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## CO Water Plan Grant Master Irrigator Rep River Final Report

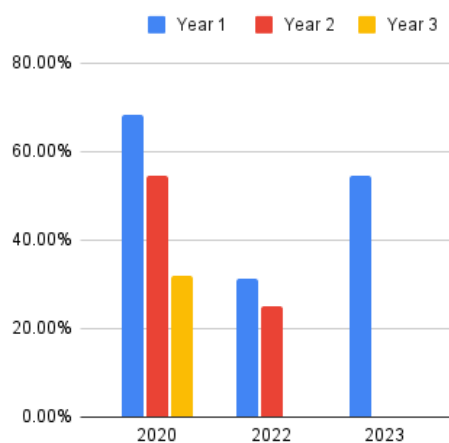
Dear Nora,

On behalf of Colorado Master Irrigator, I would like to thank the Colorado Water Conservation Board for the support of our program. We have completed the funding provided through the Water Plan Grant and all matching commitments granted March 1, 2020, and would like to provide a final report for your review.

Colorado Master Irrigator has successfully held annual programs in the Republican River Basin in 2020, 2022, 2023 and 2024 with a total of 79 graduates completing all 32 hours of content. Each year for three years following the completion of the course surveys are sent to graduates asking them to report on their irrigation practices. On average, 66.8% of graduates report a reduction in water use for the year. Additionally, over 71% of graduates report having made personal connections or new relationships with peers and instructors through COMI which were helpful in making efficiency or conservation-related changes on their operations.



### Survey Responses per Class



Unfortunately, survey responses lessen the more time passes from program completion. We are hoping to encourage higher response rates by furthering relationships with graduates outside of the annual courses. To do this we have invested in a Colorado Master Irrigator app and are currently applying for further funding to offer conservation-oriented tools and practice focused funding to our graduates.

The future of Colorado Master Irrigator continues to look bright. Since implementation of the Republican River Basin



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program in 2020, the success of our program has made its way across the state. We have been able to establish another successful program in the San Luis Valley and held the first program in the Four Corners region in 2024. Three additional programs in Mesa/Delta Counties, Arkansas River Basin, and the South Platte basin are in development, as well. Without the support of the Colorado Water Conservation Board, none of this would have been possible and we will forever be grateful!



Sincerely,

Brandi Baquera  
Colorado Master Irrigator Program Coordinator