

December 23, 2020



Attn: Ben Wade  
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Colorado Water Conservation Board  
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Dear Ben Wade,

We appreciate your support and the opportunity to work with you on the update of the Town of Erie's Drought Management Plan. This letter summarizes our progress made-to-date at 75% completion.

We are on track for producing a comprehensive Drought Management Plan that meets CWCB's *Municipal Drought Management Plan Guidance Document*, is supported by the community and further enhances Erie's ability to prepare for and respond to drought. We have held one in-person workshop (Workshop A per the grant) and five technical phone calls (serving as Workshop B, D and Workshop E per the grant) with the Planning Team. (Workshop C solely focused on the Water Efficiency Plan). During these workshops we have identified Plan objectives; water use priorities; operating principles; historical and future drought impacts; mitigation strategies; and drought stages, triggers and response targets; and drought response strategies and measures. We have also had a phone call with Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District to address drought response coordination and have also updated a "Drought Tool." This was developed during the previous Drought Management Plan, which is an excel spreadsheet that characterizes historical and potential future droughts in relation to Erie's water supply portfolio. This tool provides useful context for the drought stages, triggers and response targets. Finally, we developed an initial draft of the Drought and Water Supply Shortage Plan which is currently undergoing internal review.

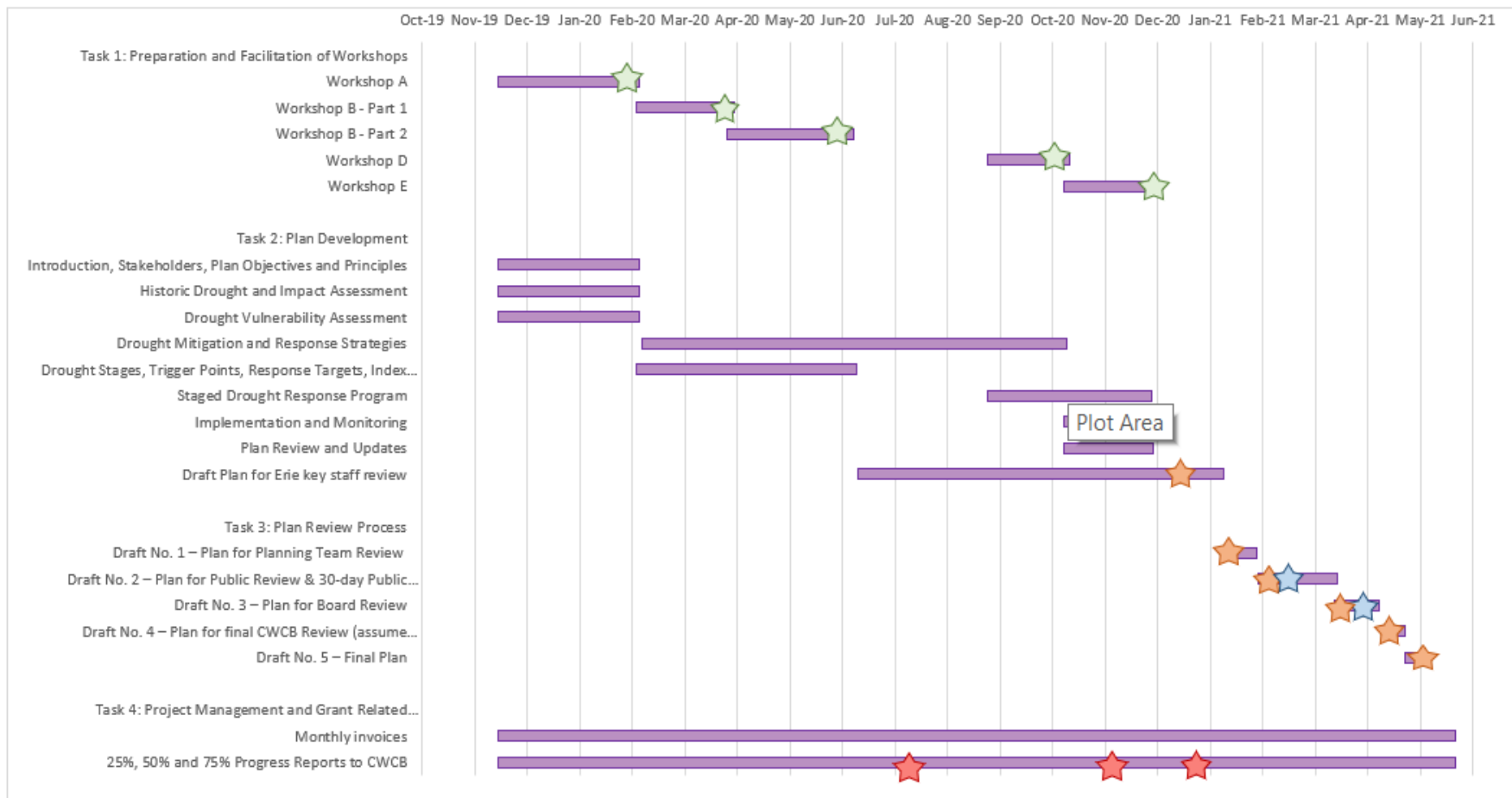
The COVID-19 pandemic has delayed the schedule and required all workshops to be held remotely. That said, we have not encountered any obstacles that impede the Plan update. We are currently in the process of internal review of our draft document. Our updated schedule is provided as an attachment.

We appreciate working with you on this important planning effort.

Sincerely,

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- ★ 25%, 50% and 75% Complete Working Drafts and Progress reports (CWCB grant)
- ★ Open House and Board Meeting
- ★ Draft Plans for Planning Team, public, City Council and CWCB Review
- ★ Workshops

## Attachment A: Schedule for Drought Management Plan 75% Progress Report