quantification and/or engineering. The Engineers seem to be seeking to diminish senior water rights without a clear demonstration that this is needed to prevent injury or to comply with interstate compacts. Because the targets of the Engineers’ approach are often small entities, they do not have the resources to engage in protracted litigation.

The Engineers’ approach means that ditchwide quantifications, favored by the Supreme Court, are inadvisable if there is not an immediate use for all of the consumptive use credits associated with the ditch right. The water provider that seeks to include previously-quantified consumptive use credits in its portfolio of water supplies does so at its peril. If the projected water demand fails to occur exactly as anticipated, the community’s investment in water rights, augmentation plans, and augmentation supplies is devalued. The community has a less reliable water supply to meet the demand when it arises. The water provider must acquire additional supplies and embark upon new water court proceedings, while simultaneously figuring out how to meet the shortfall between the now-immediate demand and the reduced supply. In addition to the cost and uncertainty of this type of water supply “planning,” it seems to us to exacerbate the “buy and dry” of agricultural lands, in direct contravention of the State Water Plan’s avowed goal of reducing “buy and dry.” Meanwhile, although the reduction in available augmentation supplies by these tactics is very significant to an institutional water provider, the overall amount is small in the context of Colorado’s water supplies, and does not appear to justify the resources the Engineers are investing.

We do not understand what goal the Engineers seek to achieve by eroding these senior water rights. If the goal is to reduce senior water rights in order to increase the availability of water for decreed instream flows, this appears to be an inefficient and heavy-handed way to achieve it. While reducing the yield or allowable diversion of senior rights may allow some junior water rights to divert more often, those juniors most typically divert water from the streams and rivers as well, so the overall amount of water remaining in a stream or river is not increased. Statutorily authorized instream flow donations, together with the active work of entities like the Colorado Water Trust are far more efficient and effective in protecting and enhancing instream flows. If the goal is to assure compact compliance, this seems an ineffective means of assuring it. Simply reducing the yield or allowable diversions of senior water rights does not assure that more water is available for compact compliance, but it does increase the number of communities that will be affected by a compact call.

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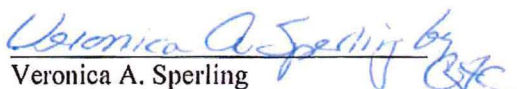
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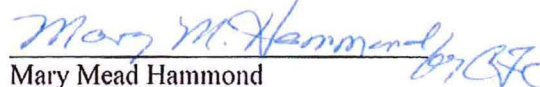


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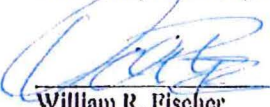
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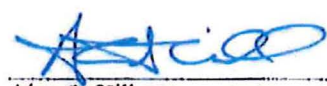
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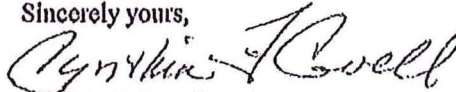
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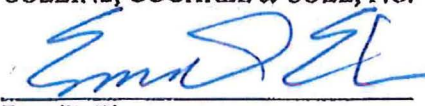
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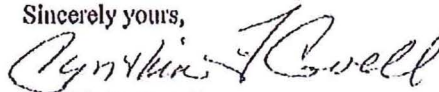
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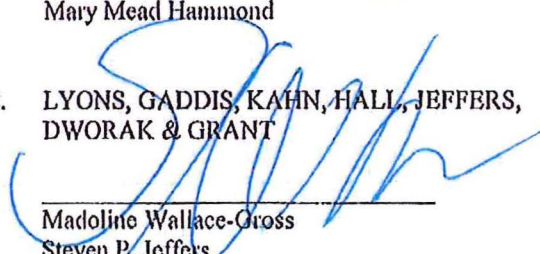
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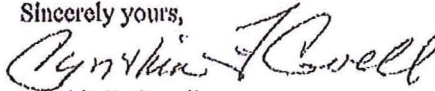
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**Re: State Engineer's legal positions in pending water rights
change cases on Clear Creek**

Dear Dick:

This letter is a collaboration among several parties with pending or decreed water rights change cases on Clear Creek as well as other parties affected by change cases on Clear Creek. As you are probably aware, your office and the Division 1 Engineer (the "Engineers"), have entered several pending cases on Clear Creek as an opposer. The pending cases involve changes to relatively small portions of the water rights decreed to such structures as the Church Ditch, the Farmers High Line Canal, the Agricultural Ditch, and others. The first of such cases set to be tried is Case No. 12CW303, *Application of the City of Black Hawk*, which seeks changes to shares in the Farmers High Line Canal, Church Ditch, Agricultural Ditch Company, Manhart Ditch Company, and Consolidated Juchem Ditch and Reservoir Company. Other pending cases are Case No. 13CW17, *Application of The Consolidated Mutual Water Company*; Case No. 08CW141, *Application of the City of Northglenn*; Case No. 05CW112 and Case No. 11CW237, *Applications of the City of Arvada*.

The Engineers' positions in these cases, as we have learned through statements of opposition, disclosures, and meetings with your counsel Paul Benington of the Attorney General's office and representatives of your office and the Division 1 office, include the following:

- (1) The Engineers are challenging the widely-accepted "Coors Factors" methodology for quantifying irrigation return flow percentages even though that methodology has been litigated, repeatedly been incorporated into Clear Creek change decrees by the water court, become a standard for such changes on Clear Creek, and has been accepted as an appropriate methodology by many experts in water resources for over 30 years. In several cases, this methodology has been determined as the most protective of the river, and the Engineers have stipulated to decrees in several such cases.
- (2) The Engineers are challenging the widely-accepted historical agricultural study periods for these ditch companies, which periods vary somewhat from ditch to ditch, but generally span from approximately 1929 through the early 1970s, and assert that the study period must include the years up to the present during which time the historically irrigated areas have been progressively transformed into urban environments.
- (3) The Engineers assert that the applicants in the pending cases must perform new ditch-wide analyses of the irrigation systems even though the court has repeatedly approved the use of the historic yield from the prior adjudications and a new ditch-wide methodology has not been noticed to other shareholders as such in these cases. The Engineers' change in position after so many years and so many approved changes could jeopardize the share allocations held by share owners that still use their shares for irrigation purposes. The Engineers seem to be arguing that a ditch-wide analysis could reduce the yield, and value, of the shares still in irrigation to "0". The Engineers' position should have been asserted, if at all, in the 1970s, when the Coors factors were first developed in litigation and in settlement. Many of the Clear Creek ditches have had a majority of their ownership changed to municipal use, in some cases over 90%.
- (4) The Engineers assert that historically irrigated lands must be dried-up and monumented even under these water-short ditch systems where the formerly irrigated lands have been developed into urban environments and no injury to other water rights has been demonstrated.

The parties involved in these cases respectfully request that you reconsider these positions in light of both the practical considerations and the greater implications. From a practical perspective, the Engineers' positions will create protracted litigation on Clear Creek which, for the last 35 years, has been largely avoided due to the wide acceptance of the "Coors Factors." Using a study period representative of when the water rights were in agricultural use is entirely appropriate to determine consumptive use because of the long period of use when the water rights were used predominantly for irrigation and the extensive urbanization of the historically irrigated lands in the intervening years. Water use patterns have changed in the period of time since the ditches' water rights were primarily used for agricultural purposes, due to purchases and changes of those water rights by municipalities to municipal uses, including years of non-diversion during which municipal change cases have been pending, and the fact that the mostly municipal users of these changed water rights have diverted within volumetric and consumption limits imposed by the "Coors Factors" in their respective change cases. Changes in hydrology and stream administration have also impacted more recent diversions.

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In the bigger picture context, the municipal, agricultural and industrial water users involved have come to rely upon the range of yields established by the *res judicata* factual assumptions built into the prior change decrees that relied on the "Coors Factors." They have based their purchases of additional rights on these yields and conditions and factored them into their long-range planning horizons. If the pending cases determine that the yields remaining to the unchanged agricultural shares in this urbanized basin are not what the water users have come to rely upon, or even "0", the municipalities acquiring water rights will lose a substantial investment, and be forced to look elsewhere on the South Platte River or the West Slope to secure additional water supplies. In addition, such a determination will certainly devalue and disadvantage the water rights of the existing minority shareholders of these companies who still use the rights for agricultural use, who have not been provided notice of this possible outcome, and who are not represented in these cases. The Engineers' position in these cases runs counter to what we understand is the State's preference to minimize the dry-up of agricultural lands in rural parts of Colorado. Continued dry-up of irrigated acres under the Clear Creek irrigation systems is inevitable due to this continuing urbanization. Success by the Engineers on these issues will effectively persuade the cities to acquire current agricultural water rights from downstream rural areas, and thereby exacerbate the "buy-and-dry" phenomenon that the State seeks to limit.


We believe that the State Engineer has a duty to look beyond one or two specific cases to see the greater hydrologic, legal and practical impacts of the Engineers' relatively recent decision to raise the objections outlined above in these Clear Creek change cases. We are hopeful that you will respond promptly to these issues as pre-trial deadlines are imminent in Case No. 12CW303. That trial is scheduled to begin on June 30, 2014, and if there is any way to resolve these issues short of litigation, we believe it would be in the best interests of all. In addition, the Engineers' position in Case No. 12CW303 is endangering pending agreements for future flows in North Clear Creek between the City of Black Hawk, Gilpin County, the Colorado Water Conservation Board, and Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment. We would be happy to meet with you if that would speed a resolution.


Thank you for your prompt time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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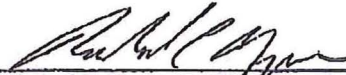
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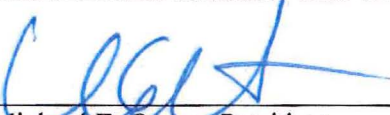
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MEMORANDUM

To: Becky Mitchell, Jacob Bornstein, Kevin Reidy, CWCB Staff
From: Bart Miller, Drew Beckwith, and Laura Belanger (WRA), Theresa Conley (Conservation Colorado), Melinda Kassen (WaterJamin Legal & Policy Consulting)
Date: August 19, 2014
Re: Basin Implementation Plan (BIP) elements for utilization in Colorado Water Plan

We have read the recently-released draft BIPs and wanted to provide you with some preliminary ideas on specific BIP elements that we find useful and appropriate. We urge you to incorporate these into the full Colorado Water Plan and encourage other roundtables to adopt these for their final BIPs.

Environmental and Recreational Flows:

- Include a commitment for the flows necessary to preserve environmental and recreational attributes (Colorado and other BIPs)
- Sub-basin stream management plans should be a 1st tier IPP—1st tier being funded/done in time for SWSI 2016 (Gunnison, Colorado, & Southwest BIPs).
- Quantification of flow needs (Colorado and Yampa/White/Green BIPs); the supermajority of BIPs recognize the need for additional data collection to further assess non-consumptive needs.
- Systematic approach of determining (quantifying) effects on E&R attributes from both climate change and proposed new consumptive IPPs (Yampa/White/Green BIP).
- Maps depicting consumptive, E&R, and other features (Colorado BIP, Chapter 6).

Conservation

- Statewide commitment to [SWSI 2010] “high” municipal conservation (Colorado & Southwest BIPs).
- “Push the practical limits on conservation and reuse,” including serious consideration of Direct Potable Reuse (S. Platte/Metro BIP).
- Integrating water and land use planning, including specific recommendations and actions (Colorado & Gunnison BIPs).

IPPs

- At least 80% IPP success (IBCC No/Low Regrets; all BIPs except S. Platte/Metro).

New Supply

- A river basin desiring to import additional water from another basin must first maximize or “push the practical limits on” use of its own water supplies first—including conservation and reuse—before seeking/getting new imports (IBCC New Supply conceptual agreement; Colorado, Yampa/White/Green, Southwest, & Gunnison BIPs; quoted language from S. Platte/Metro BIP, similar intent in Arkansas BIP).
- Risk management criteria (Gunnison BIP).
- No state funding for a new TMD (Gunnison & Yampa/White/Green BIPs, implicit in Colorado BIP).
- Availability of additional water from Colorado River is in doubt (Colorado BIP, p. 4), so use IBCC Framework to preserve the option for a new TMD in the future (Rio Grande BIP).

Alternative Agricultural Water Transfer Methods (ATMs)

- State must make ATMs easier (Arkansas BIP).



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RE: Comments on Colorado's Water Plan

Dear Board Members:

Introduction

The members of the Front Range Water Council (FRWC) include Denver Water, Aurora Water, Colorado Springs Utilities, Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District, Pueblo Board of Water Works, Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District (SCWCD), and the Twin Lakes Reservoir and Canal Company. Together, the FRWC members are responsible for providing a reliable water supply to over eighty percent of the State's population, while the communities they serve generate over eighty percent of the state's total economic output, including from both the agricultural and commercial sectors. (See: Water and the Colorado Economy, December, 2009). The FRWC members have been active participants in the South Platte, Metro and Arkansas Basin Roundtables, and have closely monitored the activities of the Colorado River Basin Roundtable. In addition, a number of the FRWC organizations employ staff who currently serve, or have served, on the Interbasin Compact Committee (IBCC) and the CWCB.

Let us state up front that the members of the FRWC embrace conservation and reuse, and will continue to support additional efforts in these arenas. However, conservation and reuse alone will not solve all future water supply shortfalls; maximizing the success of existing and yet to be identified IPPs, the judicious development of additional available Colorado River Compact entitlements, together with agricultural transfers of some type, will also be required. In that regard, the FRWC has been a consistent supporter of the "4 legs of the stool" concept, focused on meeting Colorado's future water supply needs while minimizing the dry-up of productive irrigated agriculture. It is within this context that the following comments are offered.

As the members of the FRWC have reviewed the draft chapters of the Colorado Water Plan (Plan) and the individual Basin Implementation Plans (BIPs), a number of themes have emerged which we would like to bring to your attention. It is our hope that the following observations will assist in producing a comprehensive and actionable Plan that advances, in a productive manner, the effort to close the state water supply gap, both consumptive and non-consumptive, while meeting the values described in the Governor's Executive Order.

The FRWC has divided its comments into five distinct sections reflective of these themes:

1. The need to further advance conservation and reuse efforts, while recognizing all that has been accomplished to date.
2. The need to lower existing barriers to the implementation of alternative transfer methods and other water sharing opportunities.
3. The advancement of concrete, identifiable refinements to the water project permitting process so as to reduce unnecessary costs and delays.
4. The future role of the state in the financing and construction of water projects, both consumptive and non-consumptive.
5. Support for the package of principles contained in the IBCC Conceptual Agreement.

Additional detail concerning each of these five concepts is found below.

Conservation and Reuse

The members of the FRWC are state, and even national, leaders in water conservation and reuse efforts, and intend to continue to advance such initiatives in the future. The state has recognized this fact in the draft Plan. In point of fact, the FRWC members are eager to share their advances in the use of technology and their other successful conservation program approaches as part of a state-wide cooperative effort.

Based on past experience, the FRWC believes that all parties must recognize the unique circumstances faced by each community or water supplier, including differences in weather and climate conditions, geology, geography, hydrology, land use patterns, economic vitality, social values, recreational opportunities, and a number of other factors. Encouraging efficiency for all water uses should be the focus of the Plan. Each water use provides value to the user, and all water users should share the common value of using water efficiently.

It is not appropriate to adopt a prescriptive one-size-fits-all formula to determine the achievement of conservation goals. For example, a mandate on the percentage of allowed outdoor water use relative to indoor consumption can have unforeseen, negative consequences depending on the community. A more detailed explanation of potential concerns and a recommendation on an alternative approach can be found in the attached memorandum to the Southwestern Colorado Water Conservancy District dated August 7, 2014. A state commitment to maximize the efficient use of water and minimize the waste of water, regardless of where or for what purpose the water is used, is essential.

With reference to reuse, the Plan should recognize the practical barriers to full implementation, including brine disposal concerns, energy costs and greenhouse gas emissions, and water loss in the treatment process. These barriers are in addition to those impacts, as noted in drafts of the Plan to date, to downstream entities which have become reliant on the return flows from municipal use, including certain non-consumptive interests. In addition, even current reuse

efforts face obstacles in the form of water quality regulations that treat reclaimed water used for nonpotable purposes in the same manner as pollution, creating disincentives for potential irrigators.

Further, the nexus between conservation and reuse must be clearly recognized. On a basin scale, reuse does not reduce water demand, nor does it create supply; it simply alters the path water takes from supply to demand. Using Aurora's Prairie Waters Project as an example, as more water is conserved at the point of use, fewer return flows are available for diversion downstream as part of a "reuse" system. It is also important for the plan to discuss the additional risk of relying on the reuse of water derived from the Colorado River as long as workable programs are not in place to protect against a potential future Colorado River shortage condition. Colorado cannot attain the desired level of reuse without honest acknowledgement of these challenges in the state Plan and a workable approach to addressing the challenges.

Finally, as noted in the attached correspondence, while enhanced efficiency and conservation practices will be pursued, one should not lose sight of the relationship between municipal use, with specific reference to outdoor household use, and total consumptive use. That is to say, a myopic focus on savings to be gained from further reductions in what amounts to less than 4% of the total use pie, without shining a corresponding (or even brighter) light on the remaining 96% of all use, is ill-advised.

Barriers to "Shared" Water Use

The FRWC supports alternative agriculture to urban transfer methods (ATMs), such as leasing/fallowing, deficit irrigation, or interruptible supply agreements that supplement water supplies realized through conservation, reuse and new supply development. In fact, Aurora Water has been a leader in this area and is submitting additional specific comments on the ATM section of the Plan. That said, the FRWC would like to see the Plan contain a more detailed discussion and proposed actions to resolve: (1) the barriers historically encountered, at both state and federal levels, in attempts to effectuate such transfers; (2) the actual results and lessons learned from the ATM grant initiatives funded by the CWCB to date; (3) the costs associated with such programs, e.g., water court expenses, engineering expenses, infrastructure costs, etc.; and (4) the risks and uncertainties of ATMs to both the provider and the recipient in lease arrangements. Finally, a more thorough discussion of the types of legislation necessary to remove identified administrative and legal barriers is warranted, if only to squarely place the issues on the table.

On a related note, though regional water sharing opportunities are not addressed in a separate section of the draft Plan, some additional detail on potential opportunities, and impediments to exploiting these opportunities, may be beneficial. Though mentioned under a discussion of reuse, the WISE Partnership is a good starting point for such a discussion. An integration of neighboring water systems may often times hold the promise of added water use efficiency and lower capital and operational costs. This approach can also lead to the consolidation of small

wastewater systems, an initiative that has been advocated by the state for many years as a means to improve water quality.

Improved Permitting Processes

The FRWC recognizes the need to examine the potential impacts associated with the construction and operation of water projects and to mitigate, as necessary, identified adverse impacts to environmental and land use values. Nevertheless, decade-long permitting processes are unnecessary, a poor use of resources, and of limited or no environmental value. While the draft Plan acknowledges a need to improve the federal, state, and local permitting processes so as to gain efficiencies and reduce unnecessary time delays and costs, it is short on specific recommendations relative to a path forward. Modifications should be made to the level of analysis required, and the nature of protection and/or mitigation expected of applicants, in order to effectuate real efficiencies in this area, while maintaining adequate environmental protections.

Examples of potentially beneficial reforms can be found in the work plans adopted by federal agencies in an effort to implement Executive Order 13604 (“Improving Performance of Federal Permitting and Review of Infrastructure Projects-2012”). The involved federal agencies have reportedly applied an expedited review process to fifty pilot projects, each project having an accelerated schedule with clear project review milestones and a designated lead coordinating agency, with project progress being tracked on a “Federal Infrastructure Permitting Dashboard.” The Dashboard contains an IT platform pursuant to which involved agencies can develop a cooperative schedule, share project documents and quickly communicate with one another as concerns arise. The state should promote a sharing of the Dashboard (or a similar concept) between involved federal, state and local agencies. A memorandum on processes employed by federal agencies in the implementation of E.O. 13604 is attached for use by CWCB staff.

The South Metro Water Supply Authority (SMWSA) has also submitted some fairly detailed recommendations on improvements to the permitting process, including suggestions related to the use of programmatic EISs, sequencing, the joint review process, scoping MOAs, and earlier and integrated state processes. These concepts warrant further exploration. The state should also be supportive of federal initiatives designed to expedite the NEPA review process, such as those found in the recent Water Resources Development Act (WRDA), PL 113-121, Section 105; PL 113-24, Section 2 (hydropower); and PL 112-141 (highway transit).

Project proponents currently face significant permitting and regulatory requirements that very much complicate, and in some cases prevent, the success of water supply projects. These requirements pose a real challenge to Colorado’s ability to effectively and efficiently meet its future water supply needs. The state should facilitate continuing dialogue between potential project sponsors and federal, state, and local regulatory agencies. The purpose of the continuing dialogue would to examine and address existing and future permitting and regulatory processes and issues with the goal of finding mutually acceptable solutions that would address these challenges and improve the effectiveness and efficiencies of all permitting and regulatory processes.

Finally, under the “permitting” umbrella, the state should further explore how it integrates, or fails to integrate, the water quality and water quantity programs. For example, are decisions relative to the adoption and implementation of water quality standards being made in isolation without regard to the impacts on water supply opportunities? Conversely, are water supply projects failing to adequately account for water quality impacts at the early planning stages? Can the implementation of stormwater controls be successfully integrated with water supply decision making, or are State Engineer and Attorney General decisions and legal interpretations making this overly difficult? To what extent would the utilization of a watershed approach, including a balancing of Clean Water Act and Safe Drinking Water Act mandates, assist in meeting overall water supply and water quality goals? The FRWC does not have definitive answers to these questions, but believes it is incumbent upon the state to flag these concerns for future discussion and resolution as the Plan evolves.

State’s Future Role

As evidenced by statements in various portions of the Plan, the state and stakeholders accept the fact that the state has an ongoing role with respect to certain aspects of water project planning and implementation, such as the enforcement of water quality regulations, the administration of water rights, and the issuance of permits or approvals. State government can also play a role, albeit limited, in fashioning identified legislative reforms designed to facilitate water sharing opportunities and to maximize the use of existing supplies.

The FRWC believes that the state may have a much larger future role in the actual financing and construction of needed multi-purpose/multi-party water projects designed to meet both consumptive and non-consumptive needs. This is so for a number of reasons. First, the costs associated with such projects, including the legal analysis, design, land acquisition, permitting, construction and operation can be great, possibly reaching billions of dollars. Many of the supply gaps are found to exist in smaller communities, or clusters of communities, where rate base is limited and bonding capacity is constrained. Second, the positive impacts may be greater, and the negative consequences less, if one or two larger projects are implemented, as compared to a host of smaller undertakings. This has certainly proven to be the case in the wastewater arena, where central, regional treatment facilities are oftentimes the preferred solution. Finally, with state involvement in project planning, design, financing and implementation, a significant portion of the yield of such projects may be dedicated to non-consumptive uses, such as recreation and aquatic life, including fisheries. Such identified and incorporated “public benefits” justify public investment. A choice by the state not to take a leadership role means a much higher likelihood of the use of an agricultural based “buy and dry” solution.

In fact, when one examines the “Plans” being assembled by other Western states with significant looming water shortages, such as Texas and California, one finds a significant state role in advancing new water supply projects. That is not to say that the model employed by others needs to be adopted in Colorado. Certainly the manner in which Colorado chooses to raise project capital and how it proceeds with the approval and construction of projects can, and

should, be molded to meet its unique requirements, while studiously avoiding any additional approval process constraints. The point is simply that Colorado may have reached a point in its water development history where without greater state involvement, or at least public/private or public/public partnerships, the state will be unable to efficiently and effectively do more than just nibble around the edges of a much greater problem.

At the very least, the Colorado Water Plan should identify a greater state role in project financing, design and construction as a significant question which requires an immediate public dialogue.

IBCC Conceptual Agreement on New Supplies

As noted in the Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB) staff's memorandum of July 16, 2014, the IBCC has submitted for consideration by the Roundtables and others a Conceptual Agreement. The Agreement reflects seven overarching principles. The FRWC is supportive of these principles, assuming that they constitute, and are treated, as an integrated package of concepts which facilitate the future development of additional Colorado River water or, as some have referenced it, "new supplies". In other words, parties cannot be allowed to pick and choose among the principles, inequitably weight the principles, or sequence the principles, so as to support a parochial position. These principles reflect a series of compromises on the part of many parties, including FRWC members, in an effort to advance what is considered to be a proposal that would benefit the state as a whole.

That said, the details surrounding the nature of the triggers governing a new trans-mountain diversion (TMD); the nature of, and process associated with, the use of East Slope back-up water supplies; the defined steps needed to insure against an involuntary curtailment; the exact size of an "increment for future development" on the West Slope; the determination of "benefits to the West Slope" to be accommodated as part of a new TMD; the nature and extent of future conservation and reuse improvements; and the nature and cost of non-consumptive use projects paid for by TMD proponents, must be fully vetted before agreement on the new supply issues can be reached. This fact should be noted in the initial draft of the Plan, with the Plan providing a framework for the identification and resolution of these concepts.

In addition, it will be up to the CWCB and its staff to ensure that: (1) if the principles become the foundation for future new supply development, the individual BIPs must accommodate their implementation; and (2) the principles must not be incorporated into the Plan process in such a manner as to become yet another costly and time consuming permitting hurdle. Finally, it should be noted that the principles must be interpreted in a flexible manner so as to allow project development to proceed in the near future, incorporating the concepts of contingency planning and adaptive management to adequately accommodate the myriad of scenarios that will be encountered.

Conclusion

The FRWC hopes that the above set of comments will prove of value in finalizing the initial draft of the Plan. As indicated previously, individual members of the Coalition will be supplementing these comments. The FRWC members stand ready to meet with CWCB staff and the Board should they have any questions or desire to further pursue the issues raised in this correspondence.

Sincerely,

FRONT RANGE WATER COUNCIL

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TO: Bruce Whitehead and Steve Harris

FROM: Wayne Vanderschuere

DATE: August 7, 2014

RE: **Municipal Water Conservation Goal and Measureable Outcomes**

My staff and I have reviewed the recent conservation proposals developed by the Southwest Basins Roundtable (SWBRT) as part of the ongoing discussions regarding statewide water planning and the Colorado Water Plan. Most recently, we reviewed the *Southwest Basins Roundtable Municipal Water Goal and Measureable Outcome* proposal (SWBRT Proposal) submitted for consideration to the Interbasin Compact Committee (IBCC) at their March 25, 2014 meeting. I believe that these proposals have encouraged productive dialogue regarding conservation and applaud the time and effort that has gone into their development. In reviewing that proposal, I appreciated the simplicity of the proposed approach and the attempt to provide flexibility to communities in meeting conservation goals according to what works best on a local level. I am hoping to further advance the discussion by offering feedback on key elements of the March SWBRT proposal, highlighting considerations related to the potential implementation and achievability of the proposed approach, and offering recommendations for further action. As the headings below indicate, the following response has been crafted to address each element of the proposal.

Introduction

In the introductory paragraph, the SWBRT affirms its support for conservation measures consistent with the medium to high conservation scenario described in SWSI 2010. Colorado Springs Utilities (Utilities), along with many others in the Colorado water community, have significant doubts about the ability of the State to achieve conservation levels consistent with the high scenario without draconian water use regulations and a societal shift in expectations regarding quality of life. We believe it is more realistic to achieve conservation savings consistent with the low to medium scenarios, as generally described in the *Updated Metro Roundtable Conservation Strategy* (2011). Many Municipal and Industrial (M&I) water providers view achievement of high scenario levels of conservation as difficult for two reasons. First, the baseline assumptions regarding current landscape irrigation usage included in previous CWCB planning studies were not realistic and are excessively high. These baseline estimates do not reflect the dramatic changes in outdoor watering practices that have occurred since 2002. As a result, the projected potential savings that could be achieved by further reductions in outdoor watering have been overestimated. Second, it may be impossible to achieve the high levels of indoor commercial & industrial savings assumed in the high conservation scenario without end users shifting to less water intensive businesses or processes, i.e. fundamentally changing their business models, which is obviously outside the purview of water providers to influence.

The SWBRT states that approximately 50% of the treated water supply delivered for municipal and domestic purposes is used outdoors, primarily for irrigation. While 50% outdoor use may generally be true for water delivered to single family residences, this ratio varies among customer classes and between communities based on the makeup of the customer base, local climate, and other factors. As a general comment, the SWBRT Proposal seems to impose system-wide limits for municipal water systems based on goals and assumptions only

applicable to the single family residence customer class. This assumption of homogeneity across a broad range of M&I customer classes and water uses may be convenient for conceptual analysis, but it does not provide a suitable basis for developing solutions. In short, the one-size-fits-all nature of the proposal simply is not appropriate given the realities of actual municipal water use.

We agree that water providers such as Las Vegas have been aggressive in conservation; however, we must be cautious in drawing too many comparisons between different regions, states, or even between two communities within the same river basin in Colorado. As an example, the net annual evaporation rate in Las Vegas is around 85 inches per year, roughly triple the net evaporation rate through most of Colorado, making lawn limitations and turf removal incentives in Las Vegas much more effective at achieving high levels of cost effective, outdoor water savings than can be achieved for most Colorado communities.

The SWBRT Proposal fails to recognize that water providers have fixed costs relating to their water system infrastructure. As conservation levels increase, demands harden, and water sales decrease, a higher proportion of revenue must be allocated to cover fixed costs. This creates a wide range of financial and operational impacts for water providers and their customers which in many cases can be addressed only by increasing rates. Increasing rates, of course, triggers its own set of socio-economic issues.

Goal No. 1 – Change the Ratio of Indoor to Outdoor Use by 2030

The first goal of the SWBRT Proposal is to change the ratio of indoor to outdoor use by 2030. The SWBRT is correct that numerous conservation measures and programs have already been implemented and many communities are well on their way to achieving a 60/40 ratio of indoor to outdoor use. As we discussed above, the Proposal makes the faulty assumption of homogenous water use across different customer classes and regions, rendering uniform fixed ratios of indoor and outdoor water use inappropriate. A further analysis of the underlying concept reveals other shortcomings. Since the 2002 drought, the ratio of indoor to outdoor use in many Front Range communities has shifted as reductions in outdoor usage have outstripped reductions in indoor usage. This shift has resulted from implementation of tiered rate structures, increasing water rates, consumer education and outreach, changing economic conditions, and a heightened awareness of the scarcity of water as a result of two significant periods of drought, among other factors.

In order to shift water use enough to meet the 60/40 indoor/outdoor use ratio by 2030 specified for Goal No. 1 (assuming we accept for the sake of the question a starting ratio of 50/50), outdoor water use would have to be reduced by at least 33%¹. This estimated reduction assumes no new “active” indoor conservation measures are implemented, no measureable impacts on average usage are caused by weather and climate change, and no significant recovery of lost residential landscapes occurs (e.g., replanting of turf lost to drought, housing turnover, etc.). Further, even with aggressive education, regulation, and enforcement programs, the permanency of these savings cannot be assured, assuming they can be achieved in the first instance.

¹ For estimation purposes, it is assumed under Goal No. 1 that 50 units of water each would be allocated to indoor and outdoor uses, for a total of 100 units. To accomplish a 60/40 ratio with no change in indoor use, outdoor use has to reduce to 33 units, which translates to a 17 unit or 33% reduction. This assumes no additional indoor savings. If indoor uses were, for instance, to decrease by 10% to 45 units, then outdoor use would have to decrease to 30 units to meet Goal No. 1 targets. This would require a decrease in outdoor watering of 40%. These reductions become significantly greater when the target is 70/30 (Goal No. 2).

Another challenge to implementing firm targets is that the indoor/outdoor water usage ratio will naturally fluctuate over time as savings are gained (or lost) due to changes in technology, customer usage patterns, weather and climate, and other factors. As an example, implementation of the WaterSense fixture legislation will accelerate the rate of indoor passive conservation savings, which will naturally accelerate indoor savings thereby increasing the ratio of outdoor water use for many communities. In order to decrease the ratio of outdoor use, a substantial investment by water providers and their customers would be required, along with a much more aggressive conservation oriented rate design for commercial irrigators, where the remaining potential for water savings is generally much higher than for outdoor residential water use.

Goal No. 2 – Water Providers Use Ag Dry Up and/or TMDs

The second water conservation goal proposed by the SWBRT would require a more aggressive target (i.e., 70/30 indoor to outdoor ratio) for water providers relying on water from agricultural transfers or a new transmountain diversion to meet future demands. This goal would include all of the measures listed in Goal No. 1, plus additional limitations on lawn size for new residential lots, turf limitations in common spaces, and removal of turf on residential lots through turf removal programs for existing residential lots, among other requirements.

Utilities has numerous issues and concerns with both the technical details and philosophical basis underlying Goal No. 2.

- Utilities questions the value of imposing regulations on outdoor watering in Front Range urban areas if outdoor M&I water use currently accounts for less than 3.5% of total water use *statewide*². The result of reducing outdoor use to 30% would be a serious negative impact to the quality of life of individuals and communities with no corresponding benefit to water supply and water availability state wide.
- The SWBRT Proposal is focused on residential outdoor water use; however, recent analysis completed by CWCB and others indicates that the greatest current and future savings potential exists in other water use categories (e.g., commercial outdoor watering).
- It seems unreasonable to significantly alter the character of Front Range urban communities where 80% of Colorado's citizens live, work, and play by implementing draconian restrictions on outdoor water use to meet the arbitrary targets defined for this Goal, particularly when the other 20% of the populations would be exempt from such mandates simply by virtue of where they live. Parks, open spaces, golf courses, playing fields, backyards and landscaping are an essential part of the community fabric, deserving of protection rather than forced limitations.
- This goal singles out turf irrigation with treated water supplies. We believe that this provides a loophole for many municipalities and developments, especially on the Western Slope, which employ untreated raw water supplies from converted (or unconverted) agricultural rights for turf irrigation. To be intellectually honest and consistent and to achieve the stated goal of saving water, this loophole would

² Currently over 85% of water in Colorado is used for agriculture, while municipal and domestic constitutes around 7% of water used statewide. Assuming that 50% of municipal/domestic water use occurs outdoors, then roughly 3.5% of water use statewide is attributable to outdoor municipal and domestic uses. As discussed above, the actual percent is most likely lower because the 50-50 split applies only to single family residential water use.

need to be closed by expanding the scope of any proposal to include all turf irrigation from any supply in any basin statewide.

- If the goals of this proposal are, in part, to reduce the impacts of agricultural transfers, maintain healthy rivers and streams, and reduce Colorado River Compact related risks, then wouldn't applying targets to reduce outdoor consumptive use of water and provide disincentives to converting agricultural water and land to other uses be just as relevant to the Animas or the Roaring Fork Valleys as to the Front Range? Any outdoor water conservation legislation proposed should apply equally to all parts of the State.
- If Goal No. 2 were to become a requirement, Colorado Springs Utilities estimates that it would need to reduce outdoor water use by approximately 50% from currently forecasted conditions to meet a 70/30 indoor to outdoor use ratio, assuming a starting ratio of 50/50.
- There are numerous and far reaching negative effects associated with reducing irrigation in urban environments. These impacts include reduced tree canopy, increased "heat island" effects, increased stormwater runoff, reductions in property values, and reduced enjoyment of outdoor spaces, among others. Many Front Range communities are already experiencing significant die off of turf and tree canopy and other adverse impacts as a result of irrigating at deficit rates for several consecutive years. The outdoor water use reductions necessary to meet the 70/30 ratio will exacerbate what is already an unsustainable condition for "urban ecosystems" along the Front Range. The financial and socio-economic costs of these impacts and potential mitigation needed should be much better understood before severe measures are imposed. The benefits of outdoor water use, both quantifiable and intangible, must be acknowledged and considered as part of any statewide conservation program.

In addition to the over-arching issues and concerns with the SWBRT Proposal described above, we also have the following specific comments and concerns with elements of Goal No. 2:

Conservation Measures and Support for New TMD

- The SWBRT Proposal should go farther than simply "considering" support of a new Transmountain Diversion (TMD) if water providers achieve high levels of conservation by 2030.
- The SWBRT Proposal assumes that all new supply projects would be used exclusively for M&I purposes. The Proposal does not specify whether any restrictions or requirements would be placed on new supply used for other beneficial uses such as agricultural, self supplied industrial, augmentation, nonconsumptive uses, etc.
- The only goal of implementing a residential turf removal program appears to be lowering the indoor/outdoor water use ratio. The SWBRT Proposal should provide additional incentives or benefits to the water provider (e.g., increased support or assistance for storage development to offset demand hardening).

Agricultural Transfers

- The SWBRT should clarify whether they intend Goal No. 2 to apply to those communities for which transferred agricultural water already comprises a portion of their water supply portfolio, as some iterations of the proposal do not distinguish between current and future agricultural transfers.

- It appears that water providers who would use agricultural water on a temporary basis through a leasing-fallowing program would be subject to these requirements should a lessee and lessor seek a water rights change case to facilitate this type of temporary transaction. This is counter-productive to the direction of the ATM program. Also, it is unclear how this proposal would work with or against the pending flex water right concept.
- The SWBRT Proposal does not adequately address the impact or applicability of changes in water allocation between agricultural and M&I interests under Federal water projects such as the transfer of shares in the case of the Colorado-Big Thompson Project, or through changes in project allocations in the case of the Fryingpan-Arkansas Project.
- The SWBRT Proposal does not account for, nor provide credit for, water sharing arrangements that exist between cities and agricultural interests such as sale/lease of surplus water, use of excess return flows, etc. In many cases, increased conservation and efficiency by M&I entities results in a widening of the water supply “gap” for downstream agricultural interests.
- It is important to note that under Colorado Water Law only the historic consumptive use of agricultural water can be changed, so there is no “net decrease” in total water use or increase in depletions when agricultural water is transferred. In many cases, urban return flows from this consumptive use water adds water to the stream and stretches M&I water supplies since it can be used and successively reused to extinction.
- The Proposal would have a “chilling effect” on creative and innovative solutions to difficult water supply problems, in that many options now on the table may be deemed too risky under the rules imposed by the SWBRT Proposal. The limitations imposed by these goals may actually serve to drive water providers to seek more TMDs or permanent agricultural transfers, particularly if the more difficult and uncertain cooperative and innovative options carry the same restrictions, limitations, or consequences. In addition, the measures proposed in Goal No. 2 would likely decrease the value of agricultural water, impacting farmer’s net worth and borrowing power, and hindering the ability of agricultural interests to obtain a fair market value for water they are seeking to lease or sell.

Final Observations and Recommendations for Future Action

Utilities recognizes that healthy rivers and ecosystems, a robust recreation-based economy, and other environmental and recreational values frequently identified as “musts” by Western Slope Roundtables are important for maintaining Colorado’s economy and quality of life. Equally as important to Colorado’s economy and quality of life is maintaining urban environments with sufficient open areas, healthy landscapes and places to find solitude or make a connection with the outdoors. People have the same need and reasonable expectation to connect with nature and enjoy a healthy landscape whether they live in an urban area on the Front Range or a pristine mountain valley on the Western Slope. It will be difficult to convince future generations of Front Range citizens of the need for healthy rivers or sustainable agriculture if they spend the vast majority of their lives indoors or playing on concrete. While the SWBRT Proposal may be well intentioned, we do not believe it fully considers the direct and indirect social and economic impacts that would occur on a local, regional, and statewide level should such drastic changes be forced upon urban and suburban landscapes. In many ways, the SWBRT Proposal is inconsistent with societal values and expectations of community, personal choice, and home ownership, and raises the specter of social engineering. Such proposals can impose

conditions that create societal “winners” and “losers” as thus may need to be scrutinized through the lens of social justice.

Utilities proposes an alternative approach in which the focus should be on determining what constitutes a “reasonable residential experience,” or perhaps developing a consensus on what might be “unreasonable” municipal outdoor water use. This discussion should involve at least the stakeholders mentioned in SB14-017, local governments, water suppliers, homeowners, real estate developers and landscaping contractors. The outcomes of this discussion should apply statewide, while recognizing the considerations unique to each community, region, and basin. We understand that achieving greater levels of conservation is important to our Western Slope partners in crafting a viable solution for meeting the identified water supply gap. While many aspects of the SWBRT Proposal are intriguing and advance the statewide discussions regarding conservation, we believe that establishing indoor to outdoor usage ratios that target a specific geographic area, category of water use, or segment of Colorado’s population will not result in sound water policy, nor is it likely to be successful in achieving its desired results.

Achieving the desired outcomes embedded in the SWBRT through increased conservation can be accomplished, in large part, by implementing many of the “Best Management Practices” (BMPs) identified in the *Guidebook of Best Practices for Municipal Water Conservation in Colorado* (Colorado Water Wise, 2010). These BMPs include, but are not limited to the following:

- Conservation-oriented rates and tap fees;
- Increased levels of public education and outreach;
- Implementation of water waste ordinances;
- Landscape water budgets, coupled with real-time water use feedback to customers (e.g., the online MyUsage Tool implemented by Utilities);
- Rules for landscape design and installation (e.g., soil amendment requirements);
- Certification of landscape professionals; and
- Irrigation efficiency evaluations.

In addition, Utilities believes that it is important to continue aggressive pursuit of the recommendations contained in the *Updated Metro Roundtable Conservation Strategy*, which include the following:

- Continue educational, marketing and advertising programs to ensure recent savings become permanent and address the impact of lower use on revenues and rates;
- Enact statewide legislation requiring the sale of only high-efficient indoor water fixtures;
- Provide audits and incentives to residential, commercial, industrial and institutional customers to replace inefficient fixtures and improve processes;
- Provide targeted audits for inefficient use, both indoors and out;
- Capitalize on, and assist with customers’ willingness to change landscapes;
- Prepare financially for the future investment by water utilities and their customers to maintain distribution systems and hold water loss rates down as much as practically possible; and
- Continually monitor and evaluate conservation programs and pursue new conservation opportunities.

It should be noted that over the last decade, significantly more progress has been made in reducing municipal water demands than was anticipated without significant legislative mandates. In other words, the existing voluntary conservation efforts of education, free market incentives, and minor legislation have been extremely successful. For example, indoor water use has been reduced through the introduction and promotion of water efficient fixtures and outdoor water use has been significantly reduced in part through conservation rates and irrigation efficiency measures. In addition, natural market forces have resulted in the reduction of average lot size and average irrigated turf area per new home. It is likely that these efforts and market forces will continue to push municipal water use down to reasonable and sustainable levels.

Thank you for your willingness to consider feedback. We appreciate the efforts of the SWBRT to advance the discussions regarding conservation and explore ways to address the water supply gap in a manner that is mutually agreeable to a broad range of interests. I hope that you find this input of value in your discussions and request that you consider our comments and concerns in fashioning any next steps. My staff and I would be glad to discuss the issues raised in this memo in greater detail upon your request.

TO: Mark Pifher, Permitting and Compliance Manager

FROM: Christina Contreras, Engineering Support Tech

DATE: June 11, 2014

SUBJECT: Response to Executive Order 13604

Federal agencies have engaged in an interagency initiative to scale up and institutionalize efforts to modernize and improve the efficiency of the Federal permitting and review process. This effort includes four components for achieving on-time, and more efficient permitting and review decisions: (1) A Federal Plan with subsequent Agency Plans; (2) a set of Nationally or Regionally Significant Projects; (3) an enhanced Federal Infrastructure Permitting Dashboard; and (4) performance metrics and reporting to support accountability and continuous improvement. The Federal Plan describes government-wide actions that will be taken to improve Federal permit decision-making and review processes for infrastructure projects, including best practices to institutionalize across government. The Member Agencies of the Steering Committee are responsible for collaboratively identifying and tracking on the Dashboard Nationally or Regionally Significant infrastructure projects through which to test and demonstrate innovations, improvements, and best practices. The enhanced Dashboard will be a tool for interagency collaboration as well as public transparency. The Federal Chief Performance Officer (CPO) is responsible for setting metrics and reporting annually on agency progress towards meeting the goals set out in both the Federal Plan and the Agency Plans.

Take away: agencies are making additional information readily available to the public with the use of IT tools to increase collaboration, transparency, and reduce the time required to make permitting and review decisions.

Nationally and Regionally Significant Projects: Time Savings and On-Time Completion

A total of 50 infrastructure projects pursuant to EO 13604 have been expedited. These include ports and waterways, large-scale renewable energy developments, oil and gas pipelines, roadways, aviation, and ecosystem restoration. Each project has an expedited schedule with clear project milestones, a designated coordinating agency, and is tracked on the public Federal Infrastructure Permitting Dashboard. As of May 2013, 22 of the 50 projects had completed Federal permitting and review process (21 were approved one was denied). Time savings ranged from several months to several years.

Improving Collaboration through IT Tools

The Federal Infrastructure Permitting Dashboard has been expanded to including an internal IT platform to reach different Federal agencies, with hopes of increased Government-wide collaboration, and transparency. The platform enables agencies to develop collaborative schedules, share project documents, and quickly communicate with each other. DOT hosts,

funds, and performs maintenance work on the interagency IT platform. The Dashboard tracks progress, supports accountability, and identifies practices that work well, and improve the review process. Standardizing use of the Dashboard among agencies is in the works.

Agency Plans

Each agency on the Steering Committee submitted a detailed plan identifying how it will implement the Federal Action Plan and improve its internal permitting and review process to reduce the time required to make permitting and review decisions.

Example: The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) and CEQ are putting together a handbook that details the integration of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) review process. The handbook will allow for expedited reviews by avoiding duplication of effort allow for better outcomes by ensuring that the NEPA process included comprehensive consideration of historic properties in the early stages of its planning. The handbook was finalized in 2013.

Best Practices

Expanding the Use of IT Tools

Collaboration using IT tools to make scientific data readily available enables infrastructure project management to be more effective, efficient, and increase transparency.

Example: The EPA has released a web-based GIS application, NEPAassist, that pulls information from publicly available Federal, state, and local datasets, allowing the public to view information about the environmental conditions within the area of a proposed project quickly and easily.

Example: The Fish and Wildlife Services is developing an Information, Planning, and Conservation IT system that enables individuals to identify species of concern, complete effects analysis, expedite environmental review and approval processes, and aid in coordinating conservation efforts across the landscape.

Assigning a Coordinating Agency

Each project on the Dashboard is assigned a coordinating agency responsible for establishing and managing the schedule for the project permitting and review process.

Example: DOT, as the coordinating agency for the Columbia River Crossing Project, connecting Vancouver, WA to Portland, OR, worked closely with state, local, and Federal agencies in developing the schedule for the project. DOT worked with the Coast Guard, Army Corps of Engineers, and other state agencies to establish a Statement of Protocols, which identifies the

main points of contact, defined roles, established review timeframes, and a process for dispute resolution.

Integrated Project Plan

Per the Federal Action Plan, OMB developed the Integrated Project Plan (IPP), which is designed to set out the roles and responsibilities of agencies involved in reviewing proposed projects, so as to identify opportunities of collaboration, concurrent reviews, and more efficient information collection. Invested time up-front allows agencies, and project developers to plan an integrated, concurrent review process, which reduces costs and duplication resulting from incomplete assessments of requirements or consecutive reviews.

Example: The Army Corps of Engineers has launched a new planning process referred to as “SMART Planning,” which produces a decision document coordinated by three levels of the organization (CROPS headquarters, division office, and district office). The plan is an overview of the procedures, tips, techniques and tools to implement feasibility studies; the SMART plan is implemented on two projects –the Central Everglades Planning Project and Charleston Harbor.

Information on SMART Planning can be found at:

<http://planning.usace.army.mil/toolbox/smart.cfm?Section=1&Part=0>

Weekly Tracking Call

OMB and DOT assemble a weekly tracking call on which a representative from every agency with project milestones reports on those milestones. This enables improved coordination at both the headquarters and regional offices, while providing an early warning system that enables agencies to identify and correct delays that may arise.

Creating Application Toolkit

Application Toolkit’s will provide a centralized location to access information about the application process, best practices, tools for outreach and engagement, and general information regarding natural, cultural, and visual resources, including assessment approaches and mitigation policies and practices.

Example: The DOE’s Geothermal Technologies Office developed the Open Energy Information (OpenEI) tool outlines the permitting process, Federal, state, and local regulations, geothermal regulatory road map, and process flowcharts.

OpenEI can be found at: http://en.openei.org/wiki/Main_Page

Measuring Results

Example: The DOD has published a new rule to expedite the review of infrastructure projects for impact to the military mission; this review affects regulatory processes of other agencies, such as

FAA and BLM. To resolve these issues, DOD has established four mitigation response teams, opened discussions with developers on potential mitigation opportunities, and established an informal review process where developers can request a preliminary review of mission compatibility issues.

Improving Coordination with State, Municipal, and Tribal Governments

DOI's California Renewable Energy Policy Group (REPG) demonstrates a successful Federal-state coordination with team representatives from Federal and state agencies responsible for permitting projects, including BLM, Fish and Wildlife Services, California Energy Commission, California Department of Fish and Wildlife Services, California Independent Systems Operator, California Public Utilities Commission, and California State Lands Commission. The group meets regularly to identify and resolve issues early in the process, establish "Best Management Practices" for renewable energy development for project developers, review a common set of project applications, and provide a forum for stakeholders to speak directly to Federal and state policy leaders.

DOI and California also undertook a joint Federal-state long-term planning process to develop the Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan, which is expected to facilitate the review and approval of renewable energy projects, including solar thermal, wind, and other forms of renewable energy and associated infrastructure such as, electric transmission lines necessary for renewable energy development, within parts of Colorado and the Mojave deserts in California.

Linking Planning with Permitting

Federal agencies are developing innovative, science-based roadmaps designed to form a sound foundation for responsible infrastructure development on public lands. These roadmaps, which help to identify optimal locations for different types of infrastructure project development, as well as landscape and watershed-level mitigation opportunities, enable product developers to make better decisions, enable Federal agencies to make quick decisions, and create the opportunity to engage the appropriate stakeholders to enhance environmental outcomes.

Example: DOI recently completed a Western Solar Plan that provides a blueprint for utility-scale solar energy permitting in Arizona, California, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, and Utah. The plan establishes solar energy zones with access to existing or planned transmission lines, incentives for development within those zones, and a process through which to consider additional zones and solar projects.

Landscape and Watershed-Level Mitigation

Identifying appropriate environmental mitigation requirements upfront using a landscape or watershed level view of where a project is sited can lead to better outcomes for the environment and efficiencies in the mitigation process.

Example: Bureau of Land Management is implementing a Greater Sage-grouse Habitat Conservation Planning Strategy; this framework will allow BLM to incorporate science-based conservation measures for the Greater Sage grouse into agency resource management plans, and in cooperation with the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) and state fish and wildlife agencies in the West, to give appropriate considerations to the principal threats to the sage-grouse identified by the FWS.

Going Forward

To strengthen collaboration with States, municipalities, and Tribes an announcement of regional pilot teams focused on specific regional infrastructure will be implemented.

Example: USDA is leading an interagency team to work on projects that will help local communities deal with worsening drought conditions. DOT is working with other regional partners in the Northeast to develop passenger rail service in the Northeast Corridor. DOI is developing a cross-discipline team to facilitate the development of electrical transmission in the West, and will work in North Dakota and Montana to improve oil and gas production. These pilot teams will also serve as laboratories for further innovations.

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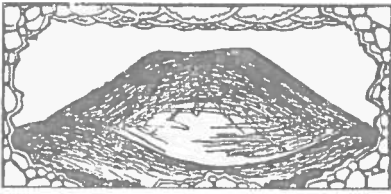
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July 10, 2014

Dear Governor Hickenlooper and Director Eklund,

We are writing to share with you Gunnison Basin citizens' perspectives on the draft Colorado Water Plan. High Country Conservation Advocates has worked to protect the waters of our Basin for over 25 years.

Although we work hard to represent environmental interests on the Gunnison Basin Roundtable, we are only 1 seat amongst over 30 at that venue. We have made great progress with our partners in municipal and agricultural interests to find multipurpose projects in our Basin, yet environmental values and needs are still difficult to quantify and unique in the challenges they pose. For example, agricultural interests can frequently point to irrigation infrastructure fixes and upgrades or small storage projects. Keeping water in a river or finding water to restore a compromised river can be more challenging.

Despite these challenges, we find tremendous support for environmental values on our rivers. In the last year, we collected over 284 comments on the draft water plan, which we are sending to you today. Again and again, locals described these rivers as their "way of life," and referenced fishing, water quality and boating as key values worth protecting. It seems all Coloradans recognize the value of our West Slope rivers-- one visitor from Denver wrote, "taking a cold dip revives my passion for life and for this state!"

We therefore urge you to consider the following priorities to address environmental interests and nonconsumptive needs in the Colorado Water Plan:

- Funding for stream management surveys and plans that will fill in the knowledge gap for nonconsumptive needs on priority stream segments.
- Funding to develop projects on these segments, where there is limited NGO capacity to bring nonconsumptive projects to the table.
- Support for augmenting instream flows (by appropriation, acquisition, leasing, and water sharing mechanisms) in cooperation with agriculture.
- Clear criteria for water development, requiring conservation, reuse, and efficiency strategies before increased diversions—transmountain or otherwise.

Again, thank you for considering the perspective of citizens living in and visiting the Gunnison Basin.

Regards,

Jennifer S. Bock
Water Program Director

Cassidy A. Tawse-Garcia
Membership Director

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,
PROTECT MY Paddle Boarding. PROTECT THE GUNNISON RIVER.

I am writing because I care about the Gunnison River. As you and your staff formulate the State Water Plan, please protect vital instream flows in the Gunnison and Colorado River system that provide for our tourist economy, recreational opportunities, and fish and wildlife.

Water is precious not only to cities and big agriculture, but here on the West Slope, it provides for our lifestyle: family owned farms and ranches, whitewater rafting and fly fishing in gold metal streams. We already see our rivers threatened by drought and global warming. I hope you will protect Colorado's future by safeguarding our healthy rivers for generations to come.

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My favorite place on a river: In the middle of it

My favorite activities on our rivers: Paddle Boarding, Swimming,
Hanging out with my kids

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,
PROTECT MY Inner tubing! PROTECT THE GUNNISON RIVER.

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My favorite place on a river: Fishing Spring Creek & Taylor Rivers

My favorite activities on our rivers: Rafting & tubing the rivers but
especially love shredding the
water in the country

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,
PROTECT MY Recreation. PROTECT THE GUNNISON RIVER.

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My favorite place on a river: Upper Taylor

My favorite activities on our rivers: Rafting

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My favorite place on a river:

My favorite activities on our rivers:

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My favorite place on a river:

My favorite activities on our rivers:

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My favorite place on a river: Blue Mesa Area

My favorite activities on our rivers: Swimming

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My favorite place on a river:

My favorite activities on our rivers:

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My favorite place on a river: Rocky Mts

My favorite activities on our rivers: Kayaking

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,
PROTECT MY right to recreate. PROTECT THE GUNNISON RIVER.

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My favorite place on a river: too many to pick from

My favorite activities on our rivers: rafting, fishing, and dogs swimming

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,
PROTECT MY RELATIONSHIP WITH NATURE. PROTECT THE GUNNISON RIVER.

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My favorite place on a river: EVERWHERE

My favorite activities on our rivers: BOATING!

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,
PROTECT MY Hiking on the River. PROTECT THE GUNNISON RIVER.

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My favorite place on a river: river bank

My favorite activities on our rivers: Taking my dog swimming!
Thank you!

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,
PROTECT MY hiking/peace. PROTECT THE GUNNISON RIVER.

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My favorite place on a river: side

My favorite activities on our rivers: watching

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,
PROTECT MY water park. PROTECT THE GUNNISON RIVER.

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My favorite place on a river: CB

My favorite activities on our rivers:
Rafting, fishing

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,
PROTECT MY Love + Rivers. PROTECT THE GUNNISON RIVER.

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My favorite place on a river: Arkansas
My favorite activities on our rivers:

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,
PROTECT MY Gate River. PROTECT THE GUNNISON RIVER.

com week

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My favorite place on a river: Hot springs in Colorado river
My favorite activities on our rivers: hiking, swimming the dog

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NAME: Jan Williams
ADDRESS: 33 Kellogg
EMAIL: tmwillip1@gmail.com

My favorite place on a river: CB south
My favorite activities on our rivers: fishing, floating

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,
PROTECT MY Arkansas and PROTECT THE GUNNISON RIVER.

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NAME: BILL FABIAN
ADDRESS: 30699 OVERLOOK RUN, BUENA VISTA, CO
EMAIL: marshallpoint@hotmail.com 81211

My favorite place on a river: sitting on boulders with white water rushing along.

My favorite activities on our rivers:
walking along the shore at dusk
bank

Dear Governor Hickenlooper
PROTECT MY Gunnison PROTECT THE GUNNISON RIVER.

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NAME: Gareth Roberts
ADDRESS: PO Box 3546 / Crested Butte, CO
EMAIL: g1butte@aol.com

My favorite place on a river: Black Canyon

My favorite activities on our rivers: hiking

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,
PROTECT MY RVs PROTECT THE GUNNISON RIVER.

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NAME: Natacha Winchester
ADDRESS: 148 Elcho Ave Unit 13 Crested Butte
EMAIL: natachawin@gmail.com Co 81224

My favorite place on a river: edge of the water

My favorite activities on our rivers: fishing

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,
PROTECT MY river's lakes + drinking water PROTECT THE GUNNISON RIVER.

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NAME: MONICA MESA
ADDRESS: PO Box 841 CB 81224
EMAIL: monicamesa@yahoo.com

My favorite place on a river: in it!

My favorite activities on our rivers: floating

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,
PROTECT MY recreation. PROTECT THE GUNNISON RIVER.

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NAME: Danica Baker
ADDRESS: PO Box 2193, Crested Butte, CO 81224
EMAIL: danicabaker4@gmail.com

My favorite place on a river: in a boat
My favorite activities on our rivers: rafting, fishing

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,
PROTECT MY Recreation. PROTECT THE GUNNISON RIVER.

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NAME: BRUCE ECKEL
ADDRESS: PO BOX 969 CRESTED BUTTE 81224
EMAIL: LISTS.ECKEL@GMAIL.COM

My favorite place on a river:

My favorite activities on our rivers: RAFTING

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,
PROTECT MY fishing, boating. PROTECT THE GUNNISON RIVER.

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NAME: Eric Ross
ADDRESS: Box 152 - Crested Butte, CO 81224
EMAIL:

My favorite place on a river: upper State River
My favorite activities on our rivers: - Fishing, swimming

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,
PROTECT MY Boating. PROTECT THE GUNNISON RIVER.

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NAME: Ryan Hickenlooper
ADDRESS: 72 Columbia Rd Gunnison, CO
EMAIL: Ryan.Hickenlooper@state.co.us

My favorite place on a river: a wave

My favorite activities on our rivers: Kayak

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,
PROTECT MY Scuzz hole. PROTECT THE GUNNISON RIVER.

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NAME: Andrew Thomson
ADDRESS: 32 White rock Ave. Crested Butte, CO 81224

EMAIL:

261+263

My favorite place on a river:

My favorite activities on our rivers:

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NAME: Andrew Arell
ADDRESS: 54 Anthracite Dr., Crested Butte, CO, 81225
EMAIL: andrew.goringoandia@gmail.com

My favorite place on a river:

My favorite activities on our rivers:

Ch. park

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,
PROTECT MY water source. PROTECT THE GUNNISON RIVER.

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NAME: D. WASE
ADDRESS: 280 W 1380 N - TОООСЕ UT 84074
EMAIL: dongel@gmail

My favorite place on a river: Almont - 3 Rivers Resort

My favorite activities on our rivers: White water rafting; relaxing

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,
PROTECT MY water source. PROTECT THE GUNNISON RIVER.

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NAME: Mandy Gillie
ADDRESS: 13 Box 1144, Crested Butte, CO 81224
EMAIL: Mgillie@yahoo.com

My favorite place on a river:

My favorite activities on our rivers:

Dear Governor Hickenlooper, River
PROTECT MY River. PROTECT THE GUNNISON RIVER.

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NAME: Jennifer Fogarty
ADDRESS: 315 E. Oakley Ave Fruita, CO 81521
EMAIL: jcfogarty21@aol.com

My favorite place on a river:

My favorite activities on our rivers:

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,
PROTECT MY water sources. PROTECT THE GUNNISON RIVER.

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NAME: Angie Kray
ADDRESS: PO Box 2862, Crested Butte CO 81224
EMAIL: rjkray@msn.com

My favorite place on a river: hiking along its banks

My favorite activities on our rivers: my son loves to raft them,
husband loves to fish.

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,
PROTECT MY WELL. PROTECT THE GUNNISON RIVER.

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NAME: Natalie Ehnson
ADDRESS: 163 Sandpiper Trl Gunnison, CO 81230
EMAIL: ntehnson@gmail.com

My favorite place on a river:

My favorite activities on our rivers:

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NAME: Alex Lambro
ADDRESS: Box 552, Crested Butte, CO 81224
EMAIL: lambroalan@gmail

My favorite place on a river: in the water / slate

My favorite activities on our rivers: supping

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NAME: Alyce McCreesh
ADDRESS: 8116 Camino del Rio Gunnison Co 81232
EMAIL:

My favorite place on a river: On the bank, thinking

My favorite activities on our rivers: rafting

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,
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NAME: Bill Smith
ADDRESS: Box 1280 Crested Butte, CO 81224
EMAIL:

My favorite place on a river: meditating on it's side.

My favorite activities on our rivers: swimming, laughing, being spiritual.

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,
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NAME: GUILLERMO ZARAGOZA
ADDRESS: AJUVILA 3. RODRIGAS DE MAR 04740 SPAIN
EMAIL: gzamas@ERSMAS.10M

My favorite place on a river:

My favorite activities on our rivers: VARIOUS

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,
PROTECT MY River spirit. PROTECT THE GUNNISON RIVER.

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NAME: HEATHER DISCHOFF
ADDRESS: PO 344 CRESTED BUTTE, CO 81224
EMAIL:

My favorite place on a river:

My favorite activities on our rivers:

Dear Governor Hickenlooper, rice
PROTECT MY Headwaters. PROTECT THE GUNNISON RIVER.

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NAME: Anna Proctor
ADDRESS: 601 North Colorado, Gunnison Co 81224
EMAIL: annaproctor@rice.edu

My favorite place on a river: Fish Lake Park (Vernal Ponds)

My favorite activities on our rivers:

Kayaking, Rafting, & Canyoneering

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,
PROTECT MY Clean drinking water and view. PROTECT THE GUNNISON RIVER.

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NAME: Dorothy Tom Haskell
ADDRESS: PO Box 2077, Crested Butte, CO 81224
EMAIL: thaskell@rice.edu

My favorite place on a river:

My favorite activities on our rivers:

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NAME: JACKIE BIRD & WIL HAMILTON
ADDRESS: PO Box 3391, CRESTED BUTTE, CO 81224
EMAIL: jbird@nmu.edu

My favorite place on a river:

My favorite activities on our rivers: KAYAKING
HIKING ALONGS

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,
PROTECT MY Drinking & Survival. PROTECT THE GUNNISON RIVER.

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NAME: Heather Thomson
ADDRESS: PO 3343 CB, CO 81224
EMAIL: heatherthomson72@gmail.com

My favorite place on a river: The flow

My favorite activities on our rivers: Fishing, DRINKING
boating, observing nature

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NAME: Vernica Dewey

ADDRESS:

EMAIL:

My favorite place on a river: Slate River at Oh Be Joyful
My favorite activities on our rivers: Wading with kids

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NAME: CAROL DOBIE
ADDRESS: 1611 35th St, Downers Grove, IL 60515
EMAIL:

My favorite place on a river: Near Gothic
My favorite activities on our rivers: WATER SKIING WHITE FLOWS

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,
PROTECT MY Downing, fishing, hunting. PROTECT THE GUNNISON RIVER.

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NAME: Tom + Karen Jensen

ADDRESS: 1175 S. W. Ave, Lakewood, CO 80224

EMAIL:

My favorite place on a river: Upper Gunnison valley
My favorite activities on our rivers: canoe, kayak

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,
PROTECT MY PRIMINARY WATER. PROTECT THE GUNNISON RIVER.

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NAME: JOHN HESS

ADDRESS: BOX 225 CRESSEXD BUTTE ID 83239
EMAIL: JohnHess@CresstedButte.net

My favorite place on a river: On the Volcano
My favorite activities on our rivers: RAFTING

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,
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NAME: Nancy Platt
ADDRESS: 615 S Tule St. P.I.K.W CO 81241
EMAIL: NancyPlatt7@gmail.com

My favorite place on a river:

My favorite activities on our rivers:

fishing
Midstate lake
water

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,
PROTECT MY water quality. PROTECT THE GUNNISON RIVER.

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NAME: Craig Anderson
ADDRESS: PO Box 1295 Crested Butte CO 81224
EMAIL:

My favorite place on a river:

My favorite activities on our rivers: fishing, rafting

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,
PROTECT MY Water quality. PROTECT THE GUNNISON RIVER.

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NAME: Lawson
ADDRESS: Crested Butte CO
EMAIL: Lawrygon@gmail.com

My favorite place on a river: high up, before it flows.

My favorite activities on our rivers:

bird watching

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,
PROTECT MY drinking water. PROTECT THE GUNNISON RIVERS

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NAME: Sandy Sheer
ADDRESS: P.O. Box 2671, Crested Butte, CO 81224
EMAIL: sheasnowth@gmail.com

My favorite place on a river: Slake River valley, CO.

My favorite activities on our rivers:

fishing, drinking (the water)

Dear Governor Hickenlooper, The Western Slopes
PROTECT MY ability to enjoy PROTECT THE GUNNISON RIVER.

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NAME: Bill BrindAmour
ADDRESS: 139. B Maxey Rd Black Rock CO 7467
EMAIL: wtaamsden@buckman.com

My favorite place on a river: swimming

My favorite activities on our rivers: Fishing

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,
PROTECT MY garden. PROTECT THE GUNNISON RIVER.

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NAME: Mirelle BrindAmour
ADDRESS: 308 1/2 1st St Crested Butte CO 81224
EMAIL: mirellebr@netmail.com

My favorite place on a river: Black Canyon

My favorite activities on our rivers: Fishing, Relaxing, SUPing

Dear Governor Hickenlooper, MY CHILDREN'S HEALTH
PROTECT MY HEALTH? CHILDR. PROTECT THE GUNNISON RIVER.

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NAME: SIGRID COTTRELL
ADDRESS: P.O. BOX 37 CRESTED BUTTE, CO 812
EMAIL: Sigridcottrell@gmail.com

My favorite place on a river: State river at McCormick Run

My favorite activities on our rivers: rafting, kayaking, fishing

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,
PROTECT MY health. PROTECT THE GUNNISON RIVER.

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NAME: Michael Enright
ADDRESS: PO Box 1682 Crested Butte, Co. 81224
EMAIL: Michaelenright@gmail.com

My favorite place on a river: waterfalls

My favorite activities on our rivers: y e n c

PROTECT MY Lake (Blue River). PROTECT THE GUNNISON RIVER.

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NAME: Jeannie Fivbedman
ADDRESS: 1414 Rock Creek Rd
EMAIL: jeannie5junk mail116@yahoo

My favorite place on a river: AK

My favorite activities on our rivers:
Raft

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,
PROTECT MY LOCS. PROTECT THE GUNNISON RIVER.

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NAME: TEVOR BONA
ADDRESS: 715 Gothic Ave, #2 Crested Butte, CO 81224
EMAIL: TEVORBONA@gmail.com

My favorite place on a river: The rapids

My favorite activities on our rivers: Float

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,
PROTECT MY love & playnly. PROTECT THE GUNNISON RIVER.

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NAME: Shen Corey
ADDRESS: 1248 Duval Ave GJW 81501
EMAIL: obcorey@gmail

My favorite place on a river: anywhere

My favorite activities on our rivers:
breathing the air

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,
PROTECT MY CROPS. PROTECT THE GUNNISON RIVER.

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NAME: IAN OSTER
ADDRESS: 409 1/2 N. Colorado St., Gunnison, CO 81230
EMAIL: ianoster@qmail.com

My favorite place on a river: taylor

My favorite activities on our rivers: Rafting

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,
PROTECT MY water shed. PROTECT THE GUNNISON RIVER.

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NAME: Carina Cavagnaro
ADDRESS: 1007 N St., Crested Butte CO
EMAIL: carinacav1@gmail.com

My favorite place on a river: on the banks, feet dangling in.
My favorite activities on our rivers: fishing, meditating, camping.

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,
PROTECT MY watershed. PROTECT THE GUNNISON RIVER.

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NAME: Danica Ramgoolam
ADDRESS: PO Box 311, Crested Butte, CO 81224
EMAIL: danicaram1984@gmail.com

My favorite place on a river: Everywhere
My favorite activities on our rivers: Boating

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,
PROTECT MY WATER SHED. PROTECT THE GUNNISON RIVER.

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NAME: LESLEY J. CHAY
ADDRESS: PO BOX 1354 CRESTED BUTTE CO 81224
EMAIL:

My favorite place on a river: THE CREST DISTURBED
My favorite activities on our rivers: RAFTING + QUIET

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,
PROTECT MY WATER SHED. PROTECT THE GUNNISON RIVER.

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NAME: JOHN CAMPBELL
ADDRESS: 516 N. Pine St
EMAIL: 81230

My favorite place on a river:

My favorite activities on our rivers:

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,
PROTECT MY Watershed . PROTECT THE GUNNISON RIVER.

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NAME: ~~Jason~~ + Amanda Vick
ADDRESS: 1654 Scape St Laurewood CO 80432
EMAIL: jasonandamandavick@gmail.com

My favorite place on a river: River area around throni Crested Butte CO

My favorite activities on our rivers: Rafting

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,
PROTECT MY watershed . PROTECT THE GUNNISON RIVER.

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NAME: Angie Kray
ADDRESS: PO Bx 2862 Crested Butte CO 81224
EMAIL: rjkray@msn.com

My favorite place on a river: watching my husband flyfish

My favorite activities on our rivers: walking beside it, listening to it

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PROTECT MY water shed . PROTECT THE GUNNISON RIVER.

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NAME: Marylou Cohn
ADDRESS: 207 Odessa Rd. Sturbridge, MA 01526
EMAIL: louie4444@gmail.com

My favorite place on a river: Lower loop waterfalls.

My favorite activities on our rivers:

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NAME: SEAN K. CONWAY
ADDRESS: 609 1/2 N. MAIN, GUNNISON, CO 81230
EMAIL: SEAN.CONWAY@WESTERN.EDU

My favorite place on a river: The headwaters!

My favorite activities on our rivers: ALL!

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,
PROTECT MY River Flows. PROTECT THE GUNNISON RIVER.

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NAME: CROCKETT FARNELL
ADDRESS: 201 SOPRIS AVE. CRESTED BUTTE
EMAIL: CFARNELL@BLACKDRAGON.US.COM

My favorite place on a river: OH BE JOYFUL

My favorite activities on our rivers: CATFISHING

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,
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NAME: Sarah Crockett
ADDRESS: PO Box 3512 Crested Butte, CO 81224
EMAIL: SarahCrockett22@gmail.com

My favorite place on a river: in a canyon

My favorite activities on our rivers: Rafting

PROTECT MY RIVER. PROTECT THE GUNNISON RIVER.

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NAME: EMILY KATZ
ADDRESS: 22 ELK AVE CB CO 81224
EMAIL: ekatz1231@gmail.com

My favorite place on a river: UPPER TAYLOR

My favorite activities on our rivers: BOATING

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,
PROTECT MY Current Flow. PROTECT THE GUNNISON RIVER.

I am writing because I care about the Gunnison River. As you and your staff formulate the State Water Plan, please protect vital instream flows in the Gunnison and Colorado River system which provide for our tourist economy, recreational opportunities, and fish and wildlife.

SAY NO TO TRACKING
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NAME: Cinda Roberts
ADDRESS: PO BOX 3576 Crested Butte CO
EMAIL: glebette12@gmail.com 81224
My favorite place on a river: Slate River

My favorite activities on our rivers:

Climbing, Canoeing, Kayaking

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,
PROTECT MY INSTREAM Flow. PROTECT THE GUNNISON RIVER.

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NAME: SAN ROBARCOS
ADDRESS: PO BOX 112 CB, CO-81224
EMAIL:

My favorite place on a river:

My favorite activities on our rivers:

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,
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NAME: Gail Murray/David Rose
ADDRESS: POB 783, Crested Butte, CO 81224
EMAIL: cmurray@yaho

My favorite place on a river: Taylor for Canyon

My favorite activities on our rivers: rafting

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,
PROTECT MY River flows. PROTECT THE GUNNISON RIVER.

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NAME: Clay Butte
ADDRESS: 27 Cascadilla Street, Crested Butte, CO 81224
EMAIL: hydrofuryahoo.com

My favorite place on a river: TAYLOR RIVER

My favorite activities on our rivers: Kayaking (rafting)

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NAME: Brian W. West
ADDRESS: 28 Appaloosa St. Mt. CB 81225
EMAIL:

My favorite place on a river: The Middle

My favorite activities on our rivers: Fishing / Boating

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,

PROTECT MY beautiful state . PROTECT THE GUNNISON RIVER.

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NAME: Mary Dyson

ADDRESS: 2423 Lawrence St. #1 Denver, CO

EMAIL: mgdyse@yahoo.com . 80305

My favorite place on a river:

My favorite activities on our rivers: Camping near Han

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,

PROTECT MY View . PROTECT THE GUNNISON RIVER.

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NAME: Kathy Taylor

ADDRESS: 432 Cascade Dr. SE. Unit 2 Crested Butte, CO

EMAIL: 81224

My favorite place on a river: Everything

My favorite activities on our rivers: Kayaking

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,

PROTECT MY Every thing . PROTECT THE GUNNISON RIVER.

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NAME: Chris Lambro

ADDRESS: Box 552 CO 81224

EMAIL: lambrochm@gmail

My favorite place on a river: in

My favorite activities on our rivers: ALL

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,

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NAME: DAVE BLISS

ADDRESS: 23 PARNVIEW DRIVE - McGETTIE, AR

EMAIL: bliss519@sbcdglobal.net 71654

My favorite place on a river: BLACK CANYON OF THE GUNNISON

My favorite activities on our rivers: ADMIRING THE GOD GIVEN BEAUTY OF THE GUNNISON

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,
PROTECT MY Backyard. PROTECT THE GUNNISON RIVER.

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NAME: Kathryn Barry
ADDRESS: 210 Paradise Circle, Hunter Creek
Mt CB 81225

EMAIL: Kathrynbarry@mac.com

My favorite place on a river: OH Be Joyful area State River

My favorite activities on our rivers:

watching children + dogs play

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NAME: Cassie Penn
ADDRESS: PO Box 2680 Crested Butte, CO 81224
EMAIL: Cassandra.penn@gmail.com

My favorite place on a river: water park

My favorite activities on our rivers: SUP

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,
PROTECT MY Lead drinking water. PROTECT THE GUNNISON RIVER.

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NAME: Kathryn Vogel
ADDRESS: PO Box 51747, Butte, CO
EMAIL: Kvgogel@um.edu 81224

My favorite place on a river: - State River -

My favorite activities on our rivers:

jossing stones
with my grandson -

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,
PROTECT MY Drinking water. PROTECT THE GUNNISON RIVER.

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NAME: Nick Horton
ADDRESS: 17 Columbine Rd. Gunnison, CO
EMAIL: 81230

My favorite place on a river: Taylor Canyon

My favorite activities on our rivers:

Dear Governor Hickenlooper, Rio Grande's
PROTECT MY water & Bar Dairies PROTECT THE GUNNISON RIVER.
Conservation Easement trust

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NAME: Christine Knoblauch
ADDRESS: 10530 C.R. 15 Del Norte CO 81132
EMAIL: knoblauch@gmail.com

My favorite place on a river:

My favorite activities on our rivers:
in the Water Right on the Rio Grande
Independant #2

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,
PROTECT MY education PROTECT THE GUNNISON RIVER.

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NAME: Conner Drinnell
ADDRESS: 621 N 12th street Unit B Gunnison CO 81230
EMAIL: cdrinnell17@gmail.com

My favorite place on a river: In a boat...

My favorite activities on our rivers: fish

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,
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NAME: Wootly Woot
ADDRESS: PO Box 804 Cortez Bttn, Co 81324
EMAIL:

My favorite place on a river:

My favorite activities on our rivers:
Hoffing / fishing

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NAME: GARY BERNAN
ADDRESS: 210 Paradise - Huron Hill CO
EMAIL: GARYBERNAN@HOTMAIL.COM

My favorite place on a river: State River for the day full

My favorite activities on our rivers: Fishing

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,

PROTECT MY drinking water. PROTECT THE GUNNISON RIVER.

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NAME: Danica Satter

ADDRESS: P.O. Box 2612, CO, 81224

EMAIL: BobbieinReps@gmail

My favorite place on a river: Florida

My favorite activities on our rivers:

skiing

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,

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NAME: Ashley Hallman

ADDRESS: P.O. Box 1682 Crested Butte, CO 81224

EMAIL: ashleymehallman@gmail.com

My favorite place on a river: right by my house

My favorite activities on our rivers: Kayak

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,

PROTECT MY Community. PROTECT THE GUNNISON RIVER.

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NAME: MOSS WALTER

ADDRESS: 702536 CROFTMAN BLVD, CO 81224

EMAIL: moss_walter@yahoo.com

My favorite place on a river:

My favorite activities on our rivers:

tennis

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,

PROTECT MY quality of water. PROTECT THE GUNNISON RIVER.

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NAME: Alex Huggstad

ADDRESS: 250 PUPPY SMITH, ASPEN, CO

EMAIL: ALEX.HUGGSTAD@GMAIL.COM 81611

My favorite place on a river: in it.

My favorite activities on our rivers: Swimming, hiking.

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,

PROTECT MY property. PROTECT THE GUNNISON RIVER.

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NAME: Marty Graves
ADDRESS: 16071 Sandra Ln
EMAIL: martyaard@aol.com

My favorite place on a river: slate River, Gunnison Co.

My favorite activities on our rivers: rafting

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,

PROTECT MY Drinking Water. PROTECT THE GUNNISON RIVER.

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NAME: Valerie Stahl
ADDRESS: 75 Alpine Ct Crested Butte Co
EMAIL: Vstahl@austn.vr.com 81224

My favorite place on a river: Slate River Bridge

My favorite activities on our rivers:

Watching wildlife + birds - they rely on

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,

PROTECT MY Clean Water!. PROTECT THE GUNNISON RIVER.

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NAME: Gretchen Back
ADDRESS: P.O. Box 3001 CB, CO 81224
EMAIL:

My favorite place on a river: All of it

My favorite activities on our rivers: hiking / playing

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,

PROTECT MY Drinking Water. PROTECT THE GUNNISON RIVER.

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NAME: Gwen desCormets
ADDRESS: PO Box 2438 - CRESTED BUTTE
EMAIL: Gwendx35@aol.com CO 81224

My favorite place on a river: on the water

My favorite activities on our rivers:

hiking - fishing -

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,
PROTECT MY Rights to clean water! PROTECT THE GUNNISON RIVER.

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NAME: Susan Eskew
ADDRESS: P.O. Box 1201 Crested Butte, CO 81224
EMAIL: sasanekew@hotmail.com

My favorite place on a river: Snake River

My favorite activities on our rivers: watching, fishing, wading!

Dear Governor Hickenlooper, + Rec. Act. Writing + the Townism that supports our town
PROTECT MY Drinking Water PROTECT THE GUNNISON RIVER.

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NAME: Pete Lawson
ADDRESS: 105 White Rock Crested Butte, CO 81224
EMAIL: the_meat_99@hotmail.com

My favorite place on a river: Crested Butte

My favorite activities on our rivers: Boating, fishing.

Tributaries to the Gunnison is our Drinking Water!

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,
PROTECT MY Water Quality PROTECT THE GUNNISON RIVER.

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NAME: Anne Stark
ADDRESS: Box 1148, Crested Butte CO 81224
EMAIL: Starrannie@gmail.com

My favorite place on a river: The bank

My favorite activities on our rivers: sitting + reflecting

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,
PROTECT MY WATER QUALITY PROTECT THE GUNNISON RIVER.

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NAME: Joyce Roloff
ADDRESS: P.O. Box 2780 AB 81224
EMAIL: joyceroloff@gmail.com

My favorite place on a river:

My favorite activities on our rivers:

Dear Governor Hickenlooper, Protect My Water/Backyard PROTECT THE GUNNISON RIVER.

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NAME: Ingrid Murrain
ADDRESS: 725 Sopris Ave, Crested Butte, CO 81224
EMAIL: ingrid@murrain.com

My favorite place on a river: On the river!
My favorite activities on our rivers: Rafting, SUP

Dear Governor Hickenlooper, PROTECT MY home PROTECT THE GUNNISON RIVER.

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NAME: Conner Eberhardt
ADDRESS: 411 E. George St. - Gunnison
EMAIL: loconner2berhardt@gmail.com

My favorite place on a river: In the middle!
My favorite activities on our rivers: Rafting/hoogie boarding

PROTECT MY HOME PROTECT THE GUNNISON RIVER.

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NAME: MARTHA SWISTER
ADDRESS: 486 CONIFER DR BAILEY 8042,
EMAIL: maplehill@g.com

My favorite place on a river:
My favorite activities on our rivers: VIEWING, RAFTING
SWIMMING

Dear Governor Hickenlooper, PROTECT MY HOME! PROTECT THE GUNNISON RIVER.

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NAME: Tyler Brant
ADDRESS: 600 N. Adams St. C.P.O. # 5856 Gunnison, CO
EMAIL: tyler.brant@western.edu

My favorite place on a river: beach
My favorite activities on our rivers: Fishing, Rafting

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Dear Governor Hickenlooper,
PROTECT MY happy home. PROTECT THE GUNNISON RIVER.

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NAME: Sue Navy
ADDRESS: Box 432 Crested Butte CO 81224
EMAIL:

My favorite place on a river: any place

My favorite activities on our rivers: fishing, rafting, hiking

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,
PROTECT MY Home Away From Home. PROTECT THE GUNNISON RIVER.

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NAME: William Hutchinson
ADDRESS: 75 Hamilton Ave, Jamestown, RI - i.e. the Western Slope of F Co!!
EMAIL: whitchcox.net

My favorite place on a river:

My favorite activities on our rivers:

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,
PROTECT MY My new home. PROTECT THE GUNNISON RIVER.

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NAME: Elaine Kung
ADDRESS: 800 College Ave Unit 20 Gunnison, CO
EMAIL: 81230

My favorite place on a river: Gunnison River

My favorite activities on our rivers:

Kayaking

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,
PROTECT MY Pristine home. PROTECT THE GUNNISON RIVER.

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NAME: Donna Suzanne Pierson
ADDRESS: 37 Willow Ct., Crested Butte, CO
EMAIL: Suzanne@metawealth.net 81224

My favorite place on a river: Gunnison Valley

My favorite activities on our rivers: Fishing

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,
PROTECT MY BACK YARD. PROTECT THE GUNNISON RIVER.

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NAME: JOEL GRILL
ADDRESS: 308 1/2 1ST ST. CRESTED BUTTE CO
EMAIL: joel.grill@gmail.com 81224

My favorite place on a river: BLACK CANYON

My favorite activities on our rivers: RAFTING, FISHING, + SUPPLYING

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,
PROTECT MY back yard. PROTECT THE GUNNISON RIVER.

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NAME: Pamela Schilling
ADDRESS: 598 Jacobs Pl Colorado 81623
EMAIL: pks@sbf.net

My favorite place on a river:

My favorite activities on our rivers:

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NAME: Mae MacIntire
ADDRESS: P.O. Box 7170, Gunnison CO 81230
EMAIL: perardna912@yahoo.com

My favorite place on a river: Anywhere

My favorite activities on our rivers: Sight Seeing

Dear Governor Hickenlooper, Spring Creek
PROTECT MY home on. PROTECT THE GUNNISON RIVER.

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NAME: Donna Kinner
ADDRESS: 3189 Over, Abilene TX 79605
EMAIL: donna.kinner@suddenlink.net

My favorite place on a river: on a rock in the middle

My favorite activities on our rivers: I have come every year for over 50 years to this area. I don't

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NAME: Tim Szegot

ADDRESS: PO BOX 2460 Crested Butte, CO 81224

EMAIL: tim@jagat-sturgate@yahoo.com

My favorite place on a river: water park

My favorite activities on our rivers: SUP

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,

PROTECT MY Backyard & Children. PROTECT THE GUNNISON RIVER.

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NAME: Andrew Heath

ADDRESS: 106 Big Sky, Mt. Crested Butte, CO 81224

EMAIL: clearpollutionsolution@gmail.com

My favorite place on a river: Coal Creek in Crested Butte

My favorite activities on our rivers: fishing

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,

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NAME: Braden Charles

ADDRESS: 12 Columbine Rd, Gunnison CO, 21230

EMAIL:

My favorite place on a river:

My favorite activities on our rivers:

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,

PROTECT MY Backyard - please. PROTECT THE GUNNISON RIVER.

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NAME: Gail Burford

ADDRESS: 610 S Ogden St, Denver, CO 80209

EMAIL: gailburford@comcast.net

My favorite place on a river: Flowing th0, pools

My favorite activities on our rivers: floating

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,

PROTECT MY KODAKALOG ²¹⁴¹⁴⁵ PROTECT THE GUNNISON RIVER.

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NAME: 1117602

ADDRESS: 432 CASCADILLA C2 BOTTE CO 81224

EMAIL: 1BAREFAPO@P4100.COM

My favorite place on a river: CS BOTTA

My favorite activities on our rivers: KAYAKING SUP / CANYONING

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,

PROTECT MY Place to raft! PROTECT THE GUNNISON RIVER.

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NAME: Nora Underwood

ADDRESS: 1123 Maple Dr. Tallahassee FL 32301

EMAIL: underwood@bio.fsu.edu

My favorite place on a river: anywhere undeveloped.

My favorite activities on our rivers: rafting, wading

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,

PROTECT MY RAFTING AND FISHING ²¹⁴¹⁴⁵ PROTECT THE GUNNISON RIVER.

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NAME: Adam Pratt

ADDRESS: 251 Gothic Ave McCrested Butte, CO 81225

EMAIL: a.pratt@me.com

My favorite place on a river:

My favorite activities on our rivers: RAFTING, FISHING, SUP, CANYONING

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,

PROTECT MY Gunnison River PROTECT THE GUNNISON RIVER.

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NAME: Charles Pitts

ADDRESS: 1304 Avon Drive / Mont 81901

EMAIL: charlespitts2009@hotmail.com

My favorite place on a river: In the middle

My favorite activities on our rivers: boating

Dear Governor Hickenlooper, ^{visits} to access
PROTECT MY Rivers/Water. PROTECT THE GUNNISON RIVER.

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NAME: Linda Obenling
ADDRESS: 67 Floyd Ave, Crested Butte, CO 81224
EMAIL:

My favorite place on a river: all
My favorite activities on our rivers: Kayak, raft, float
fish, swim, drink it.

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,
PROTECT MY Access to the river. PROTECT THE GUNNISON RIVER.

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NAME: Paul Merck
ADDRESS: Box 1924 Crested Butte Co, 81224
EMAIL: pmerck@yahoo.com

My favorite place on a river:

My favorite activities on our rivers:

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,
PROTECT MY Access Rivers. PROTECT THE GUNNISON RIVER.

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NAME: Terry Foley
ADDRESS: P.O. Box 1722 Crested Butte, Co. 81224
EMAIL:

My favorite place on a river: in the River
My favorite activities on our rivers: Boating

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,
PROTECT MY Rafting/Fishing. PROTECT THE GUNNISON RIVER.

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NAME: Jenn Lynch
ADDRESS: PO Box 4293, CB, CO 81224
EMAIL: JAPRANS1227@gmail.com

My favorite place on a river: on a raft

My favorite activities on our rivers: fishing

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,
PROTECT MY DOG'S PLAYGROUND PROTECT THE GUNNISON RIVER.

I am writing because I care about the Gunnison River. As you and your staff formulate the State Water Plan, please protect vital instream flows in the Gunnison and Colorado River system that provide for our tourist economy, recreational opportunities, and fish and wildlife.

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NAME: MIKE HARRING
ADDRESS: 110 Reliance Breckenridge CO 80424
EMAIL: props686@yahoo.com

My favorite place on a river: waterpark

My favorite activities on our rivers: rafting/taking a swim

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,
PROTECT MY Biking Trails PROTECT THE GUNNISON RIVER.

I am writing because I care about the Gunnison River. As you and your staff formulate the State Water Plan, please protect vital instream flows in the Gunnison and Colorado River system that provide for our tourist economy, recreational opportunities, and fish and wildlife.

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NAME: Laura Puckett
ADDRESS: P.O. Box 7140 Gunnison CO 81230
EMAIL: llypp@lycs.com

My favorite place on a river: is where I can enjoy it

My favorite activities on our rivers: biking to the river

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,
PROTECT MY RAFTING PROTECT THE GUNNISON RIVER.

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NAME: CRYSTAL DURHAM
ADDRESS: PO BOX 3611 CRESTED BUTTE CO 81224
EMAIL: csdurham90@icloud.com

My favorite place on a river:

My favorite activities on our rivers: rafting & fishing

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,
PROTECT MY Public Access to the river PROTECT THE GUNNISON RIVER.

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NAME: Janet S. Mulaney
ADDRESS: 1502 Sherri Star, Lg. CO 80501
EMAIL:

My favorite place on a river: enjoying the openness at rivers edge
My favorite activities on our rivers: fishing - rafting - animal watching - listening!

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,
PROTECT MY Rivers PROTECT THE GUNNISON RIVER.

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NAME: JOHN EMMERSON
ADDRESS: 163 SANDPIPER TR. Gunnison Co 81230
EMAIL: ORRER63@YMAIL.COM

My favorite place on a river: OHIO CREEK
My favorite activities on our rivers: DRINKING IT!

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,
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NAME: GAIL MOORE
ADDRESS: P.O. Box 1998, CO 81224
EMAIL: gtmoo@50comcast.net

My favorite place on a river: Mancos river
My favorite activities on our rivers: fishing

PROTECT MY River PROTECT THE GUNNISON RIVER.

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NAME: Sue Williams
ADDRESS: 335 WILKINSON, WESTED BUTTE, CO
EMAIL: bewell310@yahoo.com

My favorite place on a river:
My favorite activities on our rivers:

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,
PROTECT MY Hikings PROTECT THE GUNNISON RIVER.

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NAME: Bob Hall
ADDRESS: Box 1306, Wested Butte, CO 81224
EMAIL: MANOBHALL@HOTMAIL.COM

My favorite place on a river: TA-LOK
My favorite activities on our rivers: FISHING

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,
PROTECT MY Future. PROTECT THE GUNNISON RIVER.

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NAME: Alex Urban
ADDRESS: alackz@gmail.com
EMAIL: PO BOX 474, CO 81224

My favorite place on a river: On the state
My favorite activities on our rivers: Fishing!

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,
PROTECT MY healthy food. PROTECT THE GUNNISON RIVER.

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NAME: Jan Oster
ADDRESS: 409 1/2 N. Colorado St, Gunnison, CO
EMAIL: janagustusoster@gmail.com 81230

My favorite place on a river:

My favorite activities on our rivers:

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,
PROTECT MY food. PROTECT THE GUNNISON RIVER.

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NAME: Tyler Lucas
ADDRESS: PO Box 2367 / Crested Butte, CO
EMAIL: tyler.lucas@me.com 81224

My favorite place on a river:

My favorite activities on our rivers:

Dear Governor Hickenlooper, 1 river
PROTECT MY WASPOLLER. PROTECT THE GUNNISON RIVER.

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NAME: Adele Bachman
ADDRESS: 3 Elk Ave PO Box 188, Crested Butte, CO 81224
EMAIL: adel@bace

My favorite place on a river:

My favorite activities on our rivers: Kayaking Fishing

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,

PROTECT MY Children PROTECT THE GUNNISON RIVER.

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NAME: Dale O. Stahl
ADDRESS: 134 Alpine Ct., CO, 81224
EMAIL: stahl@eco.wyo.edu

My favorite place on a river: White water

My favorite activities on our rivers: Kayaking

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,

PROTECT MY water to grandchildren PROTECT THE GUNNISON RIVER.

I am writing because I care about the Gunnison River. As you and your staff formulate the State Water Plan, please protect vital instream flows in the Gunnison and Colorado River system that provide for our tourist economy, recreational opportunities, and fish and wildlife.

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NAME: JOHN EDWIN 591 SIOUX RD, BUNNYSBURG, CO 81230
ADDRESS: 6702 ROBIN WILLOW CT, DALLAS, TX 75248
EMAIL: mreedlin@yahoo.com

My favorite place on a river:

My favorite activities on our rivers:

Jake Edwin

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,

PROTECT MY Kids's future PROTECT THE GUNNISON RIVER.

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NAME: Mark Kaufman
ADDRESS: 322 Teocalli Avenue, Crested Butte 81224
EMAIL: mkauf1969@gmail.com

My favorite place on a river: where the fish are

My favorite activities on our rivers: hanging out; fishing

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,

PROTECT MY FUTURE PROTECT THE GUNNISON RIVER.

I am writing because I care about the Gunnison River. As you and your staff formulate the State Water Plan, please protect vital instream flows in the Gunnison and Colorado River system that provide for our tourist economy, recreational opportunities, and fish and wildlife.

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NAME: GRANT MCFARREN
ADDRESS: PO Box 8 Crested Butte, CO 81224
EMAIL: grant.mcfar@gmail.com

My favorite place on a river: The middle

My favorite activities on our rivers: floating, fishing, relaxing, canoeing

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,
PROTECT MY CRESTED BUTTE. PROTECT THE GUNNISON RIVER.

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NAME: CARLY RIVERS
ADDRESS: PO Box 58, LYONS, CO 80540
EMAIL: rubydeltak@gmail.com
My favorite place on a river: upper South St. Vrain, near Lyons

My favorite activities on our rivers:

fly fishing, rafting, watching

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,
PROTECT MY TOWN OF SALT TIEP. PROTECT THE GUNNISON RIVER.

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NAME: JIM PIERCE
ADDRESS: 1502 MIDWAY RD, ALEX, VA 22307
EMAIL: JPIERCE@PAI.US

My favorite place on a river: EAST RIVER

My favorite activities on our rivers: RAFTING & FISHING

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,
PROTECT MY Community. PROTECT THE GUNNISON RIVER.

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NAME: Jeff Sellen
ADDRESS: 1240 State Hwy 135, Gunnison, CO 81230
EMAIL: Sellenj@gmail.com
My favorite place on a river: Just downstream from a big vttle

My favorite activities on our rivers:

fishing, hiking, sleeping, reading

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,
PROTECT MY BUSINESS. PROTECT THE GUNNISON RIVER.

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NAME: Jessica Rice
ADDRESS: 1320 E 24th Ave, DENVER 80205
EMAIL: JRICE426@gmail.com

My favorite place on a river: ON a boat with high school

My favorite activities on our rivers: students, teaching them how to fly fish.

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,
PROTECT MY Crested Butte. PROTECT THE GUNNISON RIVER.

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NAME: Joe Stembuck
ADDRESS: 29 Marcelina #17, Mt. Crested Butte
CO. 81225
EMAIL: Joe Stembuck@gmail.com

My favorite place on a river: East River

My favorite activities on our rivers: Fishing

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,
PROTECT MY Gunnison. PROTECT THE GUNNISON RIVER.

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NAME: Court Newlove
ADDRESS: 4755 W. Co Rd. FT Collins CO 80526
EMAIL:

My favorite place on a river: Everywhere

My favorite activities on our rivers: 911

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,
PROTECT MY High Mountain. PROTECT THE GUNNISON RIVER.

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NAME: William Voegel
ADDRESS: 425 N Colorado St Gunnison, CO 81230
EMAIL: harrisonvoegel@gmail.com

My favorite place on a river: rapids

My favorite activities on our rivers:
Rafting/Fishing/Haystacking

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,
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NAME: Christina Reed
ADDRESS:
EMAIL: christinareed@gunnail.com

My favorite place on a river: Gunnison Gorge

My favorite activities on our rivers:

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,
PROTECT MY CB Valley. PROTECT THE GUNNISON RIVER.

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NAME: Carolyn Blanchard
ADDRESS: P.O. Box 2825, Crested Butte, CO 81224
EMAIL:

My favorite place on a river: Every where

My favorite activities on our rivers: watching wildlife

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,
PROTECT MY Gunnison Country. PROTECT THE GUNNISON RIVER.

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NAME: David White
ADDRESS: 202 Lorie St, Woodville, OH 43469
EMAIL: david.white@du.edu

My favorite place on a river: Near Palisades

My favorite activities on our rivers: enjoying the natural setting

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,
PROTECT MY Park County. PROTECT THE GUNNISON RIVER.

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NAME: Martha Swisher
ADDRESS: 486 Conifer Dr Bailey 80421
EMAIL: maplehill@g.com

My favorite place on a river:

My favorite activities on our rivers:

please URBANISM MINING!!!
NO FRACKING!!! Thanks!

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,
PROTECT MY Gunnison Valley. PROTECT THE GUNNISON RIVER.

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NAME: Ross Tunkey
ADDRESS: P.O. Box 3544, CB, CO 81224
EMAIL: ross@bighornreality.com

My favorite place on a river: IN IT!

My favorite activities on our rivers: hunting - fishing

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,
PROTECT MY well-being. PROTECT THE GUNNISON RIVER.

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NAME: Katie Orneiber
ADDRESS: P.O. Box 15 CB, CO 81224
EMAIL: kphoto@gmail.com

My favorite place on a river: ANY

My favorite activities on our rivers: laughing, kayaking, boating, swimming, laughing, loving

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,
PROTECT MY Life. PROTECT THE GUNNISON RIVER.

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NAME: Tyler Lucas
ADDRESS: PO Box 2367 / Crested Butte, CO 81224
EMAIL: tyler.lucas@me.com

My favorite place on a river: Swimin' holes!

My favorite activities on our rivers: Swimin'!

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,
PROTECT MY lifestyle. PROTECT THE GUNNISON RIVER.

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NAME: MAUREEN PETERSON - HYATTSVILLE
ADDRESS: PO BOX 3727 CRESTED BUTTE, CO
EMAIL:

My favorite place on a river: ALL

My favorite activities on our rivers:

FISH, HIKE, RAFT

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,
PROTECT MY Way of life. PROTECT THE GUNNISON RIVER.

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NAME: Ashley Bembewek
ADDRESS: P.O. Box 3353 Crested Butte, CO 81224
EMAIL: abembewek@yahoo.com

My favorite place on a river: the Upper State River

My favorite activities on our rivers: Fishing

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NAME: Glenn Cunningham
ADDRESS: 16 Box 214, Crested Butte, CO 81224
EMAIL: glenn@glenn.com

My favorite place on a river: Alamosa area

My favorite activities on our rivers: rafting

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,
PROTECT MY Mountains + Life + Love . PROTECT THE GUNNISON RIVER.

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NAME: Andi Burnite
ADDRESS: 210 Gothic Crested Butte, CO 81224
EMAIL:

My favorite place on a river: Taylor

My favorite activities on our rivers: hiking

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,
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NAME: Josh Richard
ADDRESS: 515 N. Taylor St Gunnison CO 8
EMAIL: josh.richard@gmail.com

My favorite place on a river:

My favorite activities on our rivers:

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,
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NAME: Zach Vaughn
ADDRESS: Po Box 2201
EMAIL: Zvaughn33@gmail.com

My favorite place on a river:

My favorite activities on our rivers:

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,

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NAME: T.J. Weske

ADDRESS: 136 Willow H. Gunnison, Co. 81230

EMAIL: CO

My favorite place on a river:

My favorite activities on our rivers:

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,

PROTECT MY Life style. PROTECT THE GUNNISON RIVER.

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NAME: Mike Coleman

ADDRESS: 421 N Colorado St

EMAIL: Michael.Coleman@western.edu

My favorite place on a river: Whitewater park
My favorite activities on our rivers: fly fishing / rafting

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,

PROTECT MY life of life. PROTECT THE GUNNISON RIVER.

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NAME: EVAN ROSE

ADDRESS: PO 2963

EMAIL: B.yn@cedar-rooster.com-illan

My favorite place on a river:

All of the Gunnison
My favorite activities on our rivers:

RAFTING

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,

PROTECT MY life, environment, family, peace & mind, children. PROTECT THE GUNNISON RIVER.

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NAME: Julie H. Danelly
ADDRESS: 1901 Vallego St. Austin-TX 78757

EMAIL:

My favorite place on a river: all of it!

My favorite activities on our rivers: rafting: fishing, pic-nic, beauty, cooling-off, fly fishing, pure clean

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,
PROTECT MY Solidad e @ more. PROTECT THE GUNNISON RIVER.

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NAME: Suzette Gairous
ADDRESS: Box 5780 Mt. C^{est} Butte, CO. 81225
EMAIL: coyote color 1 @ mindspring com

My favorite place on a river: on and in it!

My favorite activities on our rivers: Rafting

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,
PROTECT MY Life!!. PROTECT THE GUNNISON RIVER.

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NAME: Dalton Jones
ADDRESS: 2645 Gladys St Avada, CO 8004
EMAIL: jd-kc-jones@gmail.com

My favorite place on a river:

My favorite activities on our rivers:

Water is a resource you need to protect. It is

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NAME: Kraig Henry
ADDRESS: PO 2941 CB CO 81224
EMAIL:

My favorite place on a river: Anywhere

My favorite activities on our rivers:

Boating, fishing, anything

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NAME: Tyler Patterson
ADDRESS: P.O. Box 1803 Gunnison CO 81230
EMAIL: PATTERSON2020@gmail.com

My favorite place on a river:

where the fish are

My favorite activities on our rivers:

fly fishing

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,

PROTECT MY Emily Litwin. PROTECT THE GUNNISON RIVER.

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NAME: Emily Litwin

ADDRESS: 912 Gothic Road, Mt. Crested Butte, CO 81225

EMAIL: litwec84@aol.com

My favorite place on a river: Anywhere you can fish!

My favorite activities on our rivers: Fishing, kayaking, enjoying the scenery and sounds ☺

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,

PROTECT MY serenity. PROTECT THE GUNNISON RIVER.

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NAME: ANGELO MANNINO

ADDRESS: PO BOX 2657 Crested Butte, CO 81224

EMAIL: amannino@angulmannino.com

My favorite place on a river: a quiet, clean bend with only

My favorite activities on our rivers: the singing of the waters

as it flows

Angelo Mannino

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,

PROTECT MY Chorqeaus. PROTECT THE GUNNISON RIVER.

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NAME: Chae Ruth

ADDRESS: 44711 Hwy 50, Chawson, CO

EMAIL: 81230

My favorite place on a river: - in it

My favorite activities on our rivers: Photography

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,

PROTECT MY Peace & quiet. PROTECT THE GUNNISON RIVER.

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NAME: Cate Capsalis

ADDRESS: 1634 Race St, Denver, CO 80206

EMAIL: c.capsalis@gmail.com

My favorite place on a river: 1 ft deep

My favorite activities on our rivers: taking a cold dip rivers

and enjoying the view of the state

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,

PROTECT MY and my earth's health. PROTECT THE GUNNISON RIVER.

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NAME: Adina Fernin

ADDRESS: 419 N. Iowa St. Gunnison, CO 81230

EMAIL: adina.fernin@western.edu

My favorite place on a river: Rafting and beaches

My favorite activities on our rivers: late night dipping and rafting

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,

PROTECT MY Vacation. PROTECT THE GUNNISON RIVER.

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NAME: Marsha Edwards

ADDRESS: 8133 Maryland Lane Brentwood, TN 37027

EMAIL:

My favorite place on a river: State River/Paradise Divide

My favorite activities on our rivers:

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,

PROTECT MY Peacefulness. PROTECT THE GUNNISON RIVER.

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NAME: Dria Eldridge

ADDRESS: 22 meadow lane, Mammoth Lakes, CA

EMAIL: A.J.EO.Hail.com 73546

My favorite place on a river: All of it

My favorite activities on our rivers:

Rafting, swimming, viewing, everything

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,

PROTECT MY Passion. PROTECT THE GUNNISON RIVER.

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NAME: Emma Griffin

ADDRESS: 412 N Iowa

EMAIL: Emmagriffin1@gmail.com

My favorite place on a river: White water park

My favorite activities on our rivers:

Floating, tubing, hanging out

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,
PROTECT MY Wildlife. PROTECT THE GUNNISON RIVER.

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NAME: Anna Roberts
ADDRESS: PO Box 271 Crested Butte, CO 81224
EMAIL: aroberts87@gmail.com

My favorite place on a river: Whole Thing!
My favorite activities on our rivers: Rafting, Gazing

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,
PROTECT MY PLANETS LIFE BLOOD. PROTECT THE GUNNISON RIVER.

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NAME: BRAD ROELEN'S
ADDRESS: Box 1668 Lyons CO, 80540
EMAIL: BRAD ROELEN'S@GMAIL.COM

My favorite place on a river: BOULDERS
My favorite activities on our rivers: CONTEMP LATION

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,
PROTECT MY World. PROTECT THE GUNNISON RIVER.

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NAME: Zachary Lee
ADDRESS: Zachary Lee @western.edu
EMAIL:

My favorite place on a river: Black Canyon

My favorite activities on our rivers:

Everything! Kayaking sup, rafting
fishing, BGLAXING!

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,
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NAME: Lou Beckman
ADDRESS: P.O. Box 2695 Crested Butte, CO 81224
EMAIL: loubeckman@gmail.com

My favorite place on a river: SLATE RIVER

My favorite activities on our rivers: hiking by

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,
PROTECT MY wilderness. PROTECT THE GUNNISON RIVER.

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NAME: Kari Grace Land Risher
ADDRESS: 12245 3790 Rd Paonia, Co 81428
EMAIL:

My favorite place on a river:

My favorite activities on our rivers:

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,

PROTECT MY Natural Resources. PROTECT THE GUNNISON RIVER.

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NAME: Scott Fulkerson
ADDRESS: 406 - Whiterock Ave Crested Butte, Co 81224
EMAIL: CSJFulk3@yahoo.com

My favorite place on a river: Never sink Rec. Area

My favorite activities on our rivers: fishing, tubing, swimming

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,
PROTECT MY uplands. PROTECT THE GUNNISON RIVER.

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NAME: Zach Guy
ADDRESS: Crested Butte CO
EMAIL: Zach.guy@gmail.com

My favorite place on a river: shore

My favorite activities on our rivers: Kayaking

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NAME: T. McElroy
ADDRESS: SHREVEPORT, LA
EMAIL: tmcelroy@mcclroy.net

My favorite place on a river: Bank

My favorite activities on our rivers: BATING

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,

PROTECT MY ecosystem. PROTECT THE GUNNISON RIVER.

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NAME: Austin Hill

ADDRESS: 421 N. Colorado St.

EMAIL: austin.hill@gmail.com

My favorite place on a river: White water park

My favorite activities on our rivers: rafting, swimming, fishing

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,

PROTECT MY Environment. PROTECT THE GUNNISON RIVER.
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NAME: DEE FABIAN

ADDRESS: 30699 Overlook Run, Buena Vista, CO 81211

EMAIL: dfabianfineart@yahoo.com

My favorite place on a river: BA

My favorite activities on our rivers: - as an artist is to paint the various seasons along

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,

PROTECT MY Environment. PROTECT THE GUNNISON RIVER.

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NAME: Thomas Pruett

ADDRESS: PO Box 1907 Crested Butte, CO 81224

EMAIL: tebuilders@yahoo.com

My favorite place on a river: Waterfalls

My favorite activities on our rivers: Swimming, Rafting, Drinking Clean Water

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,

PROTECT MY Natural resources. PROTECT THE GUNNISON RIVER.
and all that is valuable in this country

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NAME: ANDREW BRAUN

ADDRESS: 51 Doe circle, Gunnison, CO 81230

EMAIL: doscaldes@yahoo.com

My favorite place on a river: Texas Creek in the Collegates

My favorite activities on our rivers: Fishing, floating

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,

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NAME: Sheryl Caplan
ADDRESS: 1304 Avon Drive, Montrose CO 81401
EMAIL: Sheryl@SherylCaplan.com

My favorite place on a river:

My favorite activities on our rivers:

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,

PROTECT MY Water & Rivers. PROTECT THE GUNNISON RIVER.

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NAME: Louise Nelson
ADDRESS: PO Box 3035 Crested Butte, CO 81224
EMAIL: louise.nelson85@gmail.com

My favorite place on a river: in the waves & on the bank

My favorite activities on our rivers:

Rafting, floating, gazing, meditating
Swimming - enjoying it

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NAME: John T. Aykan
ADDRESS: 806 Bellevue Ave. Crested Butte, CO 81224
EMAIL: jtrganine@gmail.com

My favorite place on a river: The Bank

My favorite activities on our rivers: Swimming.

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,

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NAME: Bob Gillie
ADDRESS: PO Box 1144, CB CO 81224
EMAIL: bobgillie@comcast.net

My favorite place on a river: Black Canyon

My favorite activities on our rivers: Fishing

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,
PROTECT MY Water & our land. PROTECT THE GUNNISON RIVER.

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NAME: Irene M. Spector DO
ADDRESS: PO Box 2930 Crested Butte CO 81224
EMAIL: imsdo@mindspings.com

My favorite place on a river: Slate River

My favorite activities on our rivers: Camping

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,
PROTECT MY Water, Home, Future PROTECT THE GUNNISON RIVER.

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NAME: Lizzy Plotkin
ADDRESS: P.O. Box 4096 Crested Butte, CO 81224
EMAIL: lizzy.plotkin@gmail.com

My favorite place on a river: is the shore where I can relax,

My favorite activities on our rivers: listen and play music

Swimming, playing, exploring, listening!

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NAME: MARY SWANWICK
ADDRESS: PO BOX 2717 CRESTED BUTTE CO 81224
EMAIL: maryswanwick@gmail.com

My favorite place on a river:

My favorite activities on our rivers:

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NAME: William D Jordan
ADDRESS: PO Box 4492, Crested Butte 81224
EMAIL: wdjordan@gmail.com

My favorite place on a river:

My favorite activities on our rivers: The Mountain streams & lakes
climbing, fishing

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NAME: Johna Beenholtz
ADDRESS: PO Box 2894, CO, CO 82244
EMAIL:

My favorite place on a river: Standing, walking along it - being on the river

My favorite activities on our rivers: Camping, fishing, Rafting, floating

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,
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NAME: CAROL SOBLENIAK
ADDRESS: PO BOX 1584 LYONS CO 80540
EMAIL: flyingcarol@earthlink.net

My favorite place on a river:

My favorite activities on our rivers:

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NAME: Kevin Chedd
ADDRESS: 2450 Hwy 135-5
EMAIL: Gunn, Col

My favorite place on a river: Wild 81230

My favorite activities on our rivers: Fishing - Rafting

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NAME: Raboh Kurath
ADDRESS: PO Box 1306
EMAIL: Gunn CO 81230

My favorite place on a river:

My favorite activities on our rivers:

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NAME: Sarah Kaufman
ADDRESS: 322 Teecelli Ave. CB, CO 81224
EMAIL: srkauf15@gmail.com

My favorite place on a river: where the fish are

My favorite activities on our rivers:

fishing floating rafting

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NAME: Mike Miller
ADDRESS: 2914 Olympia Dr., Temple, TX 76522
EMAIL: mwillemoody@hotmail.com

My favorite place on a river: Taylor River

My favorite activities on our rivers: fishing

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NAME: Ed Dujardin
ADDRESS: edwesttalkproject.com
EMAIL:

My favorite place on a river: pools

My favorite activities on our rivers: fishing

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NAME: John Williams
ADDRESS: 1911 E 2nd Ave, Durango CO 81301
EMAIL: jdurango@msn.com

My favorite place on a river: Any place

My favorite activities on our rivers: Any activity

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NAME: Mary Miller
ADDRESS: 411 E. Georgia St. Gunnison, CO
EMAIL: Margymiller147@gmail.com

My favorite place on a river: White Water Park

My favorite activities on our rivers:

Relaxing, fishing and floating

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NAME: Joel Rayes
ADDRESS: 108 7th St Crested Butte 81224
EMAIL: joelrayes@gmail.com

My favorite place on a river: Oh-B-S - Joyful

My favorite activities on our rivers: Bathing

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NAME: SOPHIA CINNAMON
ADDRESS: PO BOX 2544 TELLURIDE CO
EMAIL: SOPHIA CINNAMON@GMAIL.COM

My favorite place on a river:

My favorite activities on our rivers:

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NAME: Boxley, LYP P 27 Crested Butte, CO
ADDRESS: P.O. Box 1127 Crested Butte, CO
EMAIL: Vasey's Paradise 81224
My favorite place on a river: on the Colorado River
My favorite activities on our rivers: boating

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NAME: Gregory Perry

ADDRESS: PO BOX 833-CRESTED BUTTE, CO 81227

EMAIL: brotherj3@gmail.com

My favorite place on a river: inside her

My favorite activities on our rivers:

paper

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NAME: SHERRON GREEN

ADDRESS: 68 SLATE LN, CRESTED BUTTE 81224

EMAIL: SHERRON@Q.COM

My favorite place on a river: too many to name

My favorite activities on our rivers:

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NAME: Patricia DeTredici

ADDRESS: 311 G Cement Cr. Rd Crested Butte, CO 81224

EMAIL: pde1tredici@hotmail.com

My favorite place on a river: sitting on the bank/observing

My favorite activities on our rivers: tubing, wading, relaxing

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NAME: Jenna Fairfield-Smith

ADDRESS: PO Box 4284 Crested Butte, CO 81224

EMAIL: Jenna.fsmith@gmail.com

My favorite place on a river: in it!

My favorite activities on our rivers: floating

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NAME: Zach Vaughan
ADDRESS: Po Box 2201 CB, CO 81224
EMAIL: zvaughan35@gmail.com

My favorite place on a river: all of them

My favorite activities on our rivers: cruising w/ friends

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NAME: T. Davis
ADDRESS: Crested Butte, CO
EMAIL:

My favorite place on a river: Camped beside it

My favorite activities on our rivers: watching the rivers flow

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NAME: Hedda Peterson
ADDRESS: P.O. Box 983 Crested Butte, CO 81224
EMAIL: hedda.peterson@gmail.com

My favorite place on a river: rounded stones on shore

My favorite activities on our rivers: fishing!

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NAME: Kick Muzzey
ADDRESS: 725 Soper Ave / Crested Butte, CO 81224
EMAIL: Pick@muzzey.com

My favorite place on a river: padding the state

My favorite activities on our rivers:

padding.

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NAME: TIM WILLIAMSON SUE WILLIAMSON
ADDRESS: 33 GILKASPEY AVE, CRESTED BUTTE, CO
EMAIL: timwillipt@gmail.com

My favorite place on a river:

My favorite activities on our rivers: fish, boat, hike, swim

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NAME: Lucille Lucas
ADDRESS: POB 201 CRESTED BUTTE CO 81224
EMAIL: llucas@rmv.net

My favorite place on a river: EAG RIVER

My favorite activities on our rivers: fly fishing, hike, swim

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NAME: Amy Stevens
ADDRESS: 221 N Blvd
EMAIL: amyustevens@hotmail.com

My favorite place on a river: relaxing on a tube

My favorite activities on our rivers: taking a dip, rafting, kayaking

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NAME: MARK JUDSON
ADDRESS: PO BOX 1245 CB. CO 81224
EMAIL: MARKJUDSON.COM

My favorite place on a river:

My favorite activities on our rivers: BOAT

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NAME: Suzanne Pierson
ADDRESS: 37 Willow Ct., Crested Butte, CO
EMAIL: Suzanne@metawealth.net 81224

My favorite place on a river: my backyard

My favorite activities on our rivers: fly fishing

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NAME: Bob Hall
ADDRESS: MANDB HALL@HOTMAIL.COM
EMAIL: Box 1306 Crested Butte, CO 81224

My favorite place on a river:

My favorite activities on our rivers: Fishing

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NAME: Mavreen Hall
ADDRESS: PO Box 1306 Crested Butte, CO 81224
EMAIL: mandbhall@hotmail.com

My favorite place on a river:

My favorite activities on our rivers:

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NAME: Sumaya Abuhaidar
ADDRESS: PO Box 1515, Crested Butte CO 81224
EMAIL: sabuhaidar1@gmail.com

My favorite place on a river: favorite fishing spot

My favorite activities on our rivers: enjoying nature!

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NAME: Kathy Norgard
ADDRESS: PO 2014
EMAIL: knorgard@gmail.com
Crested Butte CO 81224
Cement Creek

My favorite place on a river:

My favorite activities on our rivers:

watching

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NAME: Sue Williamson
ADDRESS: 33 Gillaspie Ave Crested Butte CO 81224
EMAIL: brewell33@yahoo.com

My favorite place on a river: Water park

My favorite activities on our rivers: fishing, floating

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NAME: Corey Robinson
ADDRESS: 6576 Union Lane Tree CO 80811
EMAIL: Corey.Robinson@gmail.com

My favorite place on a river: Bk.

My favorite activities on our rivers:

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NAME: Bob Goette
ADDRESS: PO Box 447, Crested Butte CO 81224
EMAIL:

My favorite place on a river: Coal Creek

My favorite activities on our rivers:

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NAME: Josie Richards
ADDRESS: Crested Butte CO 81230
EMAIL: Josie.Richards@gmail.com

My favorite place on a river: Whitewater

My favorite activities on our rivers: Kayaking, Canoeing, Fishing, Swimming
Spending time with friends - family

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NAME: Jenny White
ADDRESS: PO Box 1777 Crested Butte CO 81224
EMAIL: jhickeywhite@hotmail.com

My favorite place on a river: Palmsades
My favorite activities on our rivers: fly fishing, floating

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NAME: Jared McCain
ADDRESS: P.O. Box 3611 Crested Butte, CO 81230
EMAIL: JaredMcCain@yahoo

My favorite place on a river:

My favorite activities on our rivers: Fly fishing

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NAME: Jason White
ADDRESS: PO Box 1777 Crested Butte CO 81224
EMAIL: crestedbutteangler@hotmail.com

My favorite place on a river: everywhere
My favorite activities on our rivers: fly-fishing, floating

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NAME: Neil Windsor
ADDRESS: P.O. Box 1132 CO 81224

EMAIL:

My favorite place on a river: Home

My favorite activities on our rivers: Sit

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NAME: Peter H.
ADDRESS: Crested Butte
EMAIL:

My favorite place on a river:

My favorite activities on our rivers:

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NAME: PW SOUTH
ADDRESS: 2676 SPENCER AVE
EMAIL:

My favorite place on a river: Acanuone

My favorite activities on our rivers:

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NAME: Cody Lister
ADDRESS: 117/ Sheridan CO Spring, CO
EMAIL: 80909

My favorite place on a river:

My favorite activities on our rivers:

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,

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NAME: TRENT BONA
ADDRESS: PO Box 1027 CS, CO 81224
EMAIL: TMBONA@GMAIL.COM

My favorite place on a river: A PERFECT SEAM
My favorite activities on our rivers: FISHING / BOATING

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NAME: Brenda & Johnny Barbel
ADDRESS: 28020 C.R. 337
EMAIL: Buena Vista Colo 81211

My favorite place on a river:

My favorite activities on our rivers:

Arkansas
Listening to the river

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NAME: Monica Aricwitsch Crested Butte
ADDRESS: 37 Willow Ct., Crested Butte
EMAIL: monica@metawealth.net co 81224

My favorite place on a river: Crested Butte Paradise Divide
My favorite activities on our rivers:

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,

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NAME: Shawn Maty
ADDRESS: P.O. Box 223
EMAIL: Samsongateusguy.com

My favorite place on a river: Parkman

My favorite activities on our rivers:

TAKE A Hike

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,
PROTECT MY Fishing. PROTECT THE GUNNISON RIVER.

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NAME: Bob Puglisi
ADDRESS: P.O. Box 5471 MCB 81225
EMAIL:

My favorite place on a river:

My favorite activities on our rivers:

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,
PROTECT MY Fish. PROTECT THE GUNNISON RIVER.

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NAME: Chal Reed
ADDRESS: 7436 Maroon Ave / CB Co 81224
EMAIL:

My favorite place on a river: in it

My favorite activities on our rivers: fishing

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,
PROTECT MY FISHING. PROTECT THE GUNNISON RIVER.

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NAME: James C. Dudzik
ADDRESS: 8690 W. 46th Ave Wheat Ridge
EMAIL: doodahmn@comcast.net 80033 CO.

My favorite place on a river: Fishing from bank/raft

My favorite activities on our rivers:

Fishing / gold panning

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,
PROTECT MY TRout. PROTECT THE GUNNISON RIVER.

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NAME: Madeleine Child
ADDRESS: P.O. Box 4284 CB, CO. 81224
EMAIL: madeleine-child@gmail.com

My favorite place on a river: swimming

My favorite activities on our rivers: rafting, swimming, picnic.

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,
PROTECT MY Water + fish. PROTECT THE GUNNISON RIVER.

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NAME: Monica Ariowitsch
ADDRESS: 37 Willow Ct., Crested Butte, CO
81224

EMAIL: monica@metawealth.net

My favorite place on a river: Slate River

My favorite activities on our rivers:

fishing, boating

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,
PROTECT MY fishing hole. PROTECT THE GUNNISON RIVER.

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NAME: Patricia DelTredici
ADDRESS: 311 G Cement Cr. Rd., Crested Butte, CO
EMAIL: pdel_tredici@hotmail.com sleep

My favorite place on a river:

My favorite activities on our rivers:

picnicking, refreshing, hiking

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,
PROTECT MY fishing. PROTECT THE GUNNISON RIVER.

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NAME: Scott Fogarty
ADDRESS: 315 Coffey Fawn Cr 81521
EMAIL: fogarty62@gmail.com

My favorite place on a river:

My favorite activities on our rivers:

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NAME: STAN PERAMB
ADDRESS: 3345 SEISHOLTZVILLE RD., BARTO, PA
EMAIL: SPERAMB@HOTMAIL.COM 19504

My favorite place on a river: TAYLOR PARK

My favorite activities on our rivers:

FISHING, HIKING, CAMPING, RAFTING

Dear Governor Hickenlooper, /
PROTECT MY FISHING! PROTECT THE GUNNISON RIVER.

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NAME: TAYLOR AHEARN
ADDRESS: 400 N 12 ST, GUNNISON CO
EMAIL: TAYLOR.AHEARN@WESTERN.EDU

My favorite place on a river: IN THE WATER

My favorite activities on our rivers:

FLY FISHING!

Dear Governor Hickenlooper, on western slope
PROTECT MY fishing PROTECT THE GUNNISON RIVER.

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NAME: Tom Stumpf
ADDRESS: 20 ANTHRACITE, MT. CB, CO 81225
EMAIL: t.stumpf@yahoo.com

My favorite place on a river: Gunnison Gorge

My favorite activities on our rivers: fish, fish, fish

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,
PROTECT MY fishing/Diakids PROTECT THE GUNNISON RIVER.

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NAME: Neil Grindus
ADDRESS: 22 Slaterview Ln. CB, Co. 81224
EMAIL:

My favorite place on a river: Palisades

My favorite activities on our rivers: Rafting, fishing, Scenery

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,
PROTECT MY fishing PROTECT THE GUNNISON RIVER.

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NAME: Anita Puglisi
ADDRESS: P.O. Box 5471 Mt. CB, CO 81225
EMAIL: Puglisi Anita@yahoo.com

My favorite place on a river:

My favorite activities on our rivers:

Protect my Backcountry / Live! / Wood. Protect the Gunnison River.

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Name: CLARE CHARLESLEY-GROSSMAN

Address: DON TAYLOR, Gunnison CO 81230

Email: Secret-agent-clouds@hotmail.com

I care about a Statewide Water Plan because, I care about my
ENVIRONMENT. CREAM it's not all about
the cash

My favorite place on a river: Everywhere

My favorite activity on our rivers: having it arand.

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,

PROTECT MY fishing. PROTECT THE GUNNISON RIVER.

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NAME: JOYCE WOOD

ADDRESS: PO 114 - Crested Butte, CO 81224

MAIL: joycewood@hotmail.com

My favorite place on a river:

My favorite activities on our rivers:

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,

our Recreational Water
Protect my Recreational Water. Protect the Gunnison River.

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Name: Beverly Sencerbaugh

Address: PO Box 1394 Colo Spgs CO 80901

Email:

I care about a Statewide Water Plan because, I care about my water.

My favorite place on a river: Black Canyon.

My favorite activity on our rivers: Drinking wine by streamside near sunset

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,

Protect ~~my~~ our livelihoods. Protect the Gunnison River.

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Name: Laura Yale

Address: 35 Wildbird Lane

Email: yale.laura@gmail.com

I care about a Statewide Water Plan because, I care about ~~my~~ our
clean abundant water sources that feed our towns, preserve our ranching
heritage. We are at the headwaters of the Colorado, Gunnison flows into
the Colorado which feeds everyone to the West + it's important we protect the quality
of our water at its source

My favorite place on a river:

The slope that flows next to my house

My favorite activity on our rivers:

Swimming with my dog!

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,

Protect my flows. Protect the Gunnison River.

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Name: Nichole Parenti

Address: 612 E. Virginia Ave Apt B Gunnison, CO 81230

Email: nichole.parenti@western.edu

I care about a Statewide Water Plan because, I care about my water habitat.

My favorite place on a river: anywhere

My favorite activity on our rivers: reading by the river

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,

Protect my recreation and riparian habitat. Protect the Gunnison River.

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Name:

Lori Young

Address:

308 N. 9th St. Gunnison, CO 81230
(APT 6)

Email:

lori.young@western.edu

I care about a Statewide Water Plan because, I care about my new home + surrounding features
(Gunnison) (river, mtws, etc.)

My favorite place on a river: white water park

My favorite activity on our rivers: Kayaking, fly fishing

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,

Protect my fresh water supply Protect the Gunnison River.

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Name:

John S. Barber

Address:

14 Pealeview Dr., Mt. Crested Butte, CO

Email:

john.barber@bsrtrust.com

I care about a Statewide Water Plan because, I care about my

water recreation and fresh water supply

My favorite place on a river:

My favorite activity on our rivers:

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,

Protect my right to clean water Protect the Gunnison River.

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Name:

Katherine Cooke

Address:

P.O. Box 3113

Email:

I care about a Statewide Water Plan because, I care about my

community, health, and the environment

My favorite place on a river: Upper Taylor

My favorite activity on our rivers: canoeing

Protect my home valley. Protect the Gunnison River.

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Name: Julie Wills

Address: 909 Seneca Dr., Gunnison, CO 81230

Email: threadsudio@me.com

I care about a Statewide Water Plan because, I care about my quality of life.

My favorite place on a river: Gunsight Bridge, Slak River

My favorite activity on our rivers: wading, skipping rocks, & picnicking

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,

Protect my Everyones land. Protect the Gunnison River.

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Name: Sierra Malcolm

Address: 620 front st, Castle Rock, Co

Email: _____

I care about a Statewide Water Plan because, I care about my

family

My favorite place on a river: _____

My favorite activity on our rivers: _____

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,

Protect my HOME!!. Protect the Gunnison River.

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Name: Lane Giannone

Address: P.O. Box 573

Email:

I care about a Statewide Water Plan because, I care about my

family, friends, wife, life source!

My favorite place on a river: in it, on it, by it, floating
Taylor waters

My favorite activity on our rivers:
fishing, floating

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,

Protect my Home Valley. Protect the Gunnison River.

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Name: Alison Sarinogules

Address: ~~144 Aspen~~ 18 Crystal Rd, mt. CB

Email: Agarbercindra.com

I care about a Statewide Water Plan because, I care about my fishing.

My favorite place on a river: Red Taylor

My favorite activity on our rivers: Rafting

Protect my family. Protect the Gunnison River.

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Name: Manica Perry
Address: PO Box 3114 CB, CO 81224
Email: skimanica@gmail.com

I care about a Statewide Water Plan because, I care about my Recreational Plans
- Gunnison Whitewater park
Bluehost

My favorite place on a river: Bluehost
My favorite activity on our rivers: Rafting + Fishing

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,

Protect my Future. Protect the Gunnison River.

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Name: Jeremy Rubinch

Address: PO Box 2314 Crested Butte, CO 81224

Email: jeremyhuntrubing@gmail.com

I care about a Statewide Water Plan because, I care about my
own future, my kids' future and the next generations. You
need to start taking this seriously and protect our water. Climate
change is real and the consequences of just maintaining the status
quo are unacceptable.
My favorite place on a river:

My favorite activity on our rivers:

Protect my Family. Protect the Gunnison River.

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Name: Annie Kuehlhorn

Address: 620 West New York Ave Gunnison CO 81230

Email: gratitude@blissmamas.com

I care about a Statewide Water Plan because, I care about my family's health.

My favorite place on a river: everywhere

My favorite activity on our rivers: rafting, feet dipping

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,

Protect my business. Protect the Gunnison River.

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Name: Molly Muggleston

Address: 98 Buena Vista Dr. Gunnison, CO 81230

Email: molly.diachoke@gmail.com

I care about a Statewide Water Plan because, I care about my business/tourism economy in the state.

My favorite place on a river: Gunnison River

My favorite activity on our rivers: floating

Protect my Valley Protect the Gunnison River.

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Name: Jon MUGGESTONE

Address: 98 BUENA VISTA DR., GUNNISON, CO 81230

Email: jmggestone@hotmail.com

I care about a Statewide Water Plan because, I care about my _____

My favorite place on a river:

My favorite activity on our rivers:

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,

Protect my Mountain protect the Gunnison River.

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Name:

Donna Aguilano

Address:

Donna@Aguilano.com

Email:

I care about a Statewide Water Plan because, I care about my _____

Clean water, Clean air

My favorite place on a river:

My favorite activity on our rivers:

walking

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,

Protect my LIFE. Protect the Gunnison River.

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Name: KIM MADDOX

Address: 814 ELK AVE

Email: MADKIM@GMAIL.COM

I care about a Statewide Water Plan because, I care about my ENVIRONMENT

My favorite place on a river:

My favorite activity on our rivers:

FISHING RAFTING SWIMMING

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,

Protect my Gunnison Valley Protect the Gunnison River.

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Name: Hillary Moore

Address: 111 ELK AVE CRESTED BUTTE CO 81204

Email: hilmoo78@gmail.com

I care about a Statewide Water Plan because, I care about my

Beautiful Country!

My favorite place on a river:

My favorite activity on our rivers:

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,

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Name: Beth Cooke
Address: 4439 Wellington Rd Boulder Co

Email:

I care about a Statewide Water Plan because, I care about my

environment.

My favorite place on a river:

My favorite activity on our rivers:

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,

Protect my LIFE. Protect the Gunnison River.

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Name: Jacob Posey
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I care about a Statewide Water Plan because, I care about my

The life that comes from the water in our Valley.

My favorite place on a river:

The Bend in the River

My favorite activity on our rivers:

fly fishing and rafting

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Protect my love of Colorado . **Protect the Gunnison River.**

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Name:

Pat Lucas Zola

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will.lucas@colorado.gov

I care about a Statewide Water Plan because, I care about my

sustainability

My favorite place on a river:

My favorite activity on our rivers:

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Name:

Tyler Lucas

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I care about a Statewide Water Plan because, I care about my

lifestyle in Gunnison County:

My Home!

My favorite place on a river:

My favorite activity on our rivers:

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,

Protect my Wilderness . **Protect the Gunnison River.**

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Name: Jennifer Coady

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I care about a Statewide Water Plan because, I care about my
health + well being

My favorite place on a river:

Quietly admiring life from a rock.

My favorite activity on our rivers:

Splashing my face with water in the morning.

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,

Protect my LOVE . **Protect the Gunnison River.**

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Name: Brittany Saeman

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I care about a Statewide Water Plan because, I care about my

adventure (rafting/fishing), life (mygene/drinking)
keep it in the mountains!!

My favorite place on a river: inside/on the bank

My favorite activity on our rivers: rafting/fishing

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,

Protect my natural environment. **Protect the Gunnison River.**

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Name: Andrew Mueller

Address: 624 Downing St
Denver, CO 80218

Email:

I care about a Statewide Water Plan because, I care about my
access to natural features, water in the mountains

My favorite place on a river:

roaring fork valley

My favorite activity on our rivers:

fly fishing

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,

Protect my Fish water. **Protect the Gunnison River.**

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Name: Robert Kato

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I care about a Statewide Water Plan because, I care about my

the water in Fresh State

My favorite place on a river:

My favorite activity on our rivers:

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,

Protect my fly fishing Protect the Gunnison River.

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Name: Tim Moore
Address: 169 Goreau St.
Email: Pjmoore46@usn.com

I care about a Statewide Water Plan because, I care about my

quality of water

My favorite place on a river: East R. by the hatchery
My favorite activity on our rivers: fly fishing

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,

Protect my fly fishing. Protect the Gunnison River.

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Name: Peggy Moore
Address: 169 Goreau St. Crested Butte, CO 81224

Email:

I care about a Statewide Water Plan because, I care about my beautiful Gunnison Valley

My favorite place on a river: Taylor River Road
My favorite activity on our rivers: Fly fishing and rafting

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,

Protect my _____. **Protect the Gunnison River.**

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Name: Julie Hadley

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I care about a Statewide Water Plan because, I care about my

health, state, water purity

My favorite place on a river:

My favorite activity on our rivers:

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Protect my water. Protect the Gunnison River.

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Name: Ross Tunney

Address: P.O.B. 3544, CO 81224

Email:

I care about a Statewide Water Plan because, I care about my water.

My favorite place on a river: East River,

My favorite activity on our rivers: Letting them flow.

DEAR GOVERNOR HICKENLOOPER,

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Name: Randall S. Bond
Address: 2903 Red Cardinal, Missouri City, TX 77459
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I care about a Statewide Water Plan because, I care about my

water supply.

My favorite place on a river: Taylor Pocke

My favorite activity on our rivers: Rafting, Kayaking

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,

Protect my WATER. Protect the Gunnison River.

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Name: NATE ABBOTT
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I care about a Statewide Water Plan because, I care about my
RECREATION & BEAUTY

My favorite place on a river:

My favorite activity on our rivers:

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Name: BOB SILVERMAN

Address:

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I care about a Statewide Water Plan because, I care about my
WATER QUALITY / QUANTITY / SUSTAIN

NO FRACKING.

My favorite place on a river:

My favorite activity on our rivers: keyck

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Name: STEVEN FINK

Address: 528 LAUSPODS DR - PACIFIC LAUSPODS, WA-90272

Email:

I care about a Statewide Water Plan because, I care about my

HEALTH.

My favorite place on a river:

Taylor River

My favorite activity on our rivers:

Fishing!