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Conservation Board**

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September 16 - 18, 2025 Board Meeting Agenda

A meeting of the CWCB will be held on Tuesday, September 16, 2025 commencing at 3:00 PM and continuing through Thursday, September 18, 2025. The meeting will be held at Fort Lewis College 1000 Rim Dr Durango 81301 and virtually on Zoom.

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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/>.

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Tuesday, September 16, 2025

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| 3:00-3:02 | CWCB Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance |
| 3:02-3:05 | 1. Review and Approve Agenda |
| | <p><u>2025 CWCB Board Meeting Dates & Locations</u></p> <p>a. November 19 & 20 - Denver Metro Area</p> <p><u>2026 CWCB Board Meeting Dates & Locations</u></p> <p>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</p> |
| 3:05-3:10 | 2. Review and Approve Board Meeting Minutes a. July 1, 2025 Special Meeting b. July 16 & 17, 2025 |
| 3:10-3:15 | 3. Approve and/or Remove Consent Agenda Items |
| 3:15-3:20 | 4. Financial Matters - Construction Fund and Severance Tax Perpetual Base Fund <i>Finance Section</i> a. Financial Projections and Cash Management Report |
| 3:20-3:25 | 5. Water Supply Reserve Fund Grant September 2025 <i>Grants Section</i> a. Basin - Metro & South Platte Applicant - Consolidated Mutual Water Company Name of Water Activity - ET Study & Floatovoltaic Design |
| 3:25-5:25 | 6. Water Plan Grants September 2025 <i>Grants Section</i> |

- a. **Category - Agriculture**
Applicant - Mesa County
Project - Orchard Mesa Check Piping - 38 Road Bike and Pedestrian Project

- b. **Category - Agriculture**
Applicant - American Rivers
Project - Frozen Assets: Rio Grande Innovative Water Management

- c. **Category - Agriculture**
Applicant - Center Conservation District
Project - Southern Colorado Wool Pellet Project

- d. **Category - Agriculture**
Applicant - Colorado Cattlemen's Agricultural Land Trust
Project - Rusk Ranch's Beckwith Easement Project

- e. **Category - Agriculture**
Applicant - Terrace Irrigation Company
Project - Tools for Adaptive Storage in the Alamosa River Basin

- f. **Category - Agriculture**
Applicant - Arkansas Groundwater and Reservoir Association
Project - West Pueblo Bank Stabilization

- g. **Category - Agriculture**
Applicant - Colorado Open Lands
Project - Rio Grande Cooperative Project - Phase 2

- h. **Category - Agriculture**
Applicant - Trout Unlimited National
Project - Gunnison Basin RCPP

- i. **Category - Agriculture**
Applicant - Colorado State University
Project - Community-Driven Water Evaluation in the Yampa Valley

- j. **Category - Agriculture**
Applicant - Western Slope Conservation Center
Project - Farmers Ditch Improvement Project

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| | <p>k. Category - Agriculture Applicant - Mesa County Land Conservancy Inc. DBA Colorado West Land Trust Project - From Risk to Resilience: A New Model for Farm and Water Security in the Gunnison River Basin</p> <p>l. Category - Agriculture Applicant - Colorado State University Project - Colorado Open Soil Moisture Project</p> <p>m. Category - Conservation & Land Use Planning Applicant - City of Loveland Project - City of Loveland Water AMI Project</p> <p>n. Category - Conservation & Land Use Planning Applicant - Larimer County Project - Larimer County Groundwater Study</p> <p>o. Category - Conservation & Land Use Planning Applicant - Eagle County Conservation District Project - Beyond Lawn Phase II</p> <p>p. Category - Conservation & Land Use Planning Applicant - City of Steamboat Springs Project - Steamboat Springs Smart Irrigation Central Control System Phase III</p> <p>q. Category - Conservation & Land Use Planning Applicant - City of Fort Lupton Project - Comprehensive Water Strategy Planning</p> <p>r. Category - Conservation & Land Use Planning Applicant - Sonoran Institute Project - Growing Water Smart: Action and Impact Initiative</p> <p>s. Category - Engagement & Innovation Applicant - Colorado Rio Grande Restoration Foundation Project - Rye Resurgence Film & Educational Impact Campaign</p> <p>t. Category - Engagement & Innovation Applicant - Adams State University Project - Water Education and Community Engagement</p> |
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| | <p>u. Category - Engagement & Innovation Applicant - Colorado State University Project - South Platte Salinity Stakeholder Group Final Phase</p> <p>v. Category - Engagement & Innovation Applicant - Blue Elements Project - Watershed Stewards Program</p> <p>w. Category - Water Storage & Supply Applicant - Lower Latham Reservoir Company Project - Jurgens Reservoir-Ancillary Facility Design & Construction</p> <p>x. Category - Water Storage & Supply Applicant - Town of De Beque Project - Town of De Beque Secondary Raw Water Source Well</p> <p>y. Category - Water Storage & Supply Applicant - City of Canon City Project - Planning John Griffin Park Reservoir</p> <p>z. Category - Water Storage & Supply Applicant - Eagle River Water and Sanitation District Project - Bolts Lake Design Development Progress Drawings</p> <p>aa. Category - Water Storage & Supply Applicant - South Metro Water Supply Authority Project - Regional ASR Project - Phase 2</p> <p>bb. Category - Watershed Health & Recreation Applicant - RiversEdge West Project - White River Riparian Restoration and Community Engagement Initiative</p> <p>cc. Category - Watershed Health & Recreation Applicant - Jefferson Conservation District Project - Bear Creek Wildfire Ready Action Plan</p> <p>dd. Category - Watershed Health & Recreation Applicant - Boulder Watershed Collective Project - Boulder Creek Headwaters Resiliency Project</p> <p>ee. Category - Watershed Health & Recreation Applicant - Arkansas River Watershed Collaborative Project - Lower Arkansas Watershed Planning Initiative</p> |
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| | <p>ff. Category - Watershed Health & Recreation Applicant - Fountain Creek Watershed Flood Control and Greenway District Project - Frost Ranch Final Design</p> <p>gg. Category - Watershed Health & Recreation Applicant - Larimer County Project - River Bluffs Open Space Restoration</p> <p>hh. Category - Watershed Health & Recreation Applicant - Fountain Creek Watershed, Inc. d/b/a Pikes Peak Waterways Project - Stream Reach Plan - Monument Creek - MVP to ATB</p> <p>ii. Category - Watershed Health & Recreation Applicant - Larimer Conservation District Project - Collaborative Elkhorn Creek Restoration</p> <p>jj. Category - Watershed Health & Recreation Applicant - Colorado Rio Grande Restoration Foundation Project - Rio Grande Bank Stabilization & Revegetation Phase 6</p> <p>kk. Category - Watershed Health & Recreation Applicant - Boulder Mushroom Project - Biological Soil Moisture Retention</p> <p>ll. Category - Watershed Health & Recreation Applicant - Northern Integrated Supply Project Water Activity Enterprise Project - Phase I Design: Cache la Poudre River Restoration</p> <p>mm. Category - Watershed Health & Recreation Applicant - San Miguel Watershed Coalition Project - Reed Chatfield Ditch and Diversion Rehabilitation</p> <p>nn. Category - Watershed Health & Recreation Applicant - Onward! A Legacy Foundation DBA Dolores Watersheds Collaborative Project - Managing Forests to Conserve Snow and Soil Moisture</p> |
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Wednesday, September 17, 2025

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| 8:30-8:50 | Chairman Melvin Baker or Vice Chairman Marvin Pinnecoose - Southern Ute Indian Tribe and Chairman Manual Heart or Vice Chairman Alston Turtle - Ute Mountain Ute Tribe |
| 8:50-9:15 | 7. Directors' Reports 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 |
| 9:15 - 9:45 | 8. Basin Directors' Reports a. North Platte River Basin Director's Report b. South Platte River Basin Director's Report c. Arkansas River Basin Director's Report d. City and County of Denver Director's Report e. Rio Grande River Basin Director's Report f. Yampa-White River Basin Director's Report g. Colorado River (Mainstem) Basin Director's Report h. San Juan/San Miguel-Dolores River Basin Director's Report i. Gunnison River Basin Director's Report |
| 9:45-9:50 | 9. Attorney General's Report & Legal Briefing, and Executive Session |
| 9:50-10:05 | MORNING BREAK |
| 10:05-10:35 | 10. Executive Session a. Federal & Interstate Matters related to Shoshone Acquisition |
| 10:35-10:40 | 11. Report from Executive Session |
| 10:40-10:55 | 12. Instream Flow Appropriations <i>Stream and Lake Protection Section</i> a. Uncontested Appropriation Update: Vermillion Creek, Water Division 6 |

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| | <p>b. Contested Appropriations Update: East Muddy Creek, Water Division 4 and Milk Creek, Water Division 6</p> |
| 10:55-11:25 | <p>13. Instream Flow Acquisitions <i>Stream and Lake Protection Section</i></p> <p>a. Proposed 5-Year Water Use Agreement with the Town of Basalt to Lease Ruedi Reservoir Water During the Winter for Instream Flow Use on the Fryingpan River, Water Division 5. (1st meeting)</p> <p>b. Proposed 1-Year Water Use Agreement with the Basalt Water Conservancy District to Lease Ruedi Reservoir Water During the Winter for Instream Flow Use on the Fryingpan River, Water Division 5. (1st meeting)</p> <p>c. Proposed Dedication from the City of Fort Collins of Protected Mitigation Releases from the New Reservoir Capacity of the Halligan Reservoir for Instream Flow Use on the North Fork of the Cache la Poudre River, Water Division 1. (1st meeting)</p> |
| 11:25-11:35 | Public Comment |
| 11:35-12:20 | LUNCH |
| 12:20-3:00 | 14. Shoshone Hearing |
| 3:00-3:15 | AFTERNOON BREAK |
| 3:15-6:00 | Shoshone Hearing continued |
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Thursday, September 18, 2025

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| 8:30-10:00 | Shoshone Hearing continued |
| 10:00-10:15 | MORNING BREAK |
| 10:15-12:00 | Shoshone Hearing continued |
| 12:00-12:45 | LUNCH |
| 12:45-3:00 | Shoshone Hearing continued |
| 3:00-3:15 | AFTERNOON BREAK |
| 3:15-5:00 | Shoshone Hearing continued |
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CWCB Consent Agenda September 16 - 18, 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. 25CW3027 (Water Division 4): Application of Halo Ranch LLC
- b. Case No. 25CW3096 (Water Division 5): Application of City of Aspen

2. Water Supply Reserve Fund Grants

Grants Section

- a. **Basin - Metro & South Platte**
Applicant - Colorado Watershed Assembly
Name of Water Activity - Youth Development, Water Education, and the Colorado Water Plan (Year One)
- b. **Basin - Southwest**
Applicant - Morrison Consolidated Ditch Company
Name of Water Activity - Undershot Replacement Project
- c. **Basin - Yampa/White/Green**
Applicant - Bear River Reservoir Company
Name of Water Activity - Stillwater Reservoir Drain, Collar and Channel Stabilization
- d. **Basin - Yampa/White/Green**
Applicant - B/Land and Cattle, LLC
Name of Water Activity - John C. Temple Reservoir #1 Rehabilitation

3. Water Plan Grant Change

Grants Section

- a. Trout Unlimited - Enhancing River Stewardship and Recreation

4. Water Plan Grants

Grants Section

- a. **Category - Agriculture**

- Applicant - Owl Creek Supply & Irrigation Company**

- Project - Operational Improvement-Owl Creek Lateral**

- b. **Category - Agriculture**

- Applicant - High Desert Conservation District**

- Project - Wilson Ditch Piping Project**

- c. **Category - Agriculture**

- Applicant - Community Agriculture Alliance, Inc.**

- Project - Bear River Automation Phase 2**

- d. **Category - Agriculture**

- Applicant - Shavano Conservation District**

- Project - Demonstrating Gravity-Powered Micro-Irrigation in Gunnison Basin Agriculture**

- e. **Category - Agriculture**

- Applicant - 3 Rocks Ranch LLC**

- Project - Canon Heights Intake Rehabilitation**

- f. **Category - Agriculture**

- Applicant - Crawford Water Conservancy District**

- Project - Smith Fork Siphon and SCADA Project**

- g. **Category - Agriculture**

- Applicant - Colorado Rio Grande Restoration Foundation**

- Project - Rye Resurgence Project - Phase 2**

- h. **Category - Agriculture**

- Applicant - Colorado State University**

- Project - Republican River Basin Discovery Farms**

- i. **Category - Agriculture**

- Applicant - TN Bar Cattle Company**

- Project - Sunnyside Ditch Pipeline**

- j. Category - Conservation & Land Use Planning**
Applicant - Town of Nunn
Project - Nunn Master Water Action Plan
- k. Category - Conservation & Land Use Planning**
Applicant - Adams 12 Five Star Schools
Project - WaterWise Conservation and Resiliency Plan
- l. Category - Conservation & Land Use Planning**
Applicant - Blue River Valley Ranch Lakes Association
Project - Blue River Valley Ranch Lakes Association Smart Water Meter Installation
- m. Category - Conservation & Land Use Planning**
Applicant - Colorado Nonprofit Development Center
Project - Scaling Turf Replacement and Youth Climate Adaptation Workforce in Denver
- n. Category - Conservation & Land Use Planning**
Applicant - Town of Superior
Project - Town of Superior Landscape Code Update
- o. Category - Conservation & Land Use Planning**
Applicant - Pacific Institute for Studies in Development, Environment & Security
Project - Stormwater Capture and Reuse in Colorado
- p. Category - Conservation & Land Use Planning**
Applicant - Department of Personnel and Administration
Project - State of Colorado Irrigation Audit Training
- q. Category - Conservation & Land Use Planning**
Applicant - The Regents of the University of Colorado
Project - Water-Wise Landscaping & Wildfire Resilience
- r. Category - Conservation & Land Use Planning**
Applicant - Denver Dept. of Public Health and Environment
Project - Advancing the State of Graywater in Colorado
- s. Category - Conservation & Land Use Planning**
Applicant - Town of Telluride
Project - Stillwell Water Facility Management Plan
- t. Category - Conservation & Land Use Planning**
Applicant - City of Durango
Project - Water Conservation Plan and Drought Response Plan Updates

- u. **Category - Conservation & Land Use Planning**
Applicant - City of Alamosa
Project - Water Efficiency and Comprehensive Plan Updates
- v. **Category - Engagement & Innovation**
Applicant - Rio Grande Headwaters Land Trust
Project - Rio Grande Basin Water Education Mural Project
- w. **Category - Engagement & Innovation**
Applicant - Confluence Center of Colorado, Inc.
Project - Confluence Center Atrium Exhibit
- x. **Category - Engagement & Innovation**
Applicant - Ditch and Reservoir Company Alliance
Project - DARCA Capacity and Education Building
- y. **Category - Engagement & Innovation**
Applicant - Big Thompson Watershed Coalition
Project - Education & Outreach Program
- z. **Category - Engagement & Innovation**
Applicant - The Freshwater Trust
Project - Innovations to Scale Colorado EQIP Impact
- aa. **Category - Engagement & Innovation**
Applicant - Colorado State University
Project - Water Quality Sound Project
- bb. **Category - Watershed Health & Recreation**
Applicant - Pathway to the Rockies Council, BSA
Project - Camp Alexander South Platte River Restoration
- cc. **Category - Watershed Health & Recreation**
Applicant - Bent Conservation District
Project - Supporting Nature's Engineers: Beaver Dam Analogs for Watershed Restoration
- dd. **Category - Watershed Health & Recreation**
Applicant - Chama Peak Land Alliance
Project - San Juan - Chama Watershed Health Project
- ee. **Category - Watershed Health & Recreation**
Applicant - Ouray Ice Park, Inc.
Project - Our Water Our Future

ff. Category - Watershed Health & Recreation

Applicant - Trout Unlimited - National

Project - Enhancing Instream Habitat and Aiding Wildfire Recovery and Resiliency
in the Lower North Inlet Watershed and Grand Lake

gg. Category - Watershed Health & Recreation

Applicant - Confluence Colorado

Project - Fishable and Swimmable South Platte River

5. CWCB Guide Revisions

Water Supply Planning Section