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AGENDA ITEM: 8. Colorado's Water Plan Implementation 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 the CWCB Board and 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- and long-term, high-impact actions that would support the measurable objectives and enhance Colorado's economy, environment, and quality of life.

This November Board meeting marks the two-year anniversary of the CWCB Board and Governor Hickenlooper approving Colorado's Water Plan and handing it to the people of Colorado. This meeting two years ago marked the beginning of the next phase in Colorado water policy - implementation of Colorado's Water Plan.

To mark this milestone, the CWCB staff has prepared an in-depth report detailing progress toward meeting many of the goals set forth in the plan. The report serves to show how far we, the State of Colorado, has come in two short years, but also to assess where we need to refocus, prioritize, and mobilize to get where we need to be to ensure a secure water future.

CWCB staff will present this report on Colorado's Water Plan implementation efforts.

