

# IBCC MEETING

FEB 27, 2024 - GOLDEN, CO



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**WATER PLAN**

# WELCOME



## QUORUM – MINUTES – AGENDA

IBCC CHAIR  
BECKY MITCHELL

WELCOME



# BASIN REPORT OUTS



# Y/W/G IBCC Update – 2/27/24

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## ***PEPO Committee***

1) Introductory video for YWG website, (Three minutes)

What are basin round tables, who, where...?

2) Website maintenance, meeting agendas, packet materials, Zoom links...

3) Interactive story map project

4) Canopies for public event outreach

Materials now more available

5) Messaging the State Water Plan, statewide PEPO initiative

Perhaps our greatest opportunity

# Y/W/G IBCC Update – 2/27/24

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## ***Grants Committee***

### ***Jan 2024 Grants Approved***

- Ain't Lyon Ranch
- Nickle Ditch Headgate and Measuring Device Improvements

### ***Upcoming May 2024 Grants***

- Bear River Reservoir Company – Stillwater Reservoir Repairs (Phase 2)
- Community Ag. Alliance – Website Administration and PEPO related activities
- Colorado Ag Water Alliance (CAWA) – Routt County Reservoir Repairs

# Y/W/G IBCC Update – 2/27/24

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## ***Big River Committee***

- ***Published Comments on BuRec's Revised Draft SEIS***

- Good Alignment Amongst UCRC, CRD, Y/W/G
- Monitoring BuRec's pre-2026 Contracting Position

- ***Focus for 2024 and Beyond***

- Understanding Y/W/G Priorities for post-2026 Operating Guidelines
- Supporting a Unified Framework for CO and UCRC post-2026 Negotiations

10 MINUTES

BREAK

# LEGISLATIVE UPDATES



# COLORADO RIVER UPDATES

FOLLOWED BY OPEN DISCUSSION WITH THE IBCC

Amy Ostdiek  
Becky Mitchell



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BREAK FOR  
LUNCH



# IBCC PEPO

Ⓐ What's at risk if we can't succeed in addressing the challenge?

*[Handwritten notes on sticky notes: orange, blue, and green]*

What can we gain we can solve the challenge + what strategies get us there?

Russ Sands – CWCB  
Jeff Rodriguez – CWCB  
Ken Brenner – IBCC PEPO  
Lisa Darling – IBCC PEPO



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JONATHAN BARTSCH  
FACILITATOR



CDR ASSOCIATES  
COLLABORATIVE DECISION RESOURCES

# BASIN OUTREACH & THE WATER PLAN CAMPAIGN EXPLORATION

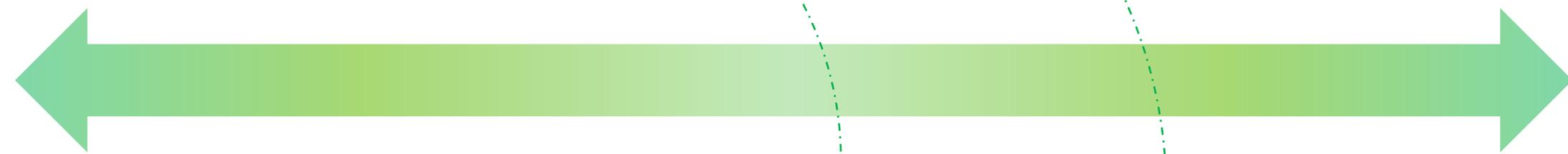
# COLORADO WATER PLAN



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Example CWCB Overlay

# SPECTRUM OF STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT



Decision  
Makers

Sector  
Leads

Basin  
Roundtables

Local  
Groups

General  
Public

Water  
Festivals

Basin Implementation Plans

Wildfire Ready Watersheds

Colorado Water Plan

# SPECTRUM OF PROJECTS



No & Low  
Regrets Strategy

Water Plan  
Campaign

Water Cycle  
in Colorado

## IBCC PEPO:

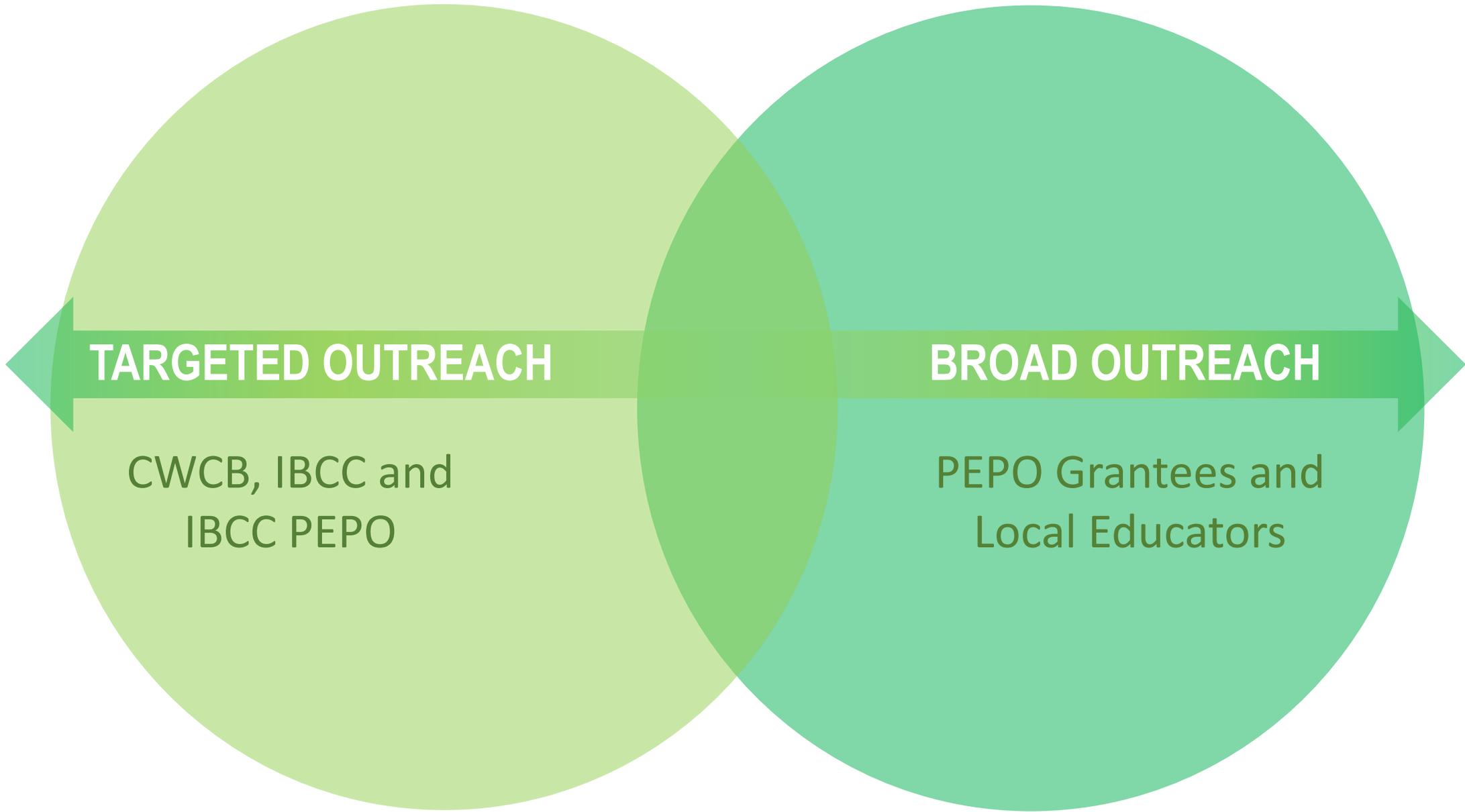
IBCC, Roundtable & CWCB  
Board Discussion Supported  
by CWCB Staff

## CWCB:

CWCB-led “Agency Action”  
That may appeal to both ends  
of the PEPO spectrum

## PEPO GRANTEES:

K-12 materials local  
PEPO Coordinators  
develop and share



**TARGETED OUTREACH**

CWCB, IBCC and  
IBCC PEPO

**BROAD OUTREACH**

PEPO Grantees and  
Local Educators

# 50 PARTNER ACTIONS

EXAMPLES OF LOCAL WATER PROJECTS & INITIATIVES



Water Storage & Supply  
(and Water Sharing  
Agreements)

Thoughtful Storage &  
Meeting Future Water  
Need



Conservation and Land Use

Wise Water Use  
& Healthy Lands



Engagement and Innovation

Effective Engagement



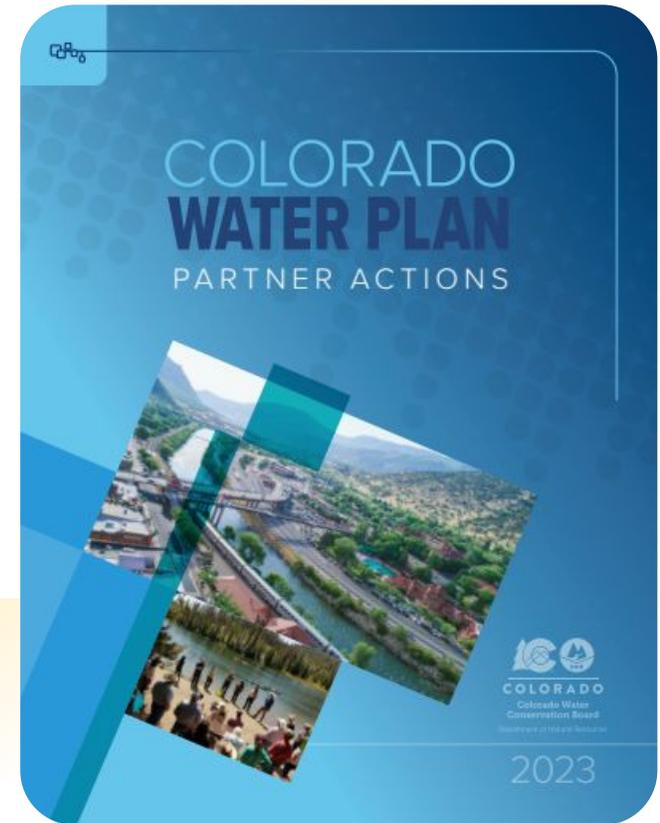
Agriculture

Robust Agriculture



Watershed Health and

Thriving Watersheds



### 4.3 Create a collaborative Colorado Water Plan education and outreach campaign

**Lead Agency:** CWCB

**Collaborating Agencies:** CDPHE; CPW; DOLA

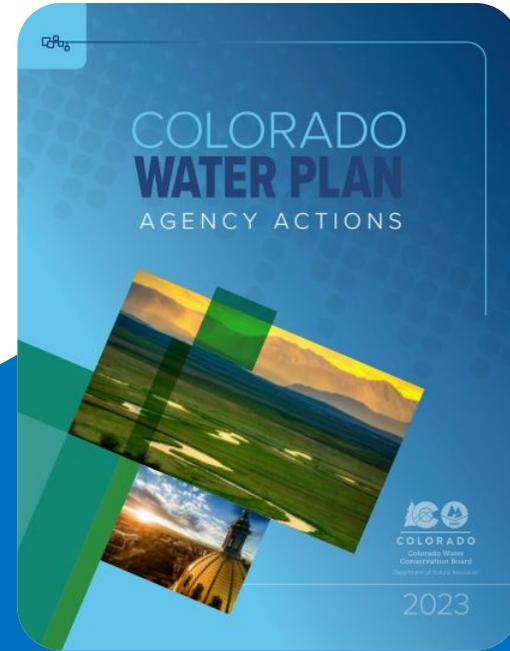
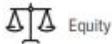
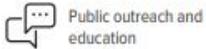
**Related Action Area:**

- Vibrant Communities
- Robust Agriculture
- Thriving Watersheds

Many public outreach and messaging efforts have been launched since the 2015 Water Plan to raise awareness about the importance of water to Colorado. Building on the momentum and efforts of past messaging campaigns, a state-led and Water Plan-branded water education messaging effort will be critical in building awareness around the key water issues Coloradans are facing.

As part of the Water Plan update, CWCB will develop and brand a statewide education and outreach campaign to help reinforce the critical issues and opportunities that the Colorado Water Plan brings to light. This work will include looking at recent state surveys across agencies to help identify knowledge gaps and messaging opportunities that will help reinforce and build on local water knowledge. An interagency tool box of materials will be developed, along with a public outreach campaign that can help organizations, stakeholders, and other partners enhance public awareness. These partnerships and collaboration will help unite CWCB and the nine basin roundtables in sharing consistent, clear, bilingual, and accessible messaging to educate the public on Colorado's most critical water issues.

**TOOLS** used for this action



# 50 AGENCY ACTIONS

AGENCY ACTIONS CWCB + SUPPORTING AGENCIES WILL TAKE

# PEPO GRANT - MESSAGING

1. **Researching best practices/lessons from other campaigns.**
  - *Water '22; Live Like You Love It; For the Love of Colorado; etc.*
2. **Talking to roundtables about key messages to consider.**
  - *What messages work best to move the public to action?*
  - *What messages and information are PEPO grantees using?*
3. **Summarizing for CWCB for its Water Plan campaign initiative.**

# COLORADO RIVER OUTREACH

MATERIALS & BASIN COORDINATION

Michael Elizabeth Sakas



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# C9 SUMMIT PAST & FUTURE



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# 2019

- First C9 Summit; focused on Technical Update and BIPs
- *IBCC and Roundtables' duties under HB-1177*



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# 2023

- Communication between IBCC, Roundtables and CWCB
- *IBCC helped plan; CWCB aims for annual C9 Summit*



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NOTE: This bill has been prepared for the signature of the appropriate legislative officers and the Governor. To determine whether the Governor has signed the bill or taken other action on it, please consult the legislative status sheet, the legislative history, or the Session Laws.

# An Act

HOUSE BILL 05-1177

BY REPRESENTATIVE(S) Penry, Buescher, Decker, Liston, Massey, White, Berens, Clapp, Crane, Gallegos, Hall, Hoppe, Jahn, Kerr, Knoedler, Paccione, Rose, Stafford, Stengel, Sullivan, Romanoff, Boyd, Brophy, Coleman, Frangas, Harvey, King, Madden, May M., McCluskey, Merrifield, and Todd;  
also SENATOR(S) Isgar, Tapia, Taylor, Entz, Grossman, Kester, Fitz-Gerald, Groff, Teck, and Tupa.

CONCERNING THE NEGOTIATION OF INTERBASIN COMPACTS REGARDING THE EQUITABLE DIVISION OF THE STATE'S WATERS, AND MAKING AN APPROPRIATION IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

**SECTION 1.** Title 37, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW ARTICLE to read:

## **ARTICLE 75** **Interbasin Compacts**

**37-75-101. Short title.** THIS ARTICLE SHALL BE KNOWN AND MAY BE CITED AS THE "COLORADO WATER FOR THE 21ST CENTURY ACT".

Capital letters indicate new material added to existing statutes; dashes through words indicate deletions from existing statutes and such material not part of act.

# THE COLORADO WATER CONSERVATION BOARD

A GUIDE TO THE AGENCY, IT'S FUNCTION  
AND STAKEHOLDER INTERACTIONS



Jared Polis, Governor  
Dan Gibbs, Executive Director



## Policy Handbook for Boards & Commissions

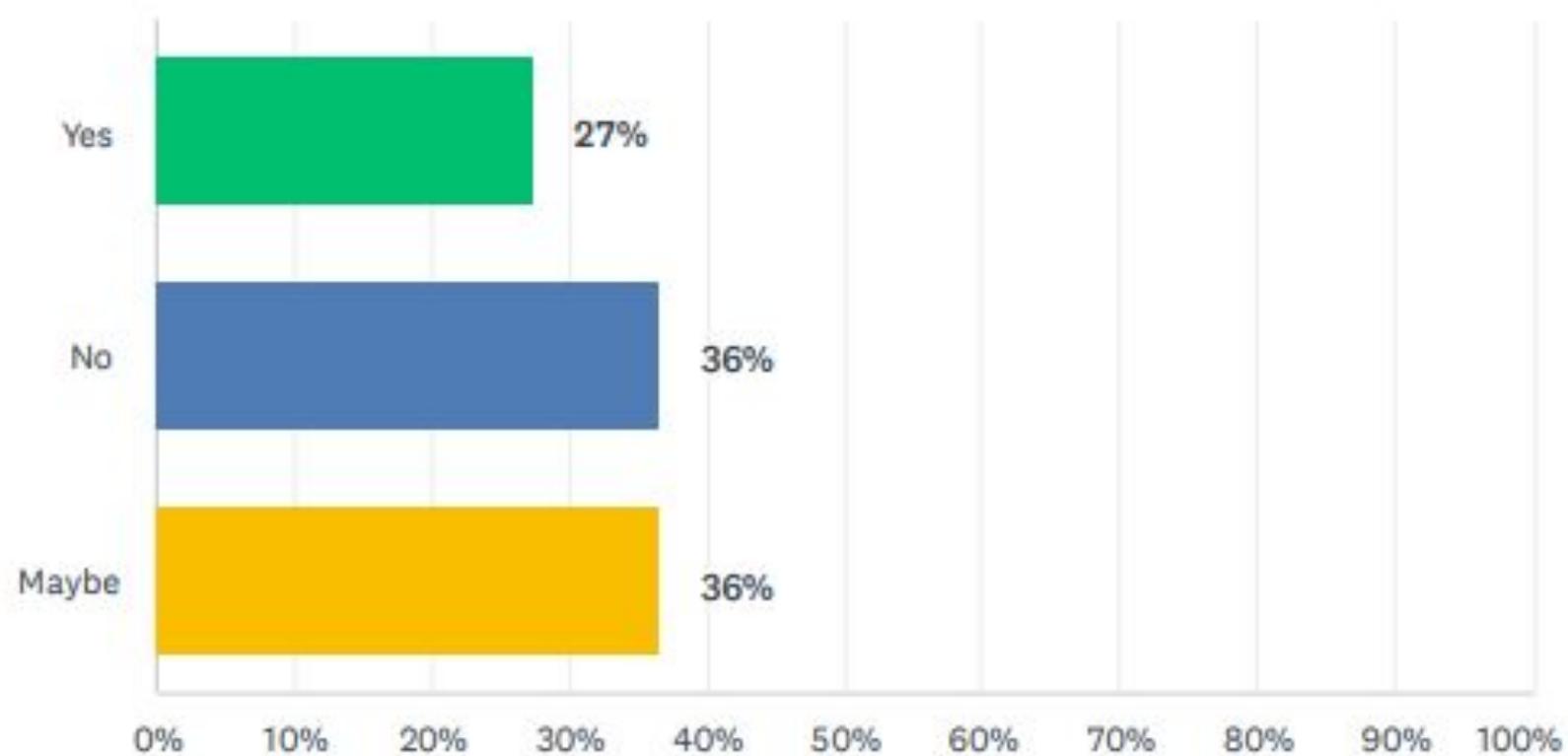
Includes Councils, Committees, Roundtables, and Advisory Groups

Updated May 31, 2023 (v2); February 17, 2023 (v1)  
Copies of this handbook can be obtained from:

Colorado Department of Natural Resources  
Executive Director's Office  
1313 Sherman St., Room 718  
Denver, CO 80203  
dnr.colorado.gov  
[dnr\\_dnredoassist@state.co.us](mailto:dnr_dnredoassist@state.co.us)

Providing a one-stop-shop for FAQs and an onboarding document for CWCB Board, IBCC, and Roundtables.

## Q8 Could you easily describe what the IBCC does?



“The IBCC has served many specific roles over the years, but the most broadly, **has stood as a united think tank** to bring the self-interests of basins and stakeholders back to the statewide lens—where most of our self-interests are, in fact, common to the great state of Colorado.”

-John Stulp

# SUCCESS THROUGH COLLABORATION

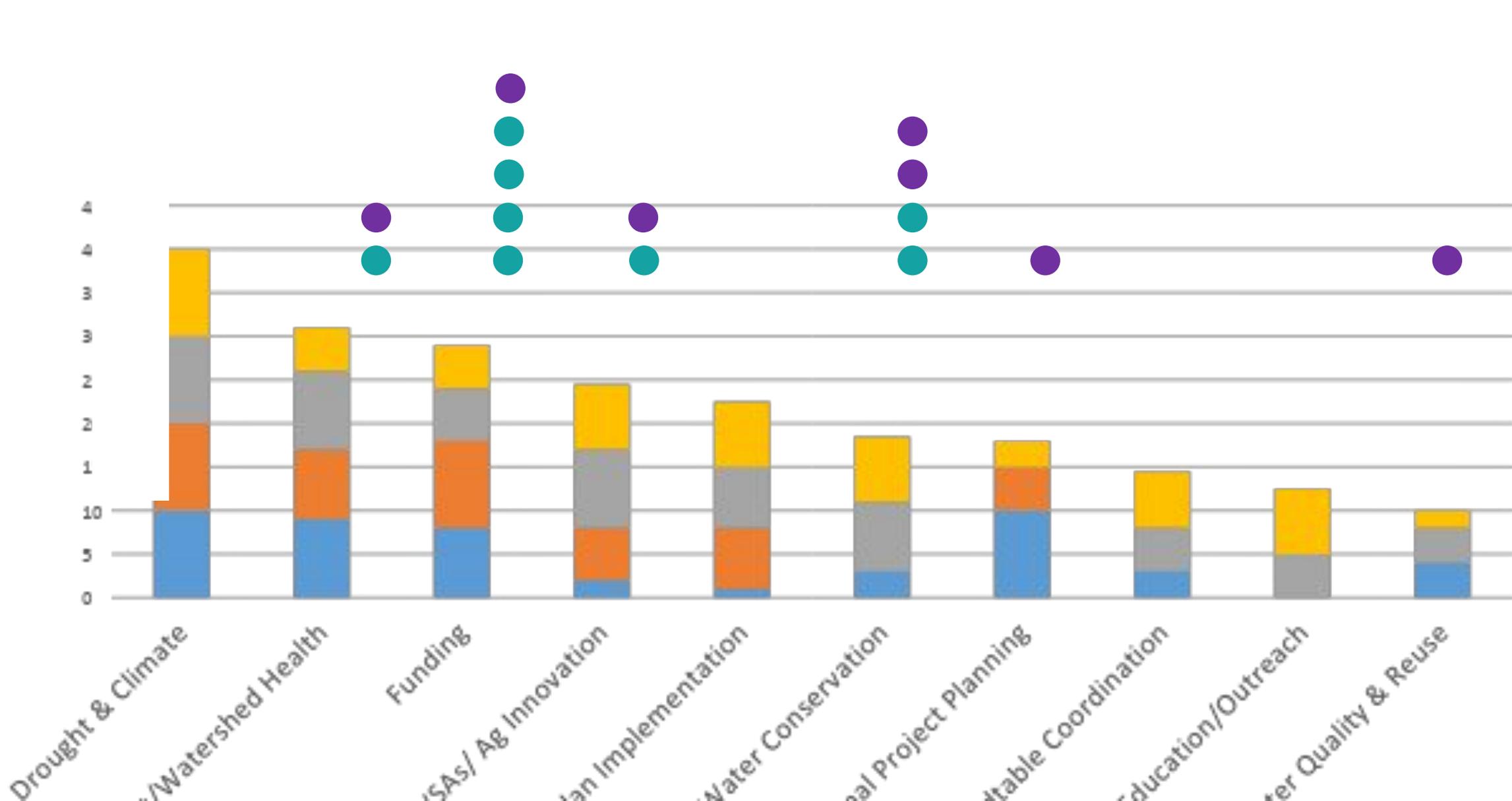
(Between IBCC, Roundtables & the CWCB)

- No and Low Regrets Strategies
- Conceptual Framework



# 2020-2024 IBCC & ROUNDTABLE TOPIC RANKINGS

■ 2020 
 ■ 2021 
 ■ 2023 
 ■ 2024 
 ● 2024 CO River Drought Task Force Recommendation Areas 
 ● 2013 No & Low Regrets Strategy



# C9 SUMMIT

## DROUGHT EXERCISE

© What can I do  
from my role/position to  
advance the conversations/  
solutions?

Yellow sticky note

Pink sticky note

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Yellow sticky note

Light blue sticky note

Person writing on a yellow sticky note with a black marker.

infrastructure  
educate **increase** connect project  
grants  
pepo storage **support** local augmentation federal  
promote **collaboration**  
study basin **funding** across grant collaborate  
development  
water encourage **partnerships** public discussions facilitate watershed  
listen awareness inclusion  
build create **education** work  
outreach  
stakeholders data solutions people  
efforts **projects** advocate drought learn  
congressional streamline capacity

# FOREST HEALTH EXAMPLE – KEN BRENNER

- Could we coordinate across roundtables on common forest health needs?
- Could we invite US Forest Service and/or State Forester and other to the June IBCC or C9?
- Could we develop a set of common goals or priorities we want forestry to consider?



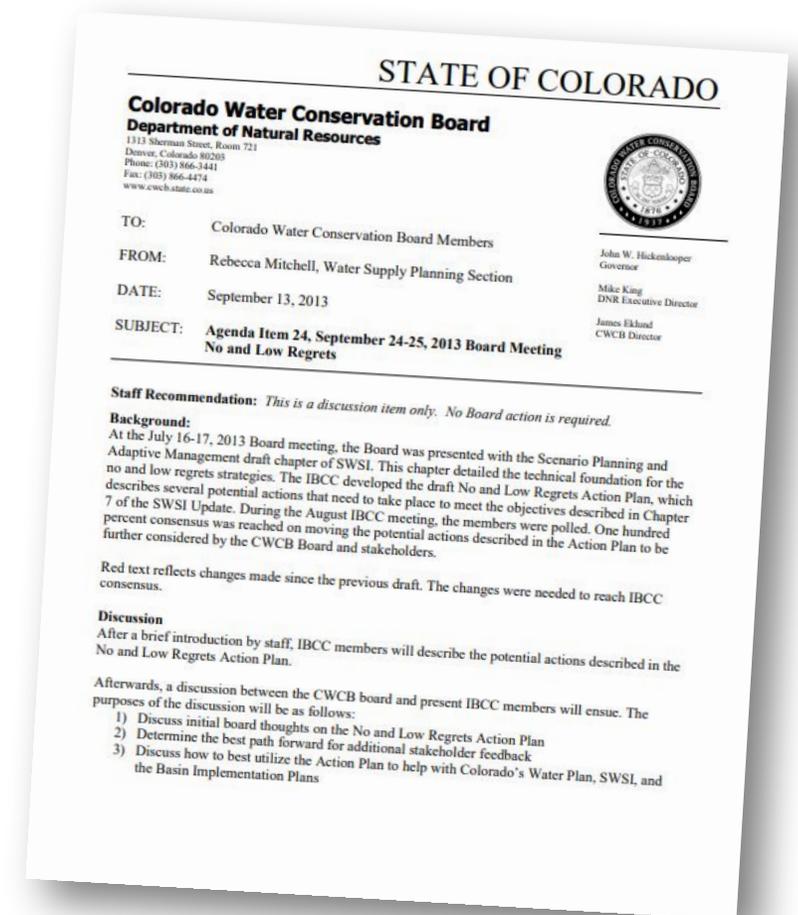
# CLIMATE/DROUGHT EXAMPLE – LISA DARLING

- Can we get an update on where things sit with scenario planning?
- Can we maybe see how potential scenarios might change in the next Water Plan?
- How can IBCC support building greater drought resilience across scenarios?



# LOW REGRETS 2.0? – LISA DARLING

- Is there a way to touch on all the IBCC identified topics in a new Low Regrets Strategy 2.0?
- Could we pick up on the Colorado Drought Task Force recommendations and add more?
- Would this let IBCC reassert its role and the roundtables' role while adding value to the conversation?
- Can we engage CWCB and the roundtables on this idea?



## ACTIONABLE PROJECTS

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**WHERE IBCC WANTS TO BE  
(DOING WORK)**

## DISCUSSION

- Single person/basin issue
- Someone else has authority (CWCB; legislature)
- May conflict with CWCB; legislature; etc. (staff can't work on it)
- Requires funding, contractors, etc.
- Does not have an outcome or an outcome that can not be supported by basins and CWCB



**WHERE IBCC IS MOST OFTEN  
(IN CONVERSATION)**

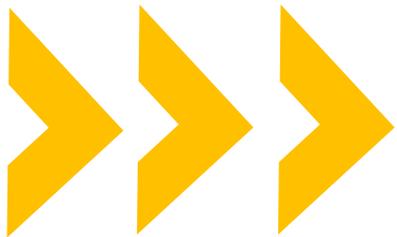
# OPEN DISCUSSION HAS A CRITICAL ROLE!

SURVEY

“Open mind and willingness to communicate with different points of view”

“Formal exchange of ideas”

“Participation in discussions at meetings and reporting back to the roundtable.”

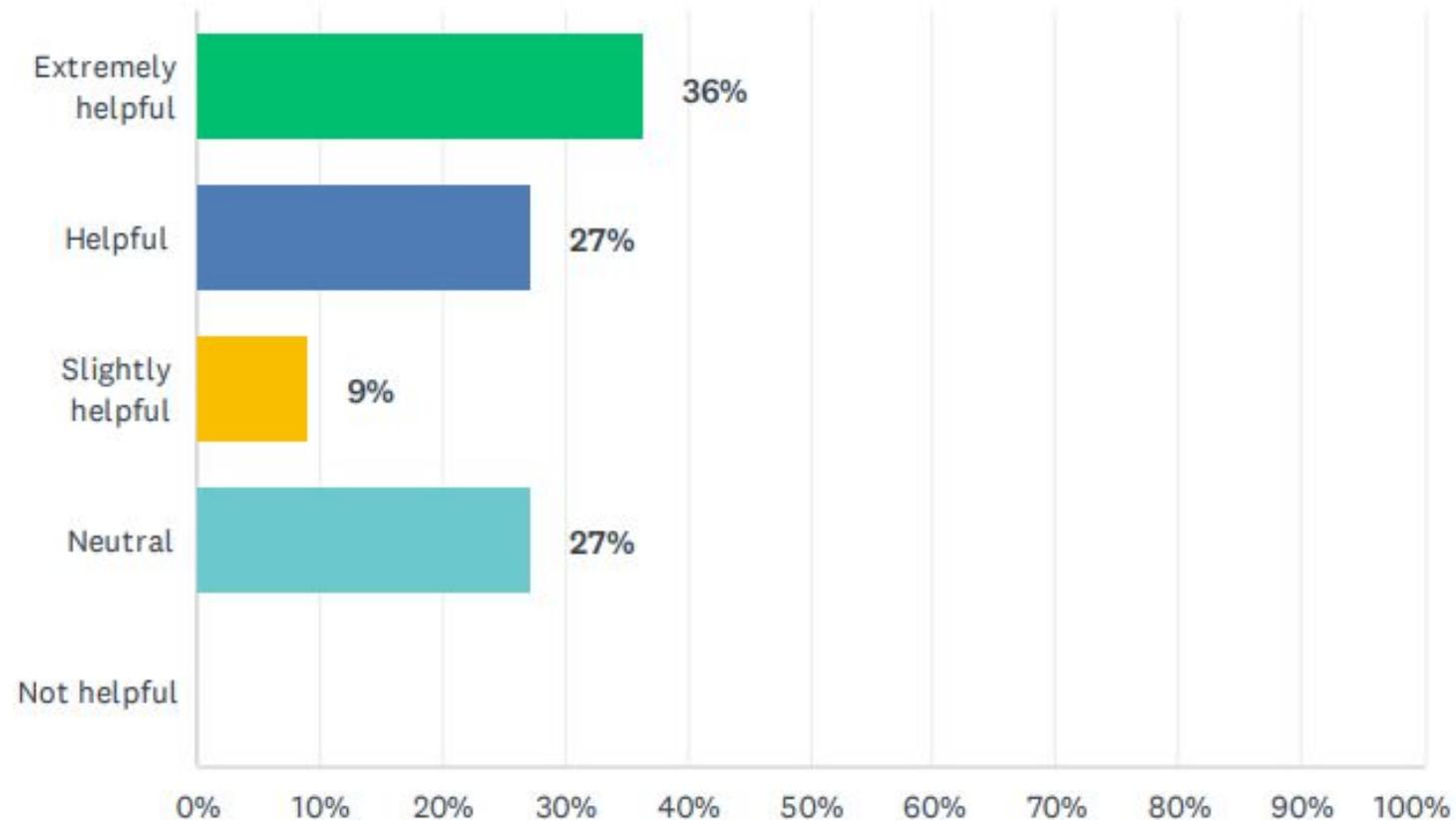


MOVING TO ACTION MAY REQUIRE GUIDANCE

72%

OF SURVEY RESPONDENTS UNSURE OF WHAT IBCC WORKS ON

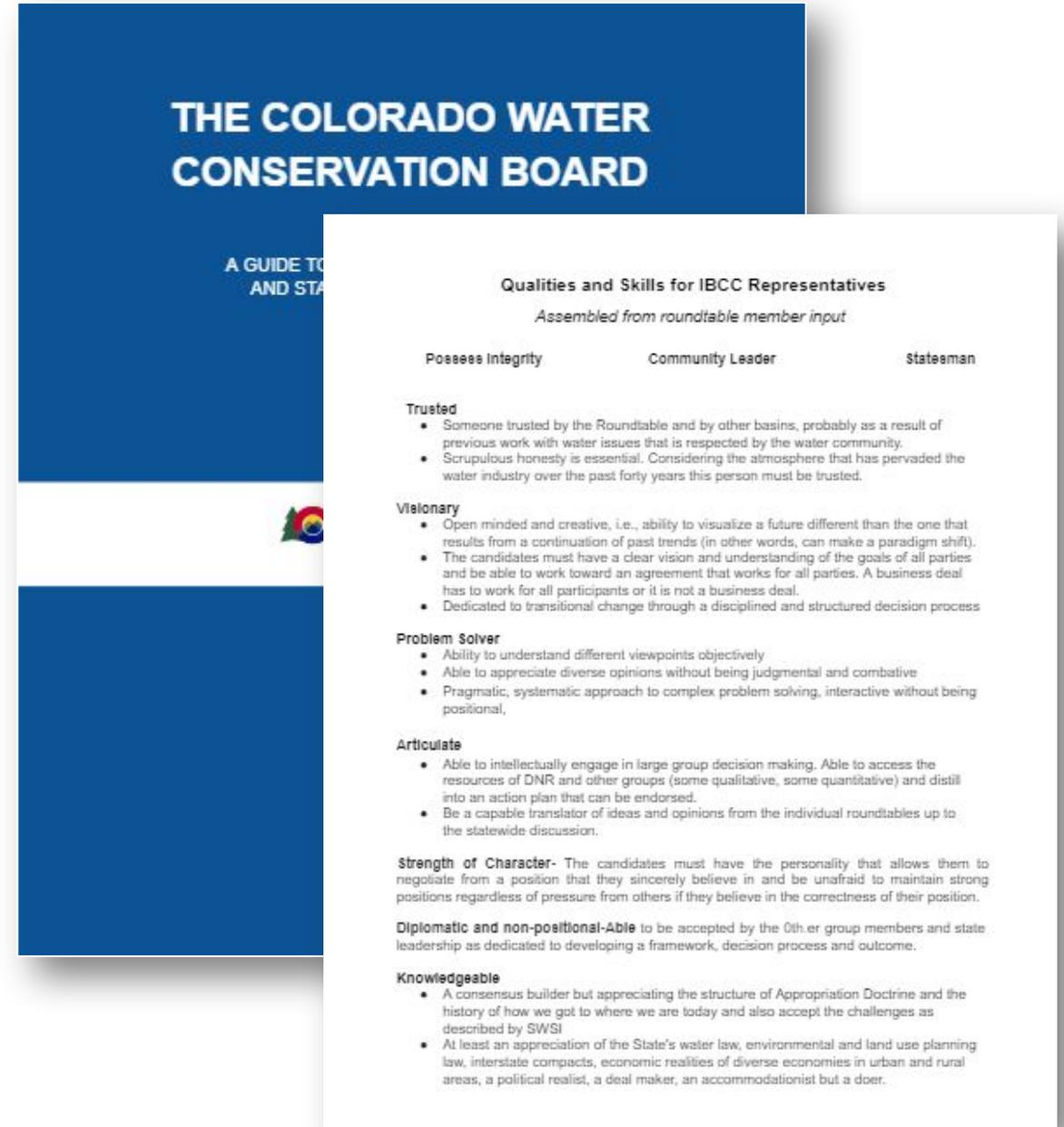
Q10 Do you think it would be helpful to have greater clarity on what the IBCC does, what it means to be an IBCC member, and what qualities are needed to serve effectively as an IBCC member?



# BUILDING STRONGER BASIN CONNECTIONS

## IBCC could help inform:

- 1) Qualities of projects that work well for IBCC
- 2) Qualities of IBCC members that basins need to consider when selecting IBCC candidates they hope can advance IBCC projects



# GUIDANCE ON IBCC PROJECTS

1) DO THESE QUALITIES FOR ACTIONABLE PROJECTS RESONATE?

2) WHAT OTHER QUALITIES MAKE FOR A SUCCESSFUL IBCC PROJECT?

3) WHAT PROJECTS DO YOU THINK IBCC CAN TACKLE GIVEN THIS?

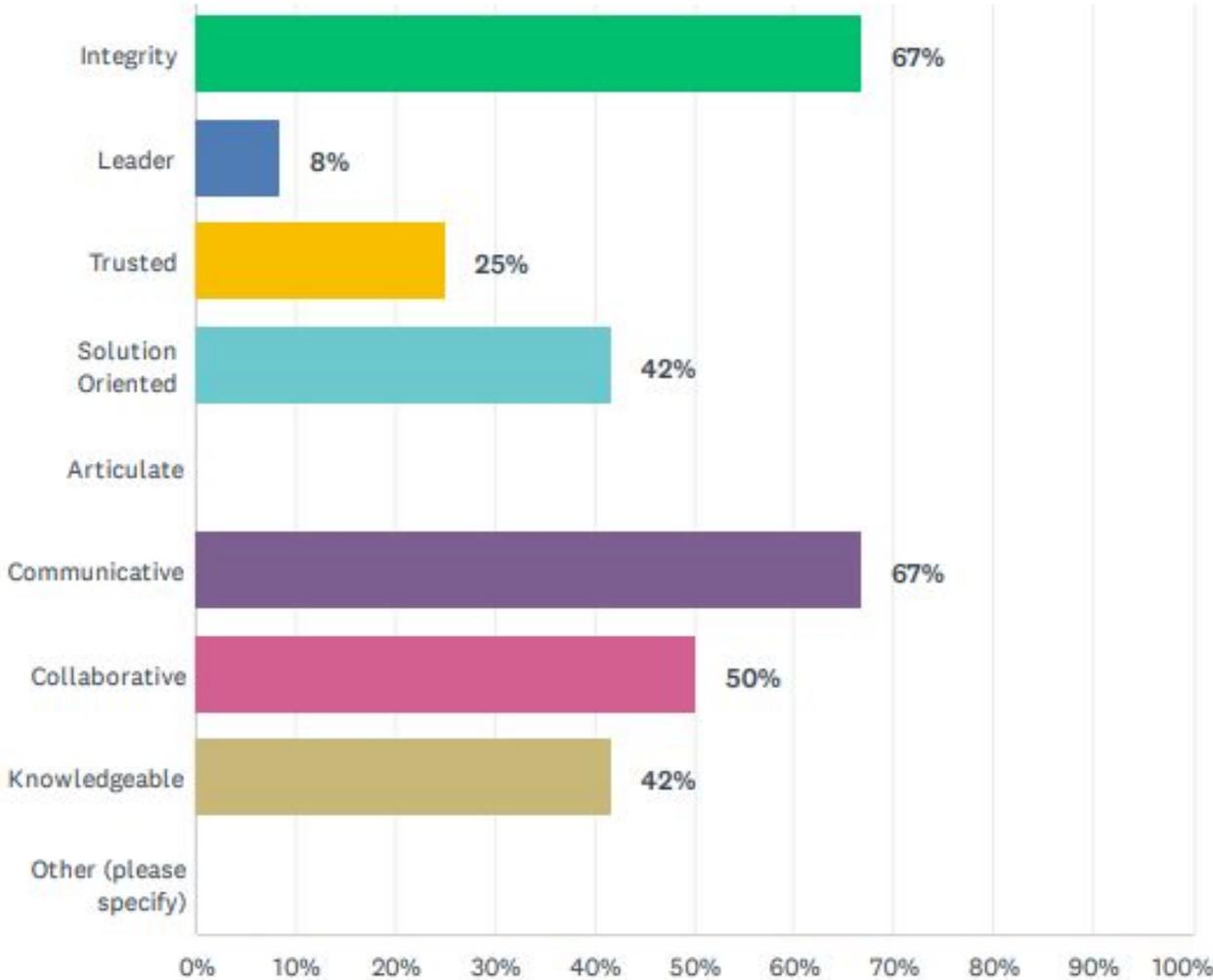
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**WHERE IBCC WANTS TO BE  
(DOING WORK)**

Q4 In your opinion, what are the top three most important qualities to have serving as an effective IBCC member? (Please select only three options).



# GUIDANCE ON IBCC MEMBERS

DO THESE QUALITIES FOR MEMBERS RESONATE?

Trusted  
Visionary

Problem Solver

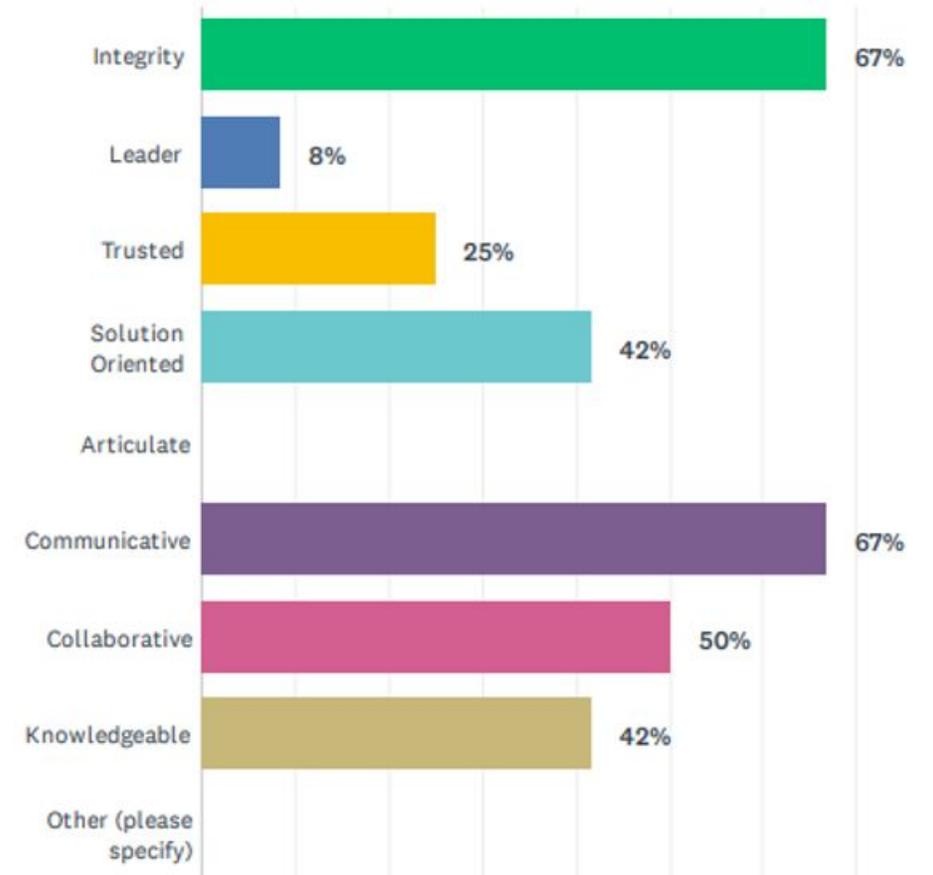
WHAT OTHER QUALITIES MAKE FOR A SUCCESSFUL IBCC MEMBER THAT CAN ADVANCE PROJECTS?

Articulate  
Strength of Character

Diplomatic

Knowledgeable

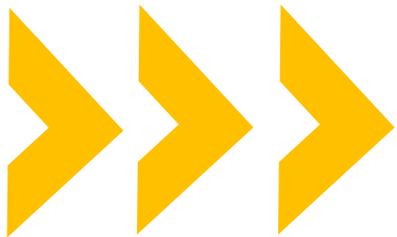
Qualities and Skills for IBCC Representatives  
Assembled from roundtable member input



# GUIDANCE ON FACILITATING BASIN FEEDBACK?

## TYPICAL IBCC REPORT OUT

1. We didn't meet
2. We are going to meet, here's the agenda
3. We did meet, here's what we discussed



**WHAT QUESTIONS MIGHT  
PROMPT MORE BASIN INPUT?**

**DID ANYTHING TODAY GIVE YOU  
IDEAS FOR THE 2024 C9 SUMMIT?**

An aerial photograph of a wide river valley. The river flows from the bottom left towards the center. The banks are lined with lush green trees and vegetation. In the distance, rolling hills and mountains are visible under a hazy, overcast sky. A large, white, stylized logo is overlaid on the center of the image. The logo consists of a large 'C' containing a '9', followed by the word 'SUMMIT' in a bold, sans-serif font.

**C9 SUMMIT**

# NEXT MEETING, AGENDA & CLOSING THOUGHTS

- Next Meeting: June 18, Durango - DoubleTree Hotel.
- Key items from today will be agenda items in June.
- Key takeaways from today.





THANK YOU

# WELCOME

## TO THE GOLDEN MILL

### IBCC RECEPTION & DINNER



# COORS, CLEAR CREEK & WATER IN THE WEST



**NEAL SANTANGELO**

SR. MANAGER WATER RESOURCES AT MOLSON COORS