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**TO:** Colorado Water Conservation Board Members

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**AGENDA ITEM:** 10. Colorado's Water Plan Public Input and Outreach

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

**Background:** The Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB) continues to maintain an Outreach and Communications Plan for Colorado's Water Plan. At each CWCB meeting since September 2013, there has been an agenda item regarding public input. At the November 2013 Board meeting, staff presented on statewide opinion editorials, the launch of the Colorado's Water Plan website, and a review of public input received to date. At the January 2014 Board meeting, staff provided a summary of current and planned outreach efforts within each basin and reviewed public input received to date. At the March 2014 Board meeting, staff provided an overview of public input received between January 16 and March 3, 2014 and took comments from the Board on incorporating the input. The Board also heard three public input presentations from stakeholder groups. At the May 2014 Board meeting, staff provided an overview of public input received between March 4 and May 2, 2014 and took comments from the Board on incorporating the input. The Board also heard eight separate public input presentations from stakeholder groups. At the July 2014 Board meeting, staff provided an overview of the public input received between May 2 and June 20, 2014 and took comments from the Board on incorporating the input. The Board also heard three public input presentations from stakeholder groups.

**CWCB staff will lead a discussion with the Board on the following items:**

**1. Summary of input received between June 20<sup>th</sup> and August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

The input received between June 20<sup>th</sup> and August 20<sup>th</sup> are summarized in the attached spreadsheet. Per the Board's request, the attached spreadsheet uses links in the attachment column for easier electronic navigation.

All of the comments received to date via the Colorado's Water Plan website or by email to [cowaterplan@state.co.us](mailto:cowaterplan@state.co.us) have been included in the Board packets for review and comment. Depending on the date of submission, input has or will be reviewed at the next scheduled CWCB Board meeting. While not every individual receives a direct



email reply regarding their input, a CWCB staff response and/or recommendation regarding all input received is included in a summary spreadsheet within the related Board packet and available for review online at <http://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cowaterplan/record-input-received-date>.

## 2. Public Input Presentations

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

At the September 2014 Board meeting, the following groups will provide public input for this agenda item:

### Presentation 1

Group: National Young Farmers Coalition

Speaker: Kate Greenberg

### Presentation 2

Group: Ditch and Reservoir Company Alliance

Speaker: John McKenzie

### Presentation 3

Group: Protect the Flows

Speaker: Molly Mugglestone  
(or representative)

### Presentation 4

Group: Mesa County Commissioner

Speaker: Steve Aquafresca

### Presentation 5

Group: Garfield County Commissioner

Speaker: Tom Jankovsky

### Presentation 6

Group: Western Resource Advocates

Speaker: Drew Beckwith

### Presentation 7

Group: Rocky Mountain Climate Organization

Speaker: Tom Easley

### Presentation 8

Group: Conservation Colorado

Speaker: Theresa Conley

### Presentation 9

Group: Western Resource Advocates

Speaker: Bart Miller

### Presentation 10

Group: Northwest Colorado Council of Governments - Quality/Quantity Group

Speaker: Rachel Richards, Pitkin County Commissioner

### Presentation 11

Group: American Whitewater

Speaker: Nathan Fey

### Presentation 12

Group: Front Range Water Council

Speaker: Mark Pifher

