



# The Technical Update to the COLORADO WATER PLAN

TOOLS AND NEXT STEPS

# PRESENTATION AGENDA

- Background / Process/ Methodology
- Case Studies/ Economic Impacts of Shortages/ Public Values/ Storage Opportunities/ Water Reuse/ ATM's
- Flow Tool
- Project Cost Estimating Tool
- Next Steps



# TECHNICAL UPDATE METHODOLOGY

- New Water Plan-based approach
- First update since the Water Plan
- First update to incorporate climate
- First update to use the hydrologic modeling

## FACT SHEET

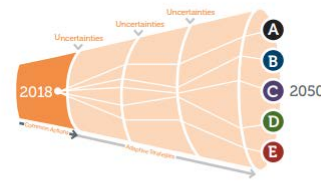
### Scenario Planning & Gap Analysis Methodology

This fact sheet summarizes new approaches and planning concepts that are being adopted for the SWSI Update.

#### Scenario Planning

Scenario planning relies on several key driving forces to build multiple, plausible futures (or "scenarios"). In contrast, traditional "predict-and-plan" approaches develop a single future.

Given the uncertainties of future water supply and demand, the CWCB adopted a scenario planning approach for the SWSI Update. The approach assumes that the future is unknown, and it provides flexibility in responding to various future conditions. Rather than trying to predict the future by looking at the past, scenario planning allows the CWCB and stakeholders to identify and account for key drivers and uncertainties within the planning period. Common actions applicable to all futures can be implemented, and adaptive strategies can be developed to meet future needs depending upon future conditions.



#### Gap Analysis

In previous iterations of SWSI, the gap analysis considered net new municipal and self-supplied industrial (M&SI) water needs and anticipated yield from Identified Projects and Processes (IPPs) in the year 2050. A range of 2050 M&SI gaps were calculated by using high and low baseline water demands combined with higher and lower assumptions regarding the success rate of IPPs. Agricultural gaps were also calculated and were defined at the field level as the difference between the irrigation water requirement and water supply limited consumptive use (in SWSI 2010, this difference was termed as a "shortage" rather than a "gap").

For the SWSI Update, the gap will be defined somewhat differently. For the purposes of the SWSI Update, a "gap" occurs when legally and physically available water supplies cannot meet diversion demands. The gap is the difference between diversion demand and water supply. The gap will be a hydrologic gap and will not consider Identified Projects and Processes that may be effective at meeting the agricultural or municipal gap; however these may be evaluated in more detail during future updates of BIP.

The updated gap evaluation methodology will utilize Colorado's Decision Support System (CDSS) surface water allocation models where available and other analysis tools to estimate future hydrologic gaps. The models incorporate and consider water supplies, existing infrastructure, diversion demands, water rights, river operations, and the effects of climate change (applicable to certain scenarios). The models then use this information to allocate water to meet demands based on the priority of water rights. The output of the modeling will be a range of gaps for M&SI and agricultural diversion demands under wet, normal, and dry conditions. The graphic below illustrates the gap analysis process:



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## FACT SHEET

### Water Supply Methodology

This fact sheet summarizes methodologies that will be implemented during the SWSI Update to estimate current and future water supplies under the various planning scenarios.



#### Current and Future Water Supplies

Estimates of current water supplies are necessary to understand the amount of water that is physically and legally available to meet current demands and any additional water supplies that may be available to meet future demands.

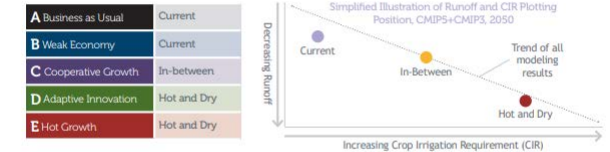
Current water supply information consists primarily of estimates of "natural flow" at key locations as well as supplies available in reservoirs or conveyed across basins. "Natural flow" is the amount of native water in the river at a particular location absent the effects of man, and serves as the foundation of the Colorado Decision Support System (CDSS) surface water allocation models used in the SWSI Update.

Colorado's Water Plan included "Water Supply" as a key driver in each of its planning scenarios. Future water supplies are projected to be impacted by climate change in the Cooperative Growth, Adaptive Innovation, and Hot Growth planning scenarios.

#### Impacts to Water Supplies from Climate Change

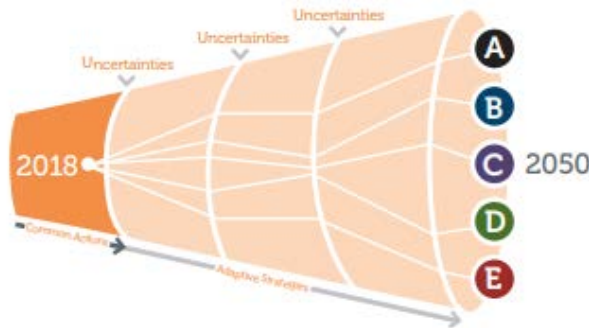
The CWCB has undertaken several studies and investigations on the impact of climate projections on the future of water use in Colorado. Most notably was the development of the Colorado Climate Plan (CCP), which focuses on observed climate trends, climate modeling, and climate and hydrology projections to assist with the planning and management of water resources in Colorado. The CCP discusses the most recent global climate projections (CMIP5) and recommends the integration of these results with the previous global climate projections (CMIP3) to provide a representative range of potential future climate and hydrological conditions.

Colorado's Water Plan incorporates the impact of climate change and identifies two future potential climate projections for the planning scenarios. The projections reflect "Hot and Dry" conditions and conditions that are in between Current conditions and the Hot and Dry conditions ("In-between"). The climate projections are assigned to the planning scenarios as follows:



The effort associated with processing the projected climate data and downscaling the information for use at the Water District level was completed through the Colorado River Water Availability Study Phase II (CROWAS-II) project. This effort resulted in a time series of climate-adjusted "natural flow" hydrology at over 300 streamflow gage locations statewide for each climate projection. Natural flow hydrology for the In-between and Hot and Dry conditions differed from Current conditions in various degrees depending on location. In general, peak runoff tended to occur earlier than Current in some locations, average annual natural flows tended to be lower than Current in most locations, and frequency/duration of droughts tended to increase.

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# OVERARCHING GOALS

## Technical Update update goals:

- A consistent statewide framework for examining future water supply and demand scenarios.
- Tools and data for roundtables to update their basin plans (e.g. identify local solutions).
- Meet other Water Plan timing goals and actions (e.g. Chapter 6 Actions)
  - Monitor Drivers
  - Promote the use of scenario planning and adaptive strategies
  - Support the Colorado Decision Support System

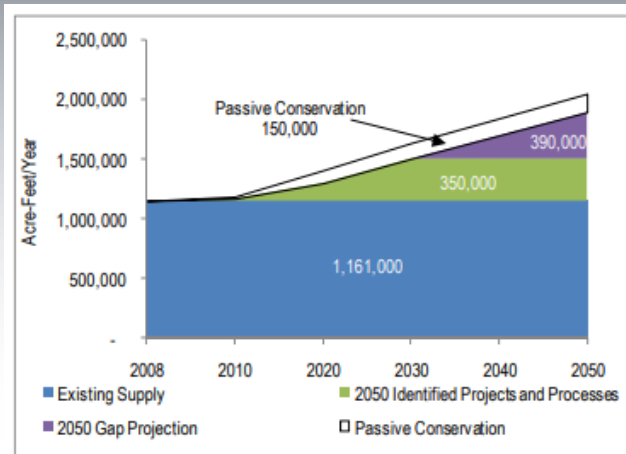


# STAKEHOLDER-DRIVEN METHODOLOGIES

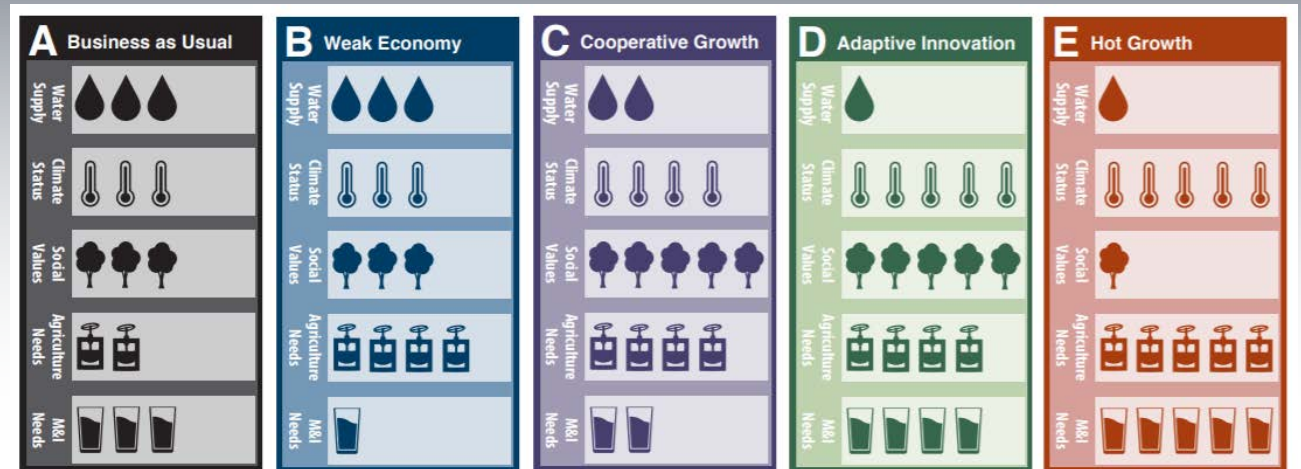
## 2050 Demand Projections

- IPPs

= 2050 M&I Gap



- Hydrologic Modeling
- Municipal Modeling
- Agricultural Modeling
- Environmental Modeling
- Scenario Planning Across Major Drivers





# Case Studies

## Analyses & Insights

Public Values  
Regarding Water  
Issues

Economic  
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Storage  
Opportunities

Water Reuse  
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Alternative  
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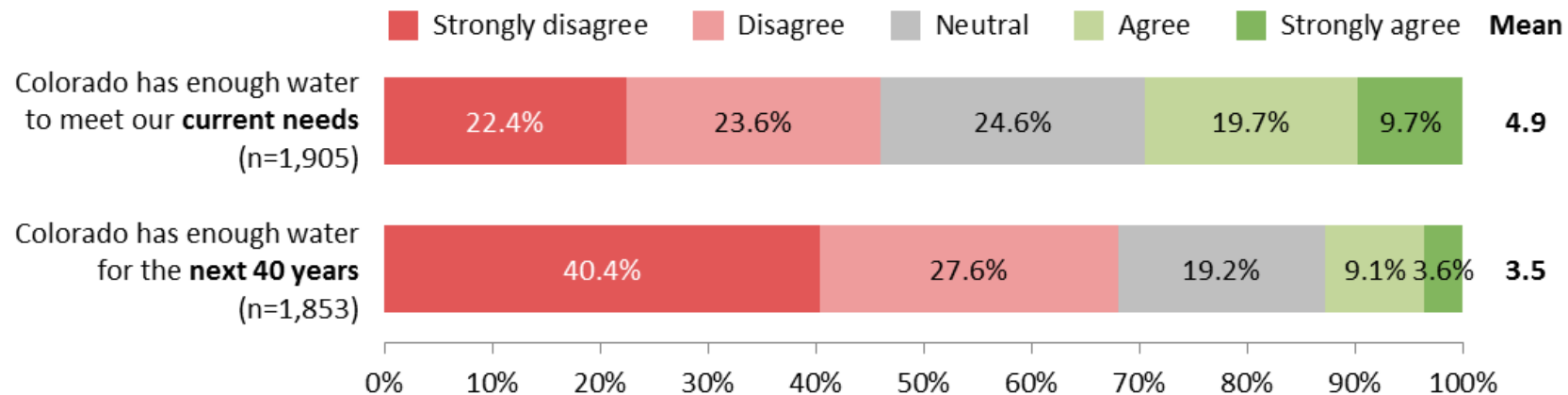
# Public Values Regarding Water Issues in Colorado

## Question

- Can we better understand public values related to water supply challenges in Colorado?

## Analysis

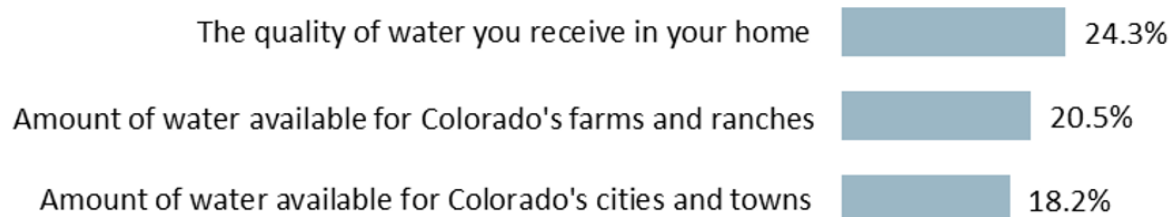
- Update to 2013 CWCB survey of public water issue awareness



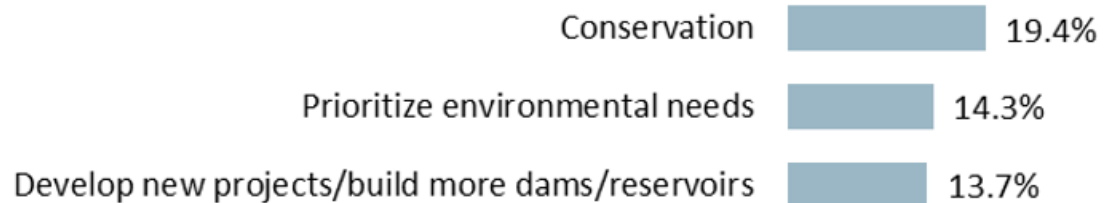
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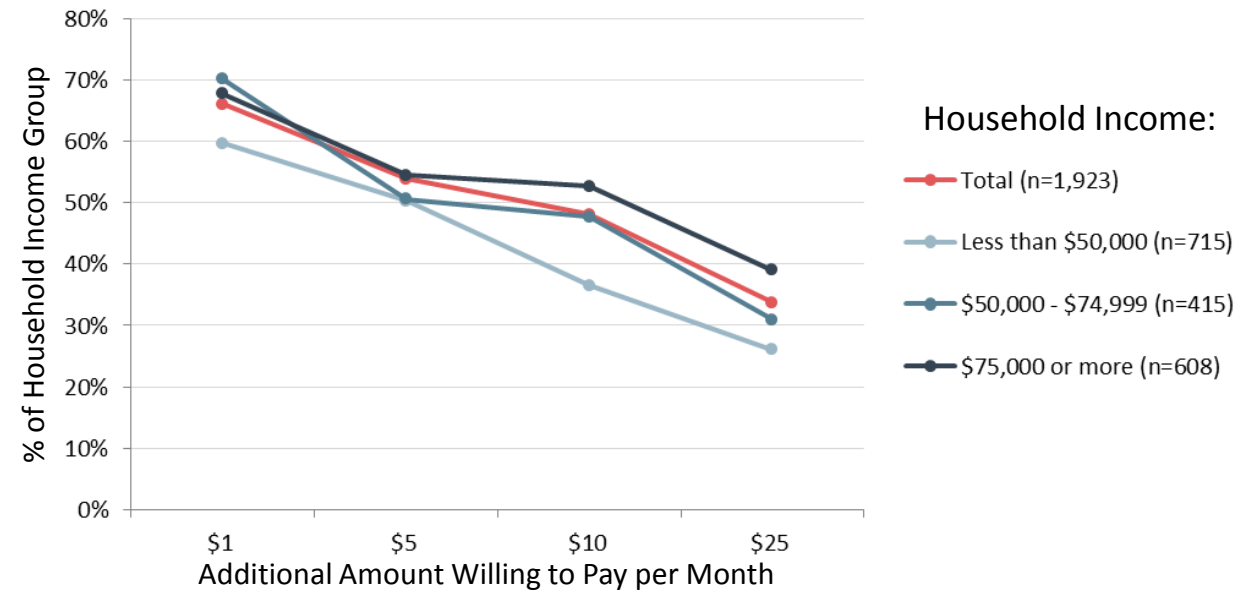
### *Top Three Public Concerns*



### *Top Three Public Solutions*



### *Willingness to Pay*





# Economic Impacts of Shortages

## Question

- What are potential economic impacts of failing to solve future supply/demand gaps in Colorado?

## Analysis

- Estimate future annual revenues not realized and associated reductions in jobs for future gaps



# Economic Impacts of Failing to Solve Future Projected Supply/Demand Gaps

## Key Insights

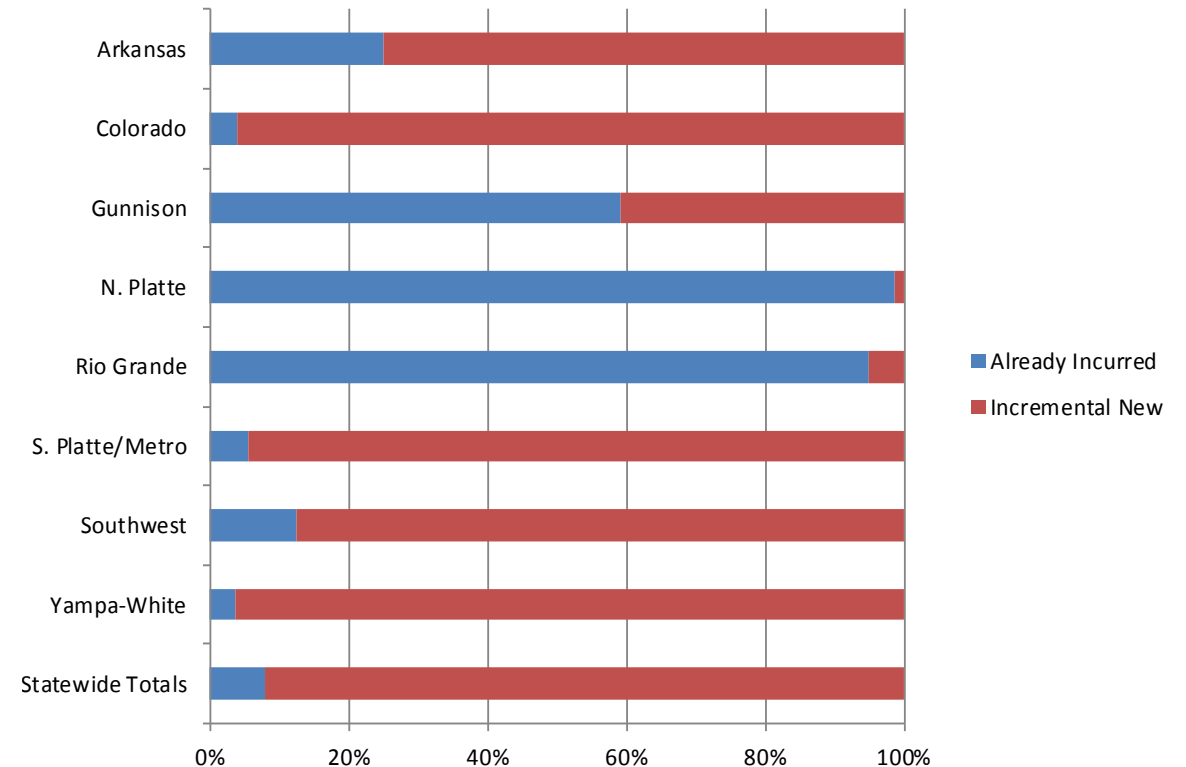
### *Existing Shortages Impacts*

- \$3 billion annual revenue not realized
- 28,000 fewer jobs

### *Failing to Solve 2050 Shortages*

- \$53 - \$90 billion in annual revenue not realized
- 335,000 – 587,000 fewer jobs
- \$3 - \$6 billion annual state and local tax revenues not realized

*Proportions of projected 2050 economic impacts already incurred due to gaps in available agricultural water supply*



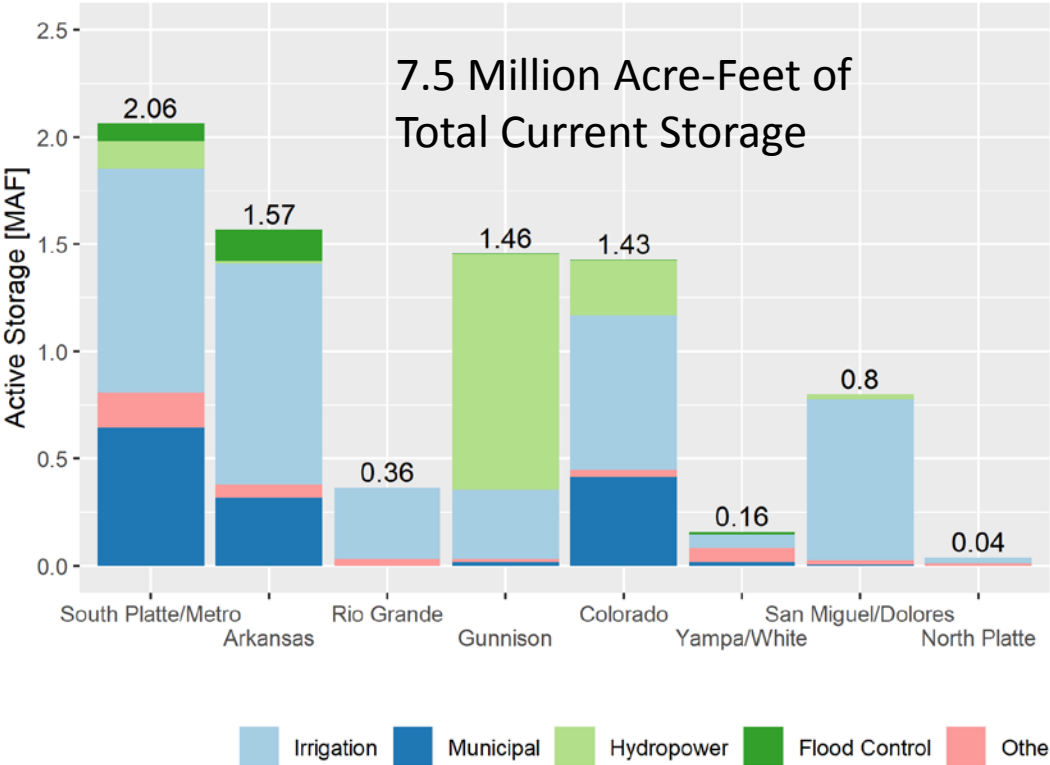
# Storage Opportunities

## Question

- What opportunities exist for developing future storage and increasing existing storage?

## Analysis

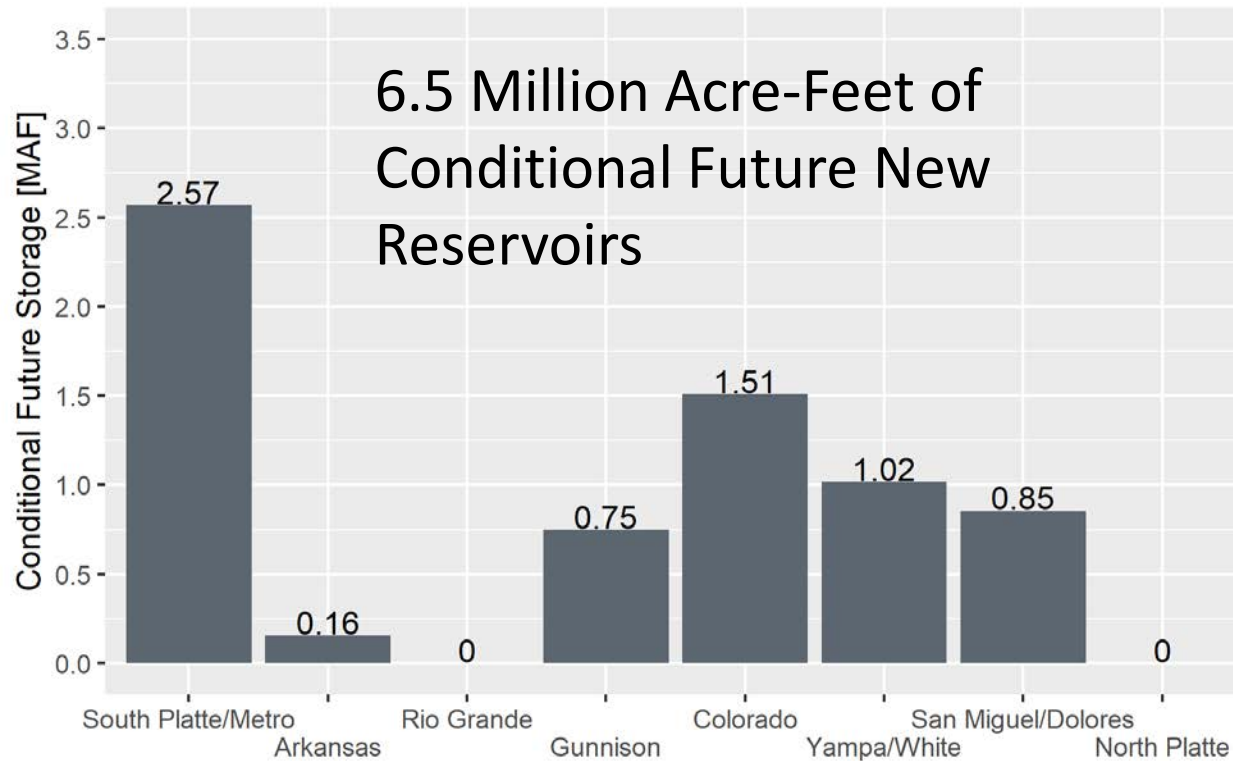
- Queried the State's water rights database to identify:
  1. Current statewide storage
  2. Future conditional storage





# Storage Opportunities

## Key Insights



## *Other Storage Opportunities*

- Reallocation of flood storage
- Removal of sediment from reservoirs
- Rehabilitation of fill restricted dams
- Dam enlargements
- Aquifer storage and recovery

# Water Reuse

## Question

- What are key considerations for developing future reuse projects?

## Analysis

- Compared benefits and challenges of the following types of reuse:

*Reuse via Exchange*  
*Indirect Potable Reuse*  
*Direct Potable Reuse*



*Non-Potable Reuse*



*Graywater Reuse*

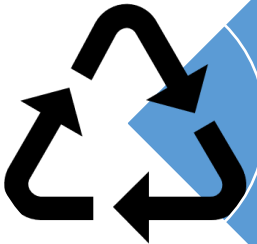


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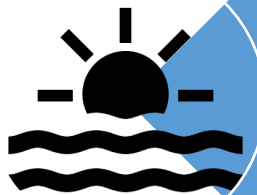
## Key Insights



- All forms of reuse can reduce the need for new supplies



- Some types of reuse can be more effective than others



- Reuse can result in a reduction in downstream flow that requires close coordination with downstream users





# Alternative Transfer Methods (ATMs)

## Question

- How might traditional barriers to ATMs be overcome and to what scale would they be needed to make a large impact?

## Analysis

- Compared benefits and challenges of the following types of ATMs:

*Ag. To Municipal*



*Ag. To Environmental*



*Ag. To Compact Compliance*



# Alternative Transfer Methods (ATMs)

## Key Insights

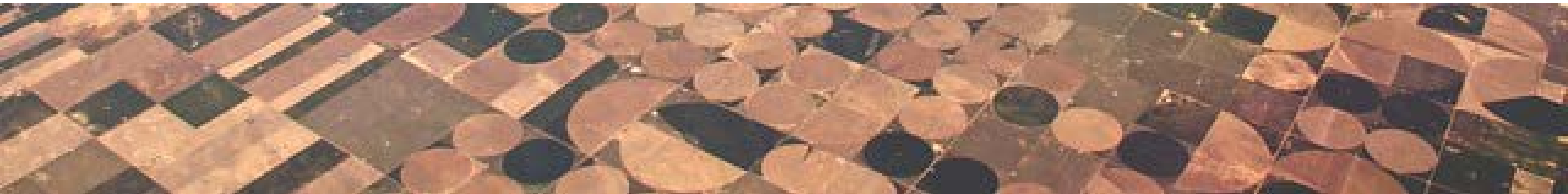
### *Key Methods for Overcoming Barriers*

- New legal abilities to transfer water
- Ability to protect HCU
- Innovative ATM operations, e.g. split-season fallowing
- Recognition that there is no “one size fits all” approach for ATMs

### *Land Required for Large-Scale ATM*

To meet 25% of a hypothetical South Platte Basin municipal gap of 100,000 acre-feet:

- 15% of South Platte Basin irrigated acres (825,000 acres) may need to be enrolled in large-scale ATM program
- Significant infrastructure components potentially required



# Case Studies Closing

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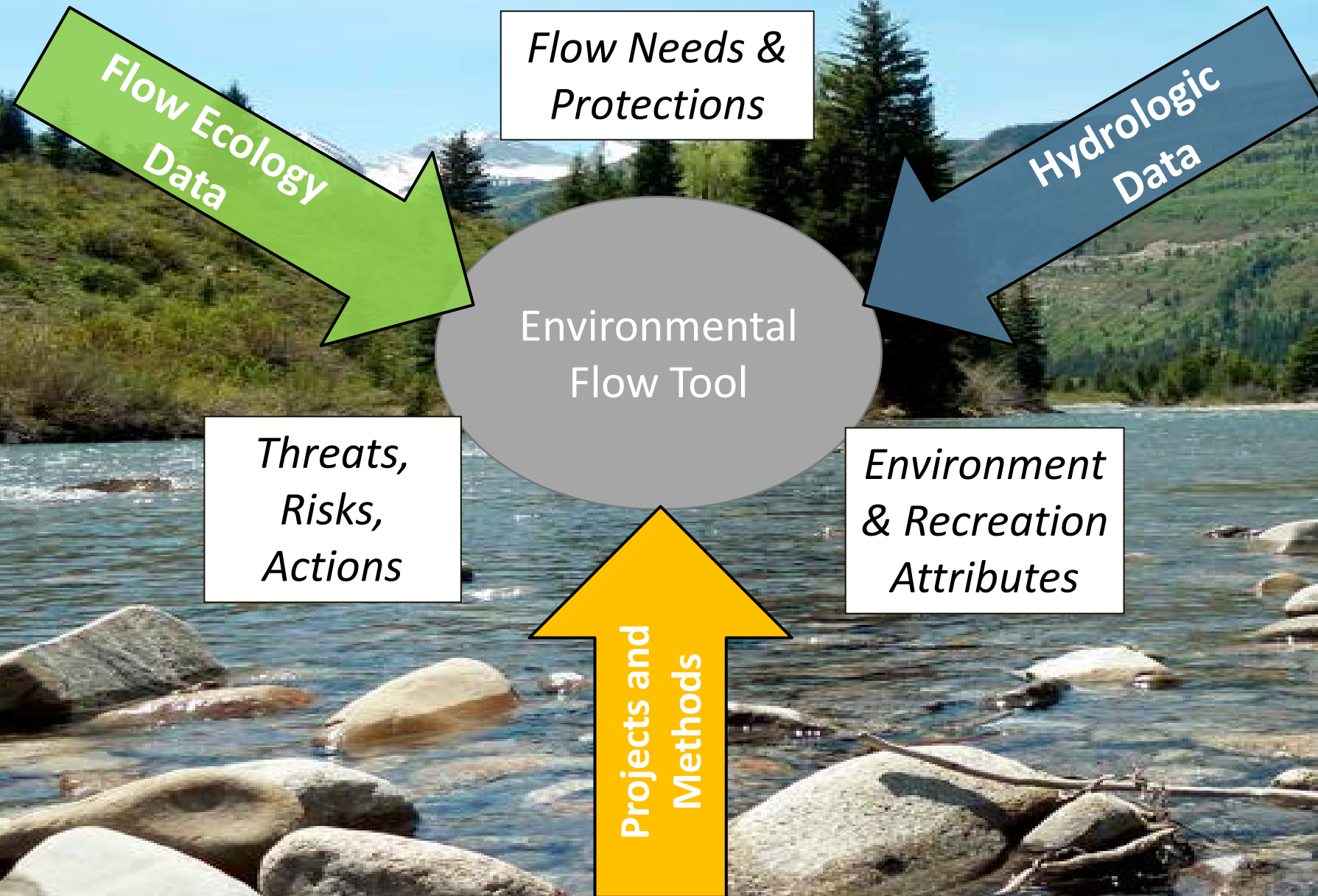
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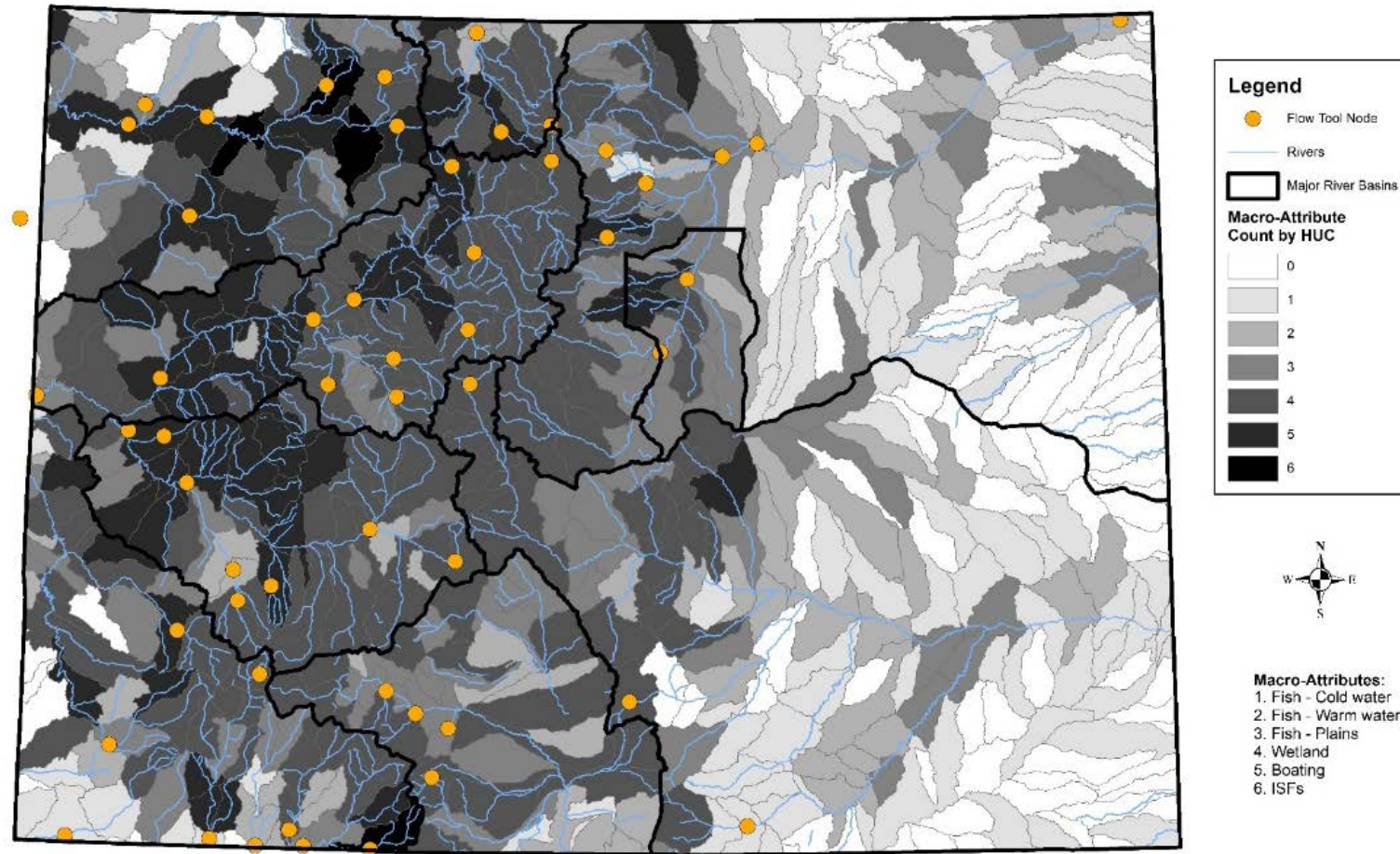


# Environmental Flow Tool

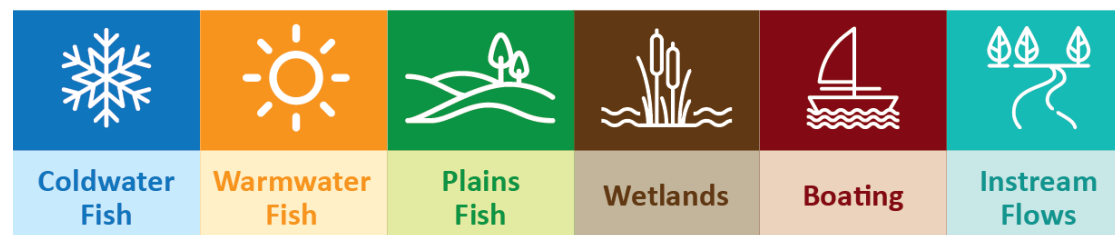




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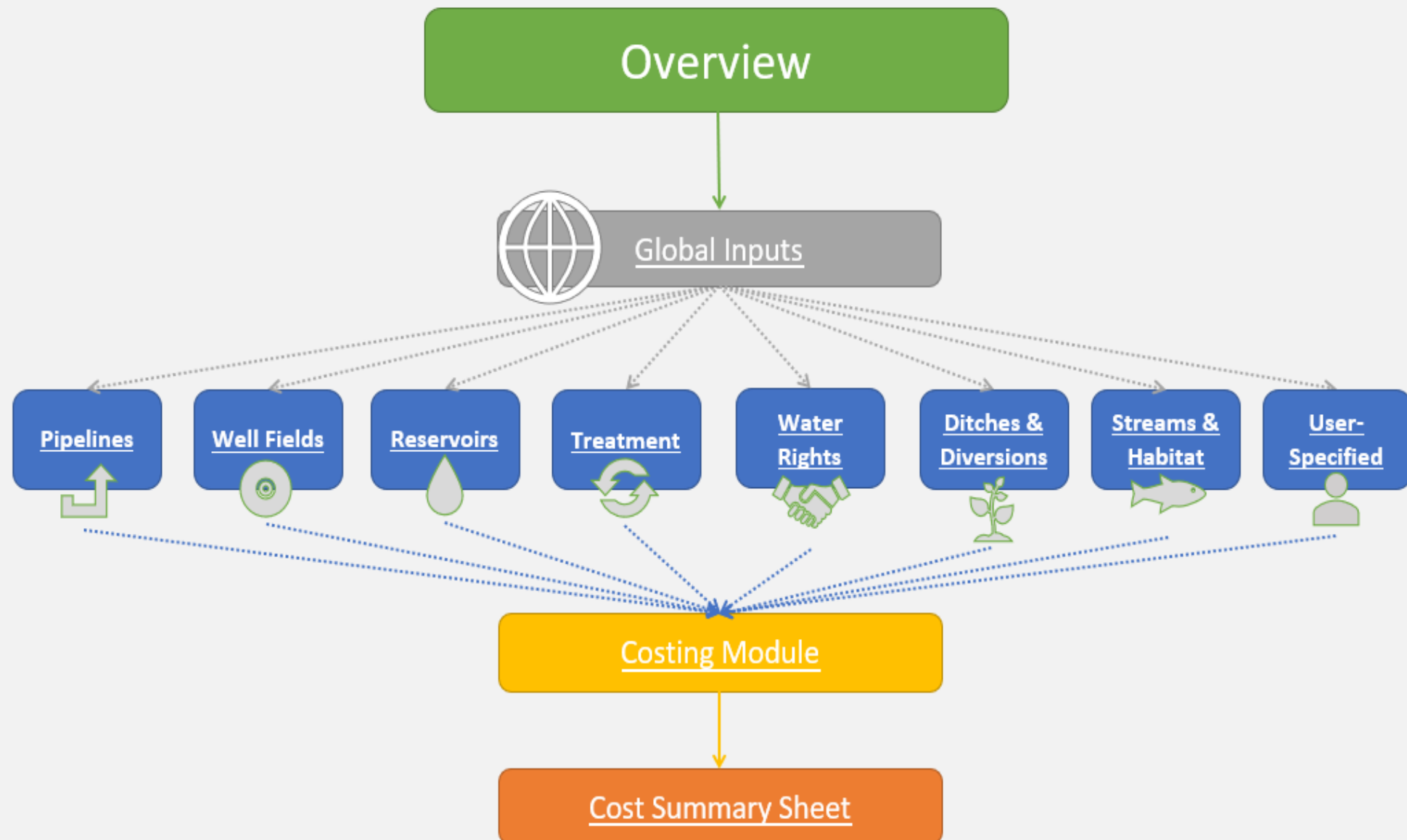
## MACRO-ATTRIBUTE CATEGORIES







# Colorado Water Project Cost Estimating Tool – Overview



# Colorado Water Project Cost Estimating Tool – Global Inputs

## CWCB Colorado Water Project Cost Estimating Tool

### Input Key

0	User Input
0	Informational Data*
0	Default Value, Adjustable by User
0	Calculated Values, Not to be Adjusted

[Reset All Module Inputs](#)

\*This tool provides a means of collecting cost data for various projects throughout the state of Colorado. Some information may not currently factor into costing of a project, but is useful for understanding the components of the project. User to please provide as much information as possible regarding their proposed project.

### Project Information

Project Name:						
Project ID:						
Project Need Addressed (check all that apply):	<input type="checkbox"/> Municipal and Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental & Recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> Other:		
Basin:						
Location:						
Cost Estimator:						
Checked By:						
Calculation Date:	6/19/2019					
<b>Modules Utilized</b>						
<input type="checkbox"/> Pipelines	<input type="checkbox"/> Well Fields	<input type="checkbox"/> Reservoirs	<input type="checkbox"/> Treatment	<input type="checkbox"/> Water Rights	<input type="checkbox"/> Streams & Habitats	<input type="checkbox"/> Ditches and Diversions
Project Start (MONTH-YY)						
Project Completion (MONTH-YY)						
Construction Period		years				
Base Construction Cost Time Period	2017					
Project Construction Start Time Period	2017					
Estimated Project Useful Life	50	years				
Annual-Average Water Supply Yield		ac-ft/yr				

[Reset General User Inputs](#)

[Restore General Input Default Values](#)

### Project Development Costs

Engineering Services	20.0%	% of Capital Costs
Surveying	1.0%	% of Capital Costs
Legal Service	10.0%	% of Capital Costs
Financing and Bond Assistance	1.0%	% of Capital Costs
Environmental and Cultural Studies	1.0%	% of Capital Costs
Required Land Acquisition		acres
Land Acquisition Cost		\$ per acre
Permitting	1.0%	% of Capital Costs
Interest During Construction	4.0%	

# Colorado Water Project Cost Estimating Tool – Project Modules

Project Module	Types	Components	General User Inputs
Pipelines	Raw, Treated	Pipelines, Pump Stations, Storage	Project Yield and Peaking Factor, Pipeline Profile Components, Pipe Size and Length, Pump Type
Well Fields	Public Supply, Aquifer Storage and Recovery, Injection, Irrigation Wells	Wells, Booster Pumps, Pipe Network	Water Table Characteristics, Project Yield and Peaking Factor, Transmission Pipeline Profile Components, Number of Wells and Average Production, Well Depth and Capacity, Transmission Pipe Size and Length, Booster Pump Capacity
Reservoirs	New Reservoir, Reservoir Expansion, Reservoir Rehabilitation	Reservoir, Reservoir Rehab, Hydropower Production	Project Type, New Storage Volume, Reservoir Rehab Project Description, Cost of Rehabilitation, Height of Falling Water, Discharge through Hydropower Station
Treatment	Various Treatment Types	Treatment	Average Day Demand and Peaking Factor, Treatment Type
Water Rights	Instream Flow Requirements, Recreational In-Channel Diversion, Water Supply	Cost	Total Capital Cost of Water Right Purchase
Ditches and Diversion	New Ditch, Ditch Rehabilitation	Diversion Structure, Headgate Structure, Ditch	Type of Diversion Structure, Type of Headgate Structure, Maximum Diversion Discharge/Ditch Capacity, Type of Ditch, Ditch Length
Streams and Habitat	Stream Restoration, Conservation, Habitat Restoration/Species Protection, Acid Mine Drainage Water Treatment	Land Acquisition, Channel Improvements, Channel Structures, Channel Realignment	Stream Width Range, Length of Restoration, Level of Restoration
User-Specified Project	Project Types not represented by other modules	User-specified	Project Description, Total Capital Costs, Total Operations & Maintenance Costs



# Colorado Water Project Cost Estimating Tool – Project Modules (example)

## Ditches & Diversions

### Ditch and Diversion Parameters

Module may be used for any project with diversion, headgate, or ditch components.

#### Project Information

Enter Project Name in Global Inputs

Enter Project ID in Global Inputs

Enter Basin Name in Global Inputs

Enter Cost Estimator in Global Inputs

#### Assumptions

- Ditch Rehabilitation projects are characterized by installation of upgraded or improved lining material and do not incorporate changes to ditch capacity

- A tool developed by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) was used to develop costing curves for discharge versus cost of material per linear foot. The use of this tool required the following assumptions:

1. For ditches with trapezoidal geometry the following is assumed: 1) Ditch side slopes are consistently 2 ft/ft, 2) Trapezoidal itches include a 0.5ft freeboard, 3) The average slope over the length of the ditch is 0.15%
2. For closed conduit ditches the following is assumed: 1) Conduits have 4 feet of soil cover, 2) The average slope over the length of the conduit is 0.15%
3. Manning's roughness values are assumed as follows: Concrete: 0.013; Synthetic: 0.022; DIP: 0.013; PVC: 0.009

#### Abbreviations

cfs	-	cubic feet per second
lf	-	linear feet

Reset Ditches and Diversions Inputs

Use Recommended Diversion Structure Cost

### Project Options

Project Components	<div></div>
Maximum Diversion Capacity	

Project Components  
Project can include both a ditch and diversion structure components, or either component individually.

### Diversion and Headgate Structure

Type of Diversion Structure (informational)	
Maximum Diversion Capacity	
Recommended Cost of Diversion Structure	
Selected Diversion Structure Cost	

Click here for Diversion Cost Data Table

### Ditch Structure (Conveyance)

Type of Project		
Type of Ditch		
Required Ditch Capacity		cfs
Length		lf

Overview

Global Inputs

Pipelines

Well Fields

Reservoirs

Treatment

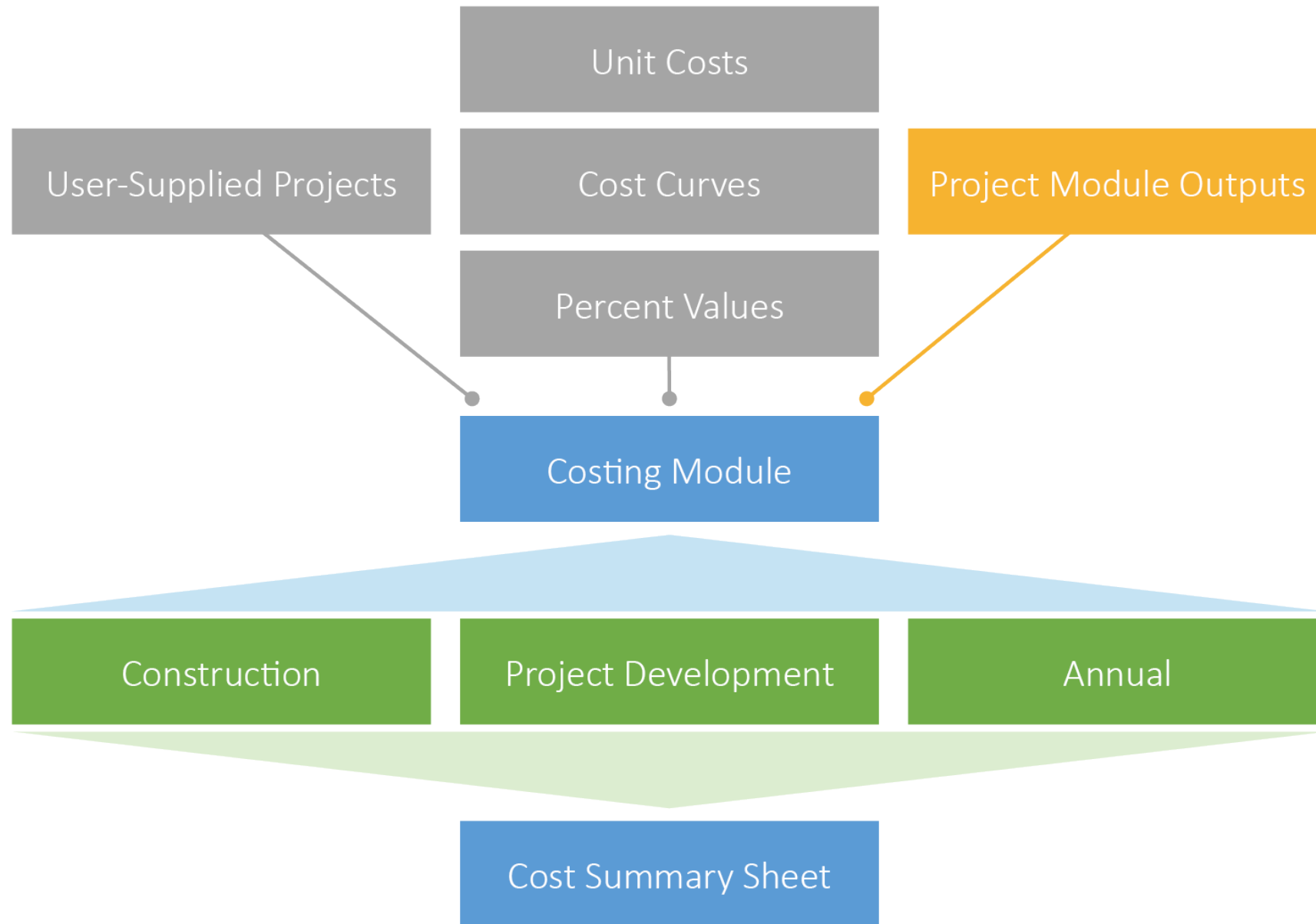
Water Rights

Ditches & Diversions

Streams & Habitat

User-Specified Project

# Colorado Water Project Cost Estimating Tool – Costing Module



# Colorado Water Project Cost Estimating Tool – Cost Summary Sheet

Enter Project Name in Global Inputs		<a href="#">Create Cost Summary</a>	<a href="#">Reset Cost Summary</a>
Enter Project ID in Global Inputs			
Enter Basin Name in Global Inputs			
Cost Analysis Computed by			
6/19/2019			
<b>Capital Construction Costs</b>			
Total Pipelines Project Cost		\$0	
Total Well Field Project Cost		\$0	
Total Treatment Capital Project Cost		\$0	
Total Ditches & Diversions Project Cost		\$0	
Total Streams and Habitat Project Cost		\$0	
Total User-Specified Capital Project Cost		\$0	
Total Additional Project Costs		\$0	
Construction Project Costs Subtotal (Non-Reservoir)		\$0	
Total Reservoir Project Cost		\$0	
Construction Reservoir Project Cost Subtotal		\$0	
<b>Project Development Costs</b>			
Land Acquisition		\$0	
Total Water Rights Project Cost		\$0	
<b>Non-Reservoir Project Development Costs</b>			
Engineering Services		\$0	
Surveying		\$0	
Legal Service		\$0	
Financing and Bond Assistance		\$0	
Environmental and Cultural Studies		\$0	
Permitting		\$0	
Interest During Construction		\$0	
Power Connection Costs - Pump Stations		\$0	
Project Development Costs Subtotal (Non-Reservoir)		\$0	
Total Project Cost (Non-Reservoir)		\$0	
<b>Reservoir Project Development Costs</b>			

# Colorado Water Project Cost Estimating Tool – Intended Use

## Limitations

- Does not replace developed and/or detailed cost estimates

## Provides

- Basins a tool to estimate/report planning-level costs for proposed projects
- Basins a tool for financial reporting of project cost estimates during BIP development
- CWCB like-for-like comparisons of proposed projects across the state



SETTING THE STAGE FOR UPDATING THE

# COLORADO WATER PLAN

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# TECHNICAL WEBINARS

- February 19 SWSI Methodologies Overview and Population Data
- March 19 Municipal and Industrial Data & Methodologies
- April 23 Agricultural Data & Methodologies
- May 21 Environmental Data & Methodologies
- June 25 SWSI Tools & Next Steps

SIGN-UP FOR WEBINARS

WEBINARS

# UPDATING THE WATER PLAN

A

ANALYSIS + TECHNICAL UPDATE PHASE

B

BASIN PLAN UPDATE PHASE

C

COMPREHENSIVE UPDATE PHASE



TABLE 11-1

CYCLICAL PLANNING PROCESS  
PROPOSED BY THE CWCB

Product	Year Initiated
Basin Implementation Plans	2013
Colorado's Water Plan	2013
Statewide Water Supply Initiative	2016
Basin Implementation Plans	2018
Colorado's Water Plan	2020
Statewide Water Supply Initiative	2022

## ACTIONS

1. The CWCB will work with other state agencies, the basin roundtables, and the people of Colorado to update Colorado's Water Plan, beginning no later than 2020.
2. The CWCB will develop guidelines for Basin Roundtable WSRA grants to help facilitate the implementation of the BIPs.



# CLARIFY THE MESSAGE

- Rebrand; make it clear how various plans are connected
- Help people understand where you're going and why
- Can't just be "because" – show the Value Add!





# BETTER NUMBERS SUPPORT BASIN FUNDING



## 1. UPDATE PROJECT LISTS

## 2. UTILIZE COSTING TOOL

## 3. IDENTIFY HOW PROJECT LISTS MIGHT BE TIERED

**DRAFT Project Tier Matrix**

Select the Project Phase from the drop down menu in the box below (Implementation, Feasibility or Concept)

Use the Drop Down Menus Below to Assign Tiers

PROJECT PHASE	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3	Tier 4	Assigned Tier
Implementation	Shovel Ready (Immediately implementable); does not apply for a "Concept" project.	Can start within the year.	Needs at least a year to start.	Not Shown.	Tier 3
Rank all of the following using the drop down menu (right)					
PLAN ALIGNMENT	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3	Tier 4	Assigned Tier
Basin Plans	Strongly aligns with Basin Implementation Plans	Somewhat aligned with Basin Implementation Plan.	Not as well aligned with Basin Implementation Plan.	Not Shown.	Tier 3
Local Plans	Extensive Local Planning. Organizational support and water rights support the project.	Some local planning or organizational support for the project; water rights may or may not be explicitly identified.	Not clearly identified in any local plan, organizational effort; water rights concerns are noted; may be under consideration or going through a permitting	Not Shown.	Tier 3
Water Plan	Meets at least 3 actions in the Colorado Water Plan.	Meets at least 2 actions in the Colorado Water Plan.	Meets only 1 action in the Water Plan.	Not Shown.	Tier 3
MINIMUM CRITERIA	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3	Tier 4	Assigned Tier
Meets Core Data Needs (list of 20)	Includes all 20 Criteria	Meets critical subset (TBD)	Provides only a few details; critical subset is not complete.	Not Shown.	Tier 3
NEED	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3	Tier 4	Assigned Tier
Criticality	Critical to basin (would cause severe impact to the basin if the project didn't move forward; (Basin Priority and/or Emergency Need); Has clear metrics for tracking and completion date.	Significant basin effort (fully aligns with basin goals); implementation or plan would advance basin goals; has clear metrics for tracking and completion date.	Project could be of basin interest but may not as directly advance basin goals; may not have clear metrics and/or may not have a clear end date or objectives.	Not Shown.	Tier 1
Priority categorization is calculated from the tier cumulative ranking above.					<b>PRIORITY CATEGORIZATION</b>
					<b>Tier 3</b>
REPORT BY TIER	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3	Tier 4	
	Priority Basin Support	Full Basin Support	Support of Concept	No Current Support	

# GRASS ROOTS EFFORTS HAVE TO KEEP GROWING



1. HAVE BRT GOALS CHANGED? (50% TURNOVER)
2. EVALUATE LOCAL GAPS AND OPPORTUNITIES?
3. INTEGRATE NEW BASIN PLANNING EFFORTS (e.g. SMPs)

# LIVING PLANS ONLY LIVE IF THEY GET UPDATED



1. WHAT NEEDS TO BE UPDATED IN THE WATER PLAN?

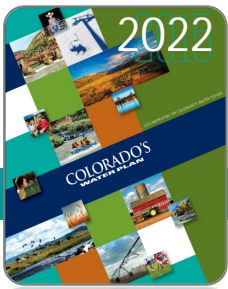
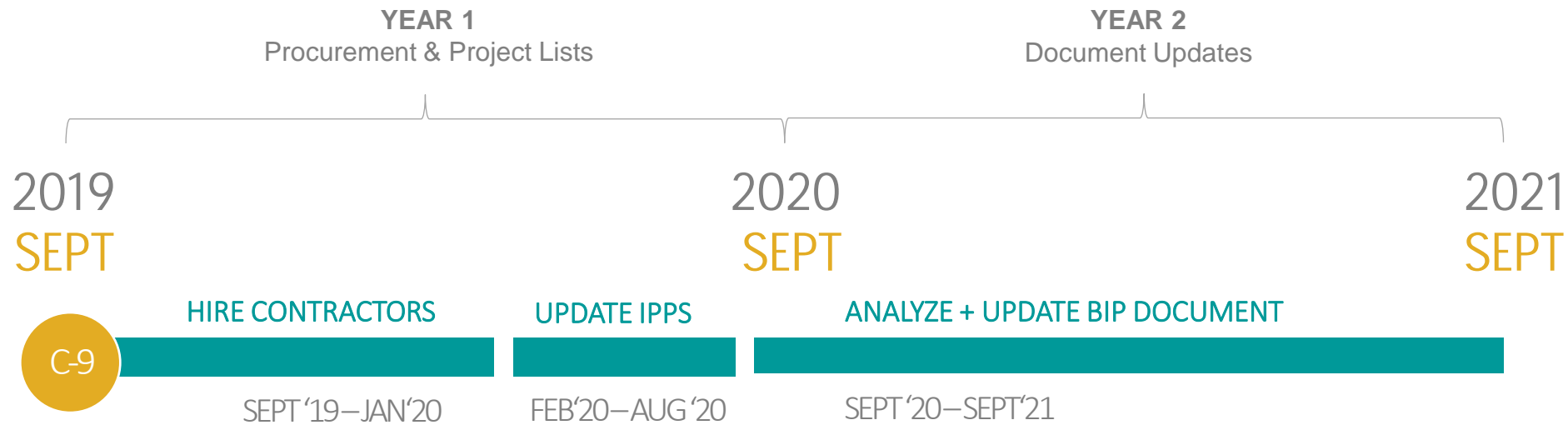
2. HOW ARE WE TRACKING PROGRESS?

3. WHAT ACTIONS ARE COMPLETED OR NEED TO BE ADDED?

"Chapter 11 confirms that the plan is a living document that will require updates on an ongoing basis."

- Colorado Water Plan

# HOW WE'RE PLANNING TO GET THERE.





# SUMMIT AGENDA



SEPTEMBER 25 + 26 2019



# QUESTIONS?

