

# 9 SUMMIT

October 28 - 29, 2025

Sheraton Denver West

IBCC No & Low Regrets Introduction

COLORADO  
WATER PLAN



COLORADO  
Colorado Water  
Conservation Board  
Department of Natural Resources

# NO & LOW REGRETS

How did IBCC get here?

Drafted the  
*Qualities of  
Successful  
IBCC  
Members and  
Projects*

Defined  
“Actionable  
Projects”  
sideboards

Snow Monitoring  
& Measurement  
consensus

*C9 Drought  
Resilience Action  
Plan* exercise  
helped identify  
new ideas for No  
& Low Regrets

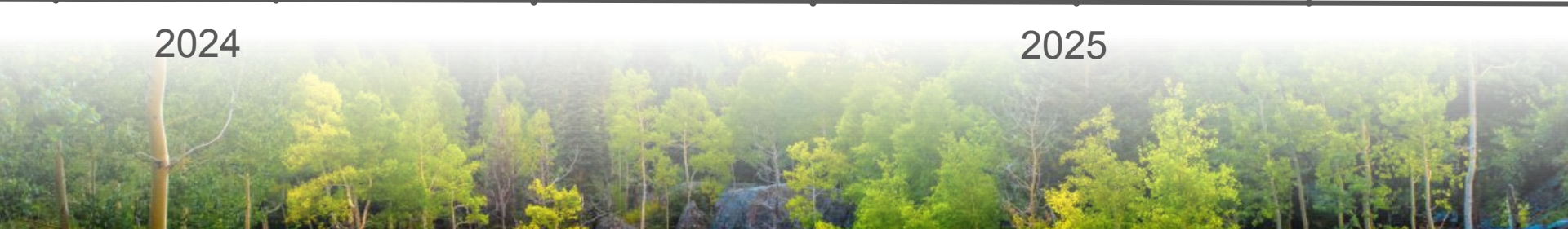
Created NLR  
Subcommittee to  
review 2013 NLR  
against ideas in  
*C9 Drought  
Resilience Action  
Plan* concepts

IBCC reached  
consensus to  
advance a new  
No & Low  
Regrets Action  
Plan and  
adopted  
schedule for  
2-3 year work  
plan

NLR  
Subcommittee  
continued to meet  
through October  
2025 to develop  
NLR process and  
communication  
materials

2024

2025

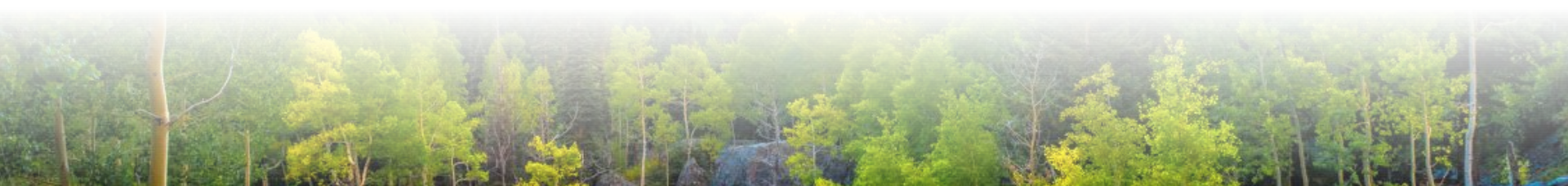


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What is it?

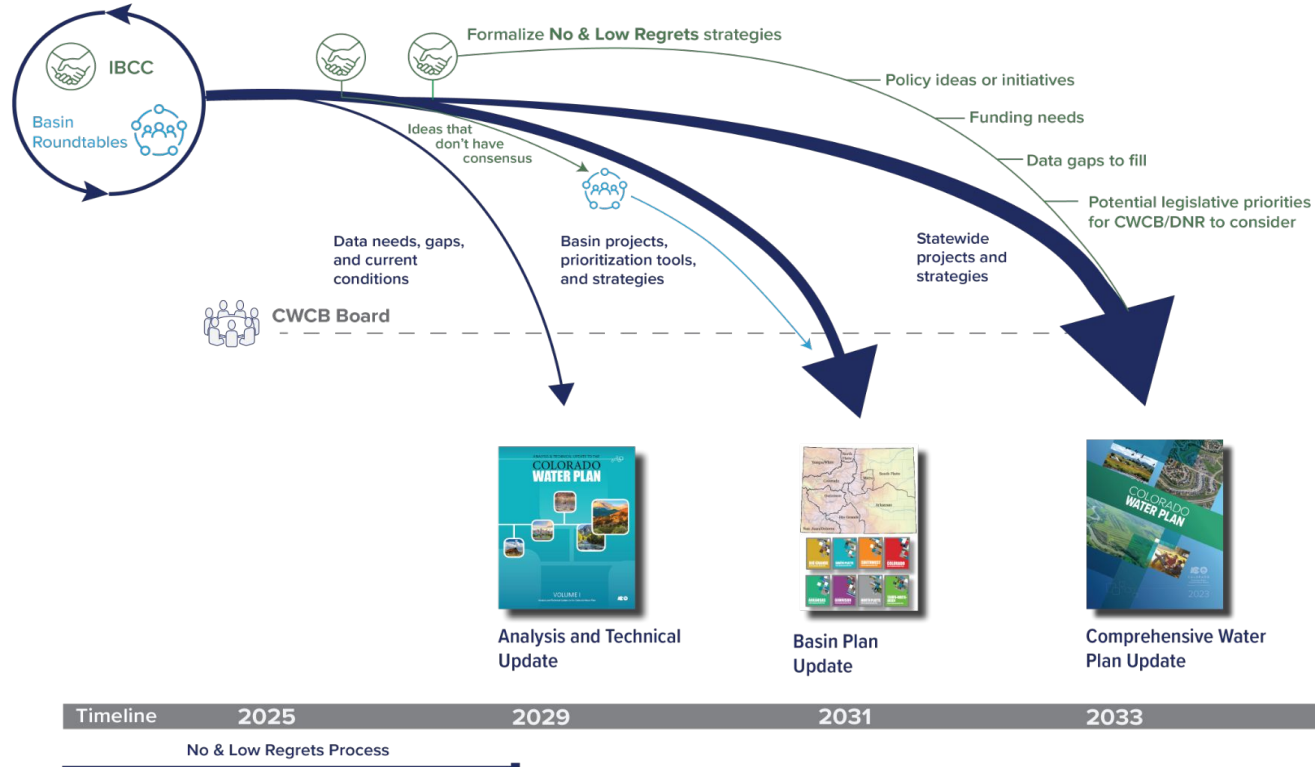
IBCC is modernizing its 2013 No & Low Regrets Action Plan to:

- Address the 740,000 AF/year gap shown in the 2023 Water Plan.
- Identify strategies to make Colorado thrive under any future.
- Build Colorado's resilience to long-term warming and drying trends.
- Inform the next Tech Update, Basin Implementation Plans & the Colorado Water Plan.
- Build cross-basin collaboration and momentum for project funding.



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## How Does this Fit into Statewide Water Planning?



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What is a No & Low Regrets Action?

## **Offers benefits across a wide range of future uncertainties:**

*Options which provide an acceptable level of benefit across a range of future climate and development scenarios.*

## **Brings co-benefits across sectors and stakeholders:**

*Options which minimize trade-offs and maximize benefits to all stakeholders and other related development priorities.*

## **Offers flexibility to future change:**

*Options which can be adjusted in future, avoiding locking in investment or regulation/policy for long periods of time.*

# Project / Concept Qualities (IBCC - June 2024)

Here's a simple checklist based on the larger "Qualities of IBCC Projects" document IBCC developed in 2024



**BROAD SUPPORT**

(FROM CWCB, BRT & IBCC)



**CREATES A FEEDBACK LOOP**

(BETWEEN CWCB, BRT & IBCC)



**HAS THE AGENCY TO ADDRESS**



**CWCB BOARD WILL VOTE TO SUPPORT**



**WITHIN COLORADO**



**RIPE FOR IBCC ACTION, NON DUPLICATIVE,  
PRACTICAL AND CONSTRUCTIVE**



**CWCB STAFF/RESOURCES CAN SUPPORT**



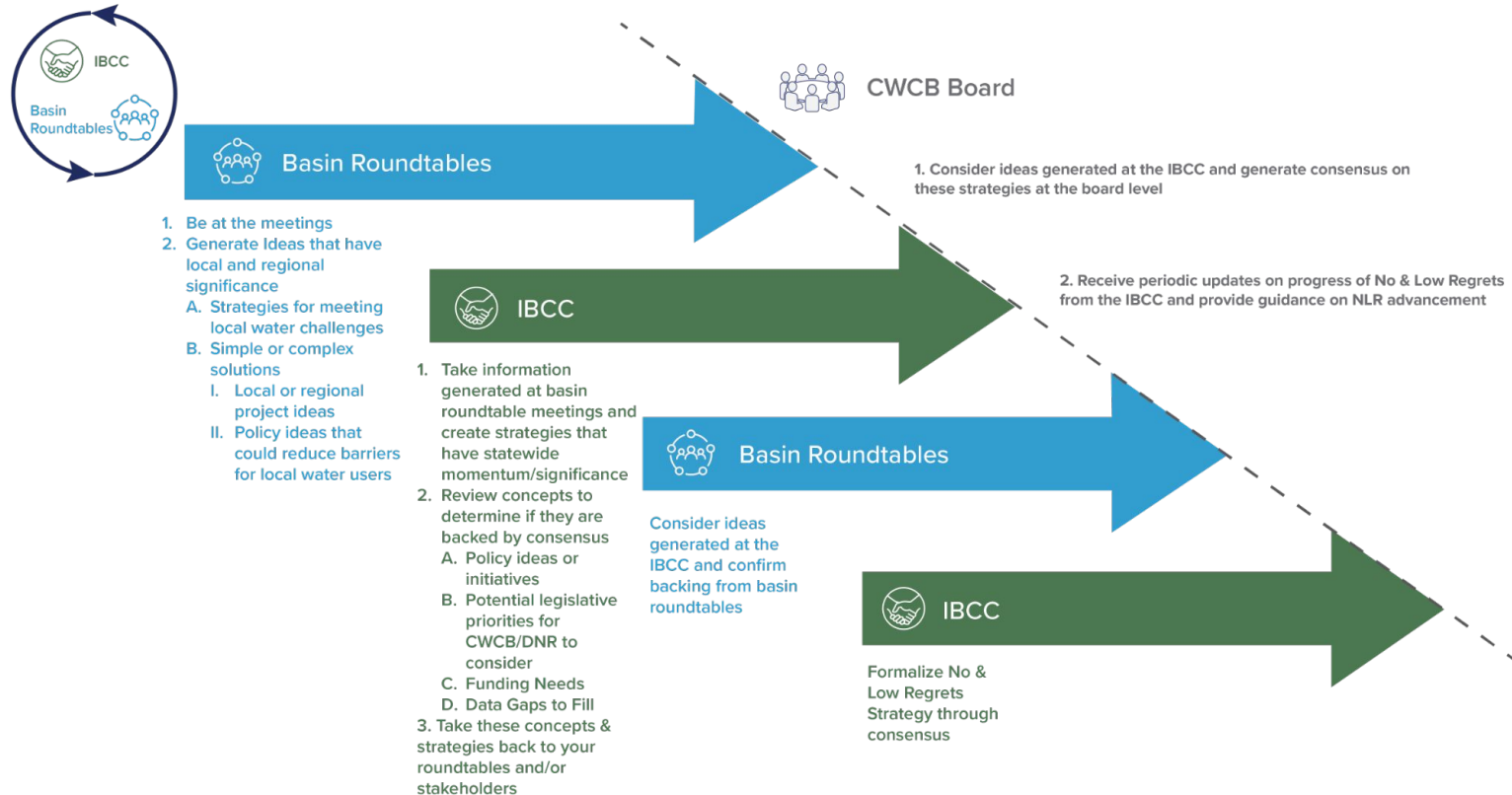
**AMPLE DEVELOPMENT/REVIEW TIME**



**HAS FUNDING, IS LOW COST,  
OR FUNDING COULD BE SECURED**

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## What Does the Process Look Like?



February 2026  
Storage and Climate Scenarios

June 2026  
Protecting Colorado Agriculture

October 2026  
Water Conservation Efficiency, &  
Land Use Planning

February 2027  
Fire Management & Post Fire  
Recovery

June 2027  
Nature-Based Solutions & Natural  
Infrastructure

October 2027  
Climate Adaptation & Cross Sector  
Innovation

February 2028  
Education and Collaboration

June 2028  
Additional Topics As Needed

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## Schedule & Tools to Support NLR Idea Generation

- Conversation Guide
- No & Low Regrets Handout
- No & Low Regrets Slide Deck
- Recording and note taking tools
- Other IBCC Members, CWCB Board members,  
and subcommittees

# Staff Support Available

## Existing Level of Support

- Continue existing in-person meeting cadence
  - Engage facilitators & meeting support
  - Identify meeting location and times and reserve venues
- Notice meetings
- Prepare agendas / meeting minutes
- Reimburse travel expenses

## Additional Support

- Publicly notice additional virtual meetings and set up zoom meetings
- Attend potential subcommittee meetings when possible
- Answer questions and coordinate resources
- Coordinate engagement with CWCB Board

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## Outcomes for Today

- Offer resources to support your NLR conversations
- Convene IBCC members and give designated time for planning
- Open conversations on level of effort
- Reinforce the schedule/timing

