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**TO:** Colorado Water Conservation Board Members

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**AGENDA ITEM:** 14b. Colorado's Water Plan: Water Plan Implementation

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**Background:**

In November of 2015, the CWCB presented the final draft of Colorado's Water Plan to Governor Hickenlooper. The Plan included a number of actions, goals, and measurable objectives. Chapter 10 of the Plan was designated the "Critical Action Plan," featuring near-term, high-impact actions which would support the measurable objectives and enhance Colorado's Water Values.

Since November, CWCB staff, state legislators, basin roundtables, and other stakeholders have looked to Colorado's water future through the lens of these values, actions, and goals identified in the Plan. Measurable progress has been made on many of the critical actions identified in Chapter 10. Basin roundtables are hard at work moving forward on action items and projects identified in the Basin Implementation Plans, even with the challenges associated with severance tax funding.

Staff will provide the Board with an overview of progress on the measurable objectives and Critical Action Plan items since November, highlighting implementation efforts by basin roundtables and initiatives of CWCB staff and partners.

**Staff recommendation:**

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

