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**Colorado Water
Conservation Board**

Department of Natural Resources

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November 19-20, 2025 Board Meeting Agenda

A meeting of the CWCB will be held on Wednesday, November 19, 2025 commencing at 9:00 AM and continuing through Thursday, November 20, 2025. The meeting will be held at Denver Marriott West 1717 Denver West Marriott Blvd Golden and virtually on Zoom.

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/>.

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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](#) 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, November 19, 2025</u>	
9:00-9:02	CWCB Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance
9:02-9:05	1. Review and Approve Agenda
	<u>2026 CWCB Board Meeting Dates & Locations</u> a. January 26 & 27 - Aurora b. March 18 & 19 - Virtual 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
9:05-9:08	2. Review and Approve Board Meeting Minutes a. September 16-18, 2025
9:08-9:12	3. Approve and/or Remove Consent Agenda Items
9:12-10:30	4. 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
10:30-10:45	Morning Break
10:45-11:10	5. Instream Flow Appropriations <i>Stream and Lake Protection Section</i> a. Final Action on 2025 New Appropriation on East Muddy Creek, Water Division 4 b. Instream Flow Rate Clarification Middle Hubbard Creek, Water Division 4 c. Notice of 2026 Instream Flow and Natural Lake Level Recommended Appropriations in Water Divisions 1, 2, 6, and 7

	d. Postponement of Hearing of Contested Instream Flow Appropriation on Milk Creek, Water Division 6 e. Uncontested Appropriation Update: Vermillion Creek, Water Division 6
11:10-11:45	6. Instream Flow Acquisitions <i>Stream and Lake Protection Section</i> a. Two Proposed 5-Year Water Use Agreements with the Town of Basalt and Basalt Water Conservancy District to Lease Ruedi Reservoir Water During the Winter to Deter Anchor Ice on the Fryingpan River, Water Division 5. (2nd Meeting) b. Proposed Funding Request to Lease Ruedi Reservoir Water During the Winter from a Previously Approved Water Use Agreement with the Colorado River Water Conservation District to Deter Anchor Ice on the Fryingpan River, Water Division 5 (Only 1 Meeting) c. Proposed Dedication from the City of Fort Collins of Protected Mitigation Releases from the New Reservoir Capacity of the Halligan Reservoir for Use in the Qualified Stream Reach on the North Fork of the Cache la Poudre River, Water Division 1 (2nd Meeting)
11:45-12:45	LUNCH
12:45-5:00	7. Hearing Deliberation on the Proposed Acquisition for an Interest in the Shoshone Water Rights for Instream Flow Use on the Colorado River, Water Division 5 <i>Stream and Lake Protection Section</i>
5:00	RECESS

Thursday, November 20, 2025

8:30 - 9:45	8. Basin Directors' Reports a. South Platte River Basin Director's Report b. Arkansas River Basin Director's Report c. City and County of Denver Director's Report d. Rio Grande River Basin Director's Report e. Yampa-White River Basin Director's Report f. Colorado River (Mainstem) Basin Director's Report g. San Juan/San Miguel-Dolores River Basin Director's Report h. Gunnison River Basin Director's Report i. North Platte 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- 10:40	10. Executive Session a. Post 2026 Update
10:40- 10:45	11. Report from Executive Session
10:45- 10:50	12. Water Supply Reserve Fund Grant November 2025 <i>Grants Section</i> a. Basin - Arkansas Applicant - Fort Bent Ditch Company Name of Water Activity - Fort Bent Ditch Siphon Repairs b. Basin - Southwest Applicant - City of Durango Name of Water Activity - Florida Pipeline Recontruction - Design
10:50- 11:50	13. Primary Grant Program Highlights <i>Grants Section</i>
11:50- 12:10	14. CWCB Funding Explorer <i>Water Supply Planning Section</i>
12:10- 1:10	LUNCH
1:10-1:30	15. Update on Southwest Colorado Flooding <i>Watershed and Flood Protection Section</i>

1:30-2:00	16. Colorado River Update <i>Interstate, Federal, and Water Information Section</i>
2:00-2:15	17. Bear Creek Reallocation Update <i>Interstate, Federal, and Water Information Section</i>
2:15-2:30	18. West Slope Diversion Measurement Installation Program <i>Interstate, Federal, and Water Information Section</i>
2:30-3:00	19. Weather Modification Update <i>Interstate, Federal, and Water Information Section</i>
3:00-3:15	AFTERNOON BREAK
3:15-3:30	20. Financial Matters - Construction Fund and Severance Tax Perpetual Base Fund <i>Finance Section</i> a. Financial Projections and Cash Management Report b. Fiscal Year 2025 Financial Statements 1. Construction Fund 2. Severance Tax Perpetual Base Fund
3:30-3:50	21. Water Project Loans <i>Finance Section</i> a. The Farmers' High Line Canal and Reservoir Company - Hyatt Lake Dam Rehabilitation b. Redlands Water and Power Company - Lift Station No. 2 Renovation
3:50-4:00	22. Projects Bill Loans <i>Finance Section</i> a. City of Fort Collins - Halligan Water Supply Project
4:00-5:00	23. 2026 Projects Bill <i>Finance Section</i> a. Non-Reimbursable Project Investments b. Appropriations for FY 26/27 Water Plan Grant Cash Fund c. Board Approval Loan Limit Increase

5:00-5:10	Public Comment
5:10	ADJOURN

CWCB Consent Agenda November 19 - 20, 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. 25CW3120 (Water Division 5): Application of GRCO LLC

2. Water Supply Reserve Fund - Change of Grant

Grants Section

- a. **Basin** - Rio Grande
Grantee - Colorado Rio Grande Restoration Foundation
Name of Water Activity - Rio Grande ASO Project

3. Policy #7 Lending Rate Determination

Finance Section