



COLORADO

**Colorado Water
Conservation Board**

Department of Natural Resources

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July 16 & 17, 2025 Board Meeting Agenda

A meeting of the CWCB will be held on Wednesday, July 16, 2025 commencing at 9:00 AM and continuing through Thursday, July 17, 2025. The meeting will be held at the Salida Steam Plant 220 W. Sackett Ave Salida and virtually on Zoom. There will be an Arkansas River Tour through Browns Canyon on Tuesday, July 15, 2025 from 1:00-5:00p.m., with presentations by the AHRA Park Manager on the river trip about Voluntary Flow Management Program and Cross-Jurisdictional Cooperative Management of Recreation. If you are interested in attending please reach out via email to [Viola Bralish](mailto:Viola.Bralish@state.co.us) or call 303-866-3441 ext. 3206 (there is a fee to attend).

The CWCB posts notice 30 days in advance of each regularly scheduled meeting. Notices for special meetings are posted on the website typically within five business days and not less than 24 hours of such a meeting. Notices of regular and special meetings may also be received by email. To receive notices by email please visit: <https://dwr.state.co.us/Portal/Login/>.

Although dates and times are indicated in this notice and in the following agenda, the CWCB may address and take action on noticed items in any order. Any item scheduled for the regular agenda may be discussed in executive session if legal questions arise as authorized under § 24-6-402, C.R.S. Any known changes to the agenda will be announced at the beginning of the meeting. This notice, any late notice(s) of additional items, and briefing memos prepared for the CWCB will be on our website at <https://cwcb.colorado.gov/>.

The CWCB's meetings are made available through live audio streaming on YouTube, although Board workshops are not. To listen to the proceedings, click the "Listen to the meeting LIVE!" link on the CWCB website homepage and select the link for the proper day and time. The link will be posted just prior to the start of the meeting.

The CWCB encourages citizens to express their views and provide feedback to the Board on the agenda items. This can be done by sending an email to viola.bralish@state.co.us by sending a letter to a Board member or to the Chair of the Board, or by attending the meeting. If you want to make a public comment during the meeting you must fill out a [comment sheet](#) prior to the meeting date and email it to the [Board Coordinator](#). The Board will appreciate hearing your views when it reaches that agenda item. If you have a public comment that does apply to one of the agenda items there is time on the agenda at the end of the second day of the meeting. If you have any questions, need special accommodations as a result of a disability, or require further information on any CWCB activity, please contact [Viola Bralish](mailto:Viola.Bralish@state.co.us) at 303-866-3441, ext. 3206. All programs, services, and activities of the CWCB are operated in compliance with the Federal Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).



<u>Wednesday, July 16, 2025</u>	
9:00-9:02	CWCB Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance
9:02-9:05	1. Review and Approve Agenda
9:05-9:08	2. Review and Approve May 21 & 22, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes
9:08-9:15	3. Approve and/or Remove Consent Agenda Items
	<p><u>2025 CWCB Board Meeting Dates & Locations</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. September 17 & 18 - Southwest Basin Finance Committee, September 16 b. November 19 & 20 - Denver Metro Area <p><u>2026 CWCB Board Meeting Dates & Locations</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. January 26 & 27 - Aurora b. March 18 & 19 - TBD c. May 20 & 21 - TBD d. July 15 & 16 - Gunnison Basin e. September 16 & 17 - Colorado Basin Finance Committee, September 15 f. November 18 & 19 - Denver Metro
9:15-10:30	4. Directors' Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. DNR Executive Director b. CWCB Director c. IBCC Director d. Agriculture Commissioner e. State Engineer f. Division of Parks and Wildlife Director g. Water Resource and Power Development Authority
10:30-10:45	Morning Break

10:45-10:55	5. Water Supply Reserve Fund Grants <i>Grants Section</i> a. Basin - Colorado Applicant - Collbran Conservancy District Name of Water Activity - Parker Basin Project b. Basin - Colorado Applicant - Pitkin County Board of Commissioners Name of Water Activity - Pitkin County Lincoln Creek Watershed Phase 2 Project
10:55-11:05	6. Financial Matters - Construction Fund and Severance Tax Perpetual Base Fund <i>Finance Section</i> a. Financial Projections and Cash Management Report
11:05-11:40	7. Water Project Loans <i>Finance Section</i> a. Fox Fire Subdistrict - Water Distribution Construction b. Water Supply & Storage Company - Canal Check Structure Automation - Phase 1 c. San Luis Valley Irrigation District - Farmers Union Diversion Infrastructure Improvement
11:40-12:40	LUNCH
12:40-12:55	8. CWCB Marketing & Communication Update <i>Katie Weeman - CWCB Marketing & Communications Director</i>
12:55-1:25	9. Water Plan Agency Action 4.3 - Statewide Messaging Campaign <i>Water Supply Planning Section</i>
1:25-1:40	10. Water Plan Agency Action 4.1 Education Hub Partnership Update <i>Water Supply Planning Section</i>
1:40-1:55	11. Wild & Scenic Rivers Fund Grant Program Update <i>Interstate, Federal, and Water Information & Stream and Lake Protection Section</i>
1:55-2:40	12. Colorado River Updates <i>Interstate, Federal, and Water Information Section</i>

2:40-2:45	13. Attorney General's Report, Legal Briefing, and Executive Session
2:45-3:00	Afternoon Break
3:00-3:30	14. Executive Session a. Post 2026 Update
3:30-3:35	15. Report from Executive Session
3:35-3:55	16. Best Practices for Boards and Commissions (HB18-1198) <i>Jen Mele - Attorney Generals Office</i>
3:55	RECESS

Thursday, July 17, 2025

8:30 - 9:45	17. Basin Directors' Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Gunnison River Basin Director's Reportb. North Platte River Basin Director's Reportc. South Platte River Basin Director's Reportd. Arkansas River Basin Director's Reporte. City and County of Denver Director's Reportf. Rio Grande River Basin Director's Reportg. Yampa-White River Basin Director's Reporth. Colorado River (Mainstem) Basin Director's Reporti. San Juan/San Miguel-Dolores River Basin Director's Report
9:45- 10:00	Morning Break
10:00- 10:30	18. Project 7 Water Authority, Fish and Wildlife Mitigation Plan <i>Watershed and Flood Protection Section</i>
10:30- 10:50	19. Instream Flow Appropriations <i>Stream and Lake Protection Section</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Final Action on 2025 Uncontested New Appropriations in Water Divisions 4, 6, and 7b. Contested ISF Appropriations - East Muddy Creek and Milk Creek
10:50- 11:50	20. Instream Flow Acquisitions <i>Stream and Lake Protection Section</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Request for Implementation and Funding for the 5-Year Water Use Agreement with Ute Water Conservancy District to Lease Ruedi Reservoir Water for Instream Flow Use on the 15-Mile Reach for 2025, Water Division 5 (only meeting)b. Proposed Permanent Acquisition for an Interest in the Mineral Point Ditch Water Right on Burrows Creek for Instream Flow Use as a Perpetual Lease with the U.S. Bureau of Land Management, Water Division 7 (2nd Meeting)c. Update and Public Comment on Proposed Acquisition for an Interest in the Shoshone Water Rights for Instream Flow Use on the Colorado River, Water Division 5
11:50- 12:00	Public Comment
12:00	ADJOURN

12:00-1:00	LUNCH
1:00-3:00	RULEMAKING HEARING TO REVISE RULES CONCERNING THE COLORADO INSTREAM FLOW AND NATURAL LAKE LEVEL PROGRAM, 2 CCR 408-2 <i>Stream and Lake Protection Section</i>

CWCB Consent Agenda July 16 - 17, 2025

Matters may be placed on the Consent Agenda when the recommended action follows established policy or precedent, there has been a negotiated settlement, or the matter is uncontested and non-controversial. Staff provides memos to CWCB members explaining the matters on the Consent Agenda. Matters on the Consent Agenda are noticed for hearing in the same manner as other agenda items. If a member of the CWCB requests further consideration of an item on the Consent Agenda, the item will be withdrawn from the Consent Agenda and discussed during the meeting or at the next meeting, with action taken after discussion of the item. If a member of the CWCB requests further consideration of an item on the Consent Agenda that pertains to a pending or imminent court action, the matter will be withdrawn from the Consent Agenda and may be discussed during executive session of the same meeting, and any action on that item will be taken in public session. The Consent Agenda may be voted on without reading or discussing individual items. Any CWCB member may request clarification about any matter on the Consent Agenda.

1. Statements of Opposition

Stream & Lake Protection Section

Staff recommends the Board ratify CWCB's filing of the following Statements of Opposition:

- a. Case No. 20CW3060 (Water Division 6): Application of Dequine Family LLC
- b. Case No. 25CW3003 (Water Division 3): Application of Flying X Cattle Company, Inc., Anne C. Nielsen, Edwin C. Nielsen, Scott Nielsen, and Stan Nielsen
- c. Case No. 25CW3017 (Water Division 4): Application of Tri County Water Conservancy District
- d. Case No. 25CW0006 (Water Division 6): Application of The Preserve@Pearl Lake Subdivision Homeowners Association
- e. Case No. 25CW3008 (Water Division 6): Application of Srednicki Daughters' Common Trust, Steamboat Powder, LLC, and Storm Mountain Ranch Association

2. Water Supply Reserve Fund Grants

Grants Section

- a. **Basin - Colorado**
Applicant - American Whitewater
Name of Water Activity - Survey River Recreation Opportunities in the Colorado River Basin
- b. **Basin - Colorado**
Applicant - Snake River Water District
Name of Water Activity - Well Redevelopment - PFAS Compliance
- c. **Basin - Rio Grande**
Applicant - Alamosa La Jara Water Conservancy District
Name of Water Activity - Alamosa River Water Delivery Improvement Project Phase 2

3. Grant Changes

Grants Section

- a. Guadalupe Sanchez Acequia Project (WSRF)
- b. Software for Improved Delivery Efficiency (WPG)

4. Change to Existing Loan

Finance Section

- a. Rio Blanco Water Conservancy District - Taylor Draw Hydroelectric Turbine Refurbishment - Loan Increase

5. Floodplain Designation

Watershed and Flood Protection Section

- a. "Flood Insurance Study, Mineral County, Colorado, and Incorporated Areas", by FEMA, dated July 8, 2025