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TO: Colorado Water Conservation Board Members

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AGENDA ITEM: Agenda Item #15 Alternative Transfer Methods Proposed Legislation

Staff Recommendation:

This is an informational item only. No Board action is required.

Background:

Staff will introduce the topic of proposed legislation related to Alternative Transfer Methods (ATMs) currently being considered during the 2016 legislative session. Proponents will provide an overview of the objectives and details of the draft water bank legislation for increased awareness purposes and any feedback that may arise.

Alternative agricultural transfers are discussed in Colorado's Water Plan (Plan) as one of several approaches to help address issues related to traditional buy and dry practices. They are discussed at length in Section 6.4 of the Plan, and are part of the collaborative approach to securing Colorado's water future.

