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TO: Colorado Water Conservation Board Members

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AGENDA ITEM: 10. Colorado's Water Plan & Statewide Water Supply Initiative Update

Staff recommendation: This item is informational only, with no Board action requested.

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.

CWCB Staff will present the regular update on Colorado's Water Plan implementation efforts.

Work is underway to update the Statewide Water Supply Initiative with a focus on data and analysis to serve as the technical foundation for future refinements to the Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan. The CWCB Project Management Team, Consultant Team, and forthcoming Technical Advisory Groups (TAGs) are in the process of developing methodologies that build upon previous efforts and expand to include scenario planning, climate change, conservation impacts, and agricultural and nonconsumptive gaps. Once the refined methodologies are finalized, data collection, analysis, and documentation will take place throughout the remainder of the year. The update is scheduled to be finalized by December 2017.

CWCB staff will give a status report on the update of the Statewide Water Supply Initiative (SWSI).

