



Proclamation

WHEREAS, one year ago, in compliance with Executive Order 2013-005, the Colorado Water Conservation Board delivered Colorado's Water Plan to the People of Colorado; and

WHEREAS, Colorado's Water Plan sets forth critical measurable objectives that align with our state's water values of great and growing cities, productive and sustainable agriculture, robust recreation central to Colorado's brand, and a strong and healthy environment; and

WHEREAS, the Colorado Water Conservation Board, Basin Roundtables, Interbasin Compact Committee, and Colorado water community at-large have worked hard over the past year to begin implementing this plan in real time; and

WHEREAS, on conservation, land use, and reuse, the Colorado Water Conservation Board has partnered with local governments and is helping lay the groundwork for regulatory reform with the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment; and

WHEREAS, on water storage, the Colorado Water Conservation Board has partnered with local governments, Colorado academic institutions, water providers, and federal agencies to increase existing reservoir storage, study underground storage opportunities, and streamline the water project permitting process while maintaining robust environmental protections; and

WHEREAS, on Colorado agriculture, the Colorado Water Conservation Board has partnered with the Colorado Department of Agriculture and the Colorado Agriculture Water Alliance to aggressively pursue alternatives to the "buy-and-dry" transactions that weaken our state and threaten our food security; and

WHEREAS, on Colorado's environment, the Colorado Water Conservation Board has partnered with basin roundtables, local stakeholder groups, and environmental organizations to start developing locally-prioritized rivers and streams so that stream management plans can be undertaken; and

WHEREAS, Colorado is one of the fastest growing states in the nation and we recognize that growing the next 5.4 million Coloradans will take innovative water management, law, policy, and data;

Therefore, I, John W. Hickenlooper, Governor of the entire State of Colorado, do hereby proclaim, forever after, November 16, 2016, as

COLORADO'S WATER PLAN IMPLEMENTATION DAY

in the State of Colorado.

GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado, this sixteenth day of November, 2016



John W. Hickenlooper
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Governor