Colorado’s Water Plan
Colorado Water Conservation Board
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Presentation Outline

1. Development of Colorado’s Water Plan
2. Critical Action Plan (Chapter 10)
3. Measurable Objectives in the plan
4. Implementation of the plan
1. Development of Colorado’s Water Plan
A Land of Extremes

- Wildfire
- Flood
- Drought
Executive Order Values

• A productive economy that supports cities, agriculture, recreation and tourism;

• efficient and effective water infrastructure; and

• a strong natural environment including healthy watersheds, rivers, streams and wildlife
2. Critical Action Plan (Chapter 10)
3. Measurable Objectives in the plan
Supply-Demand Gap

Colorado’s Water Plan sets a measurable objective of reducing the projected 2050 municipal and industrial gap from as much as 560,000 acre-feet to zero acre-feet by 2030.
Conservation

Colorado’s Water Plan sets a measurable objective to achieve 400,000 acre-feet of municipal and industrial water conservation by 2050.

Land use

Colorado’s Water Plan sets a measurable objective that by 2025, 75 percent of Coloradans will live in communities that have incorporated water-saving actions into land-use planning.
Agriculture

Colorado’s Water Plan sets an objective that agricultural economic productivity will keep pace with growing state, national, and global needs, even if some acres go out of production.
Storage

Colorado’s Water Plan sets a measurable objective of attaining 400,000 acre-feet of water storage in order to manage and share conserved water and the yield of IPPs by 2050. This objective equates to an 80 percent success rate for these planned projects.
Watershed Health, Environment, and Recreation

*Colorado’s Water Plan sets a measurable objective to cover 80 percent of the locally prioritized lists of rivers with stream management plans, and 80 percent of critical watersheds with watershed protection plans, all by 2030.*
Funding

Colorado’s Water Plan sets an objective to sustainably fund its implementation. In order to support this objective, the State will investigate options to raise additional revenue in the amount of $100 million annually ($3 billion by 2050) starting in 2020.
Education, Outreach, and Innovation

Colorado’s Water Plan sets a measurable objective to significantly improve the level of public awareness and engagement regarding water issues statewide by 2020, as determined by water awareness surveys. Colorado’s Water Plan also sets a measurable objective to engage Coloradans statewide on at least five key water challenges (identified by CWCB) that should be addressed by 2030.
3. Implementation of the plan
Implementing Colorado’s Water Plan

• CWCB working on state-level implementation

• Basin Roundtables implementing the Basin Implementation Plans

• Moving forward with the Statewide Water Supply Initiative (SWSI) update
WE NEED YOUR HELP TO IMPLEMENT THE PLAN.

IMPLEMENTATION

STARTS WITH YOU.