

ANALYSIS & TECHNICAL UPDATE TO THE



# COLORADO WATER PLAN



## VOLUME II

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS



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Prior to the 2015 Colorado Water Plan (Water Plan), past statewide water supply analyses included data analysis, project information and policy components. After the Water Plan's release, these elements were divided among the Water Plan (policy), Basin Implementation Plans (local projects) and statewide water supply initiatives (technical data analysis). To better recognize these delineations and make the connection to the Water Plan clear, the statewide water supply initiative (often referenced as SWSI) is now being referred to as the Analysis and Technical Update to the Water Plan (or Technical Update). The new name more accurately reflects the technical nature of the evaluations described in the report and better establishes how that data will be used to inform Water Plan updates. While the Technical Update is a statewide water supply initiative and continues that legacy, the SWSI acronym will be relegated to referencing earlier efforts that proceeded the Water Plan (e.g., SWSI 2010).

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