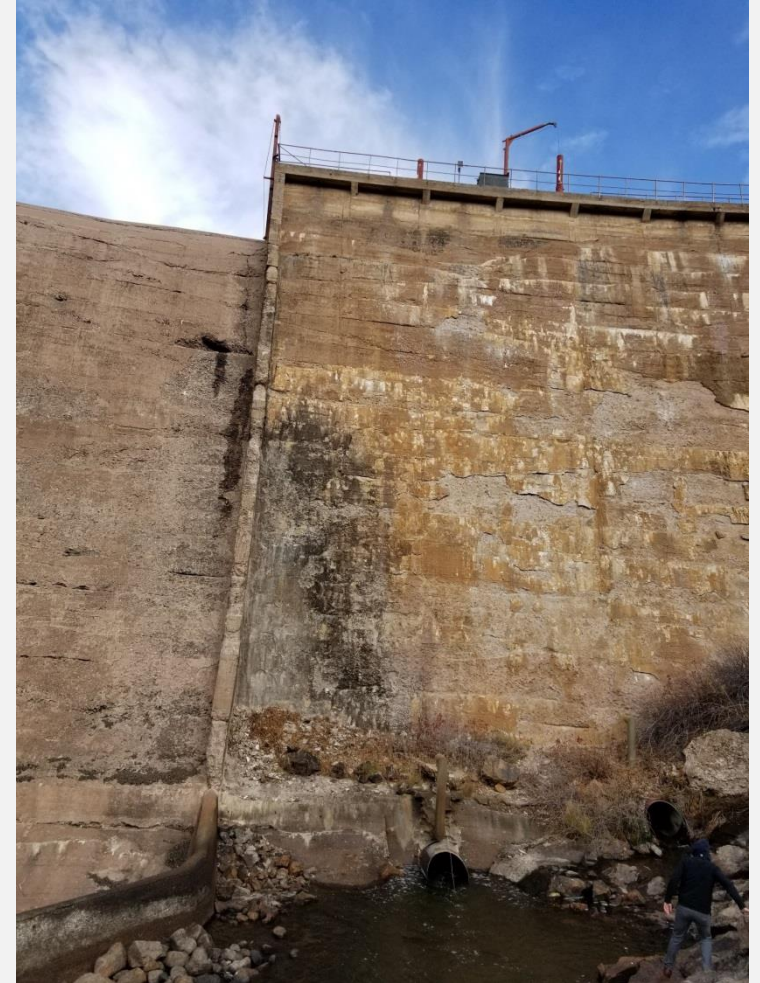


GROWING WATER SMART

Fort Collins Area Water Collaboration Efforts

THE ONE BIG IDEA: COLLABORATION



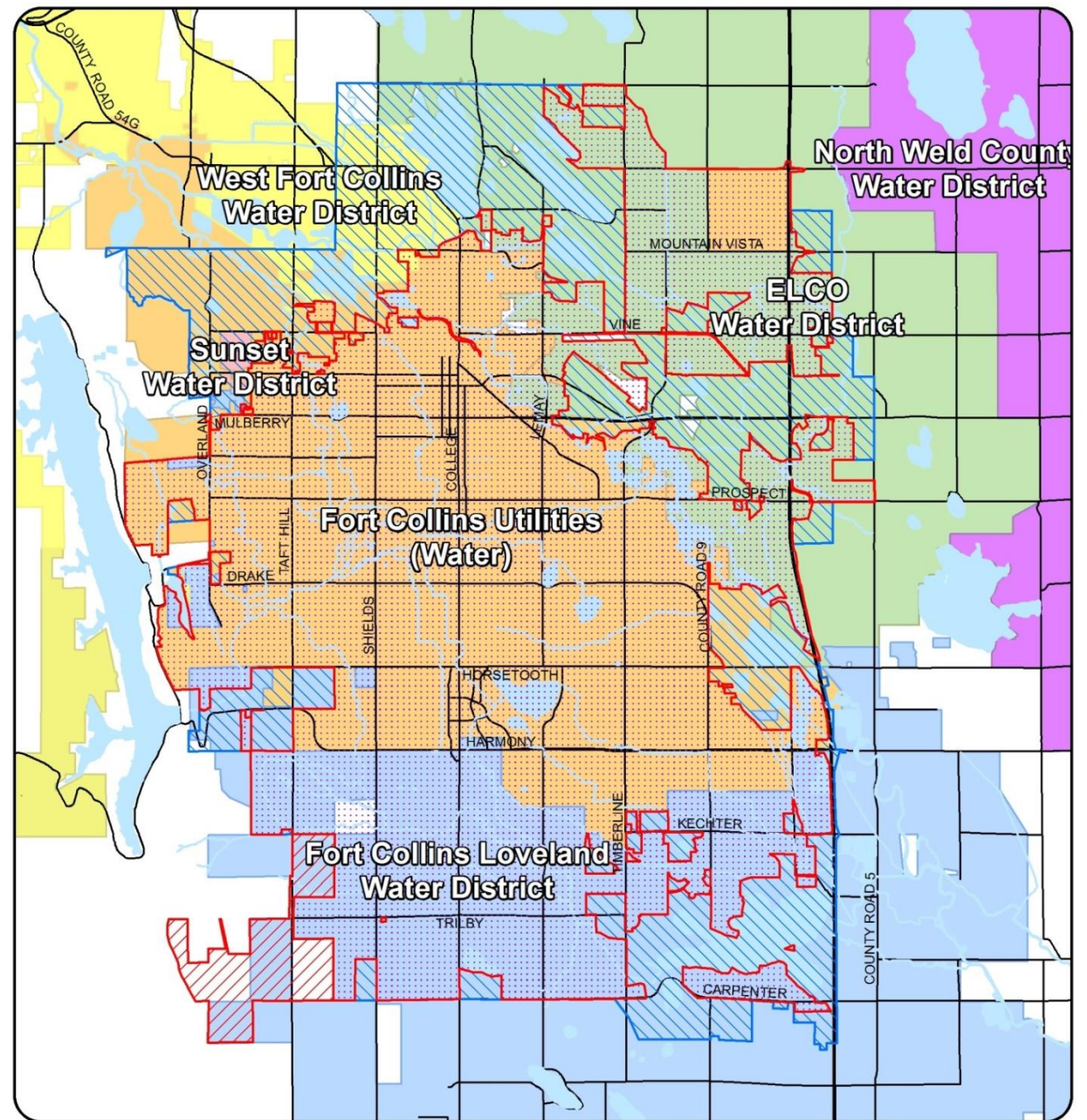
WHAT IS COLLABORATION?

- “To work jointly with others or together to create or achieve the same thing”
- Where do we have shared goals/objectives/interests? Can we find opportunities to **collaborate** to achieve those things?



WATER COLLABORATION

- East Larimer County Water District (ELCO)
- Fort Collins Loveland Water District (FCLWD)
- Fort Collins Utilities (FCU)





FORT COLLINS GMA COLLABORATION

Water Quality Monitoring

Water Sharing Agreements

Water Sale and Delivery
Agreements

Water Conservation Programs

Watershed Protection &
Restoration

Shared Infrastructure

CHALLENGES/ OPPORTUNITIES

Rising water supply
prices

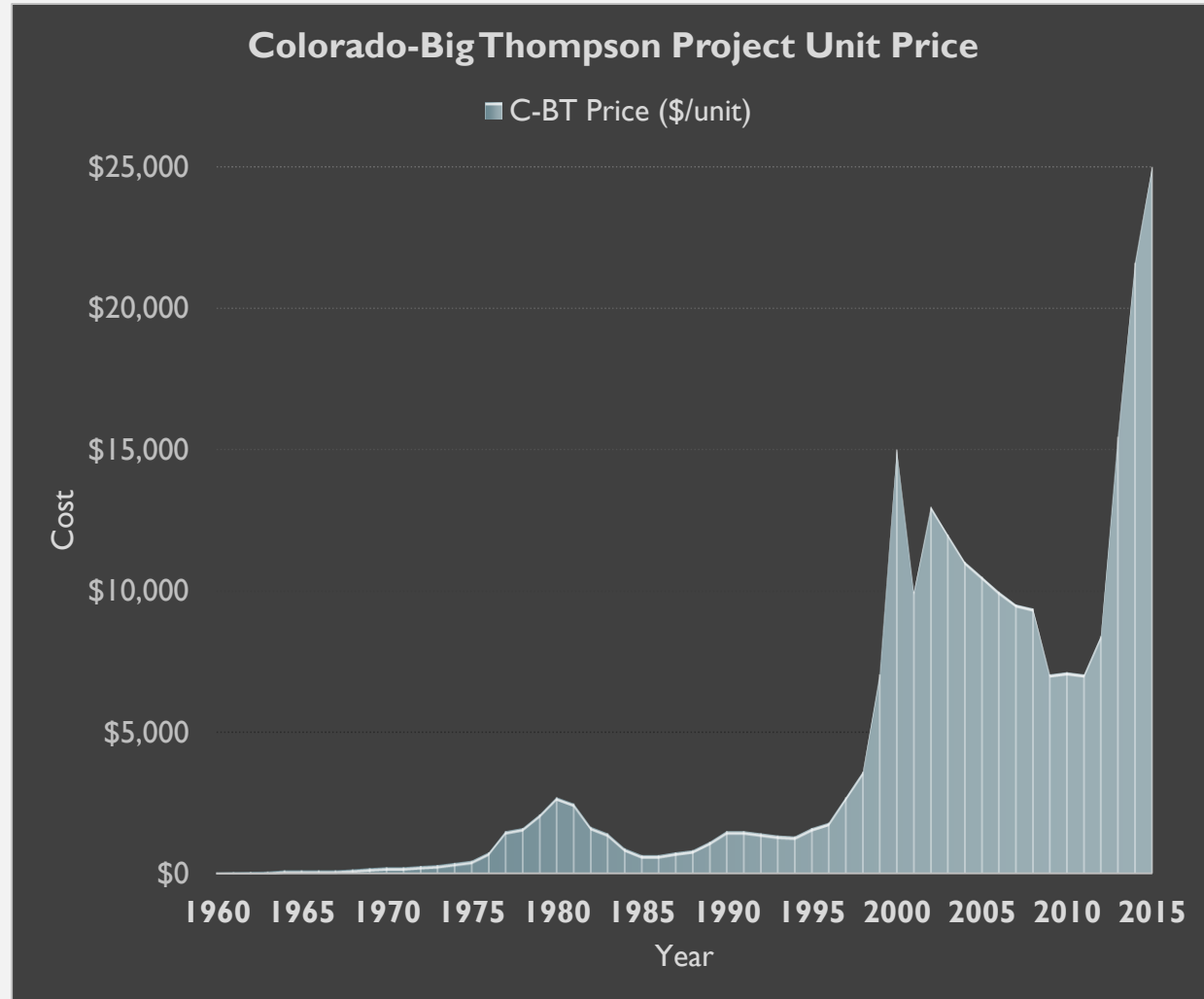
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Growth

Climate

Adaptation/Resilience

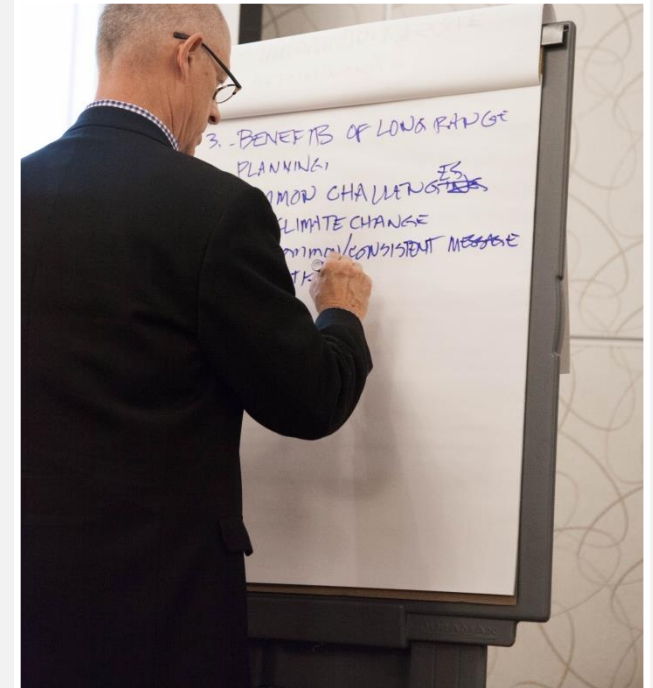
Economies of Scale



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- Overview of Current State
- Advantages of Collaboration
- Challenges and Barriers
- Path Forward
 - Formation of Steering Committee

COLLABORATION WORKSHOP



COLLABORATION GOVERNANCE

1

Steering Committee
Governing Boards
Staff

2

Identification of key issues

- Water Supply and Drought Planning
- Water Conservation & Shortage Response
 - Future Water Supplies

3

Points of Leverage

- Relationship between water resources, growth, and community planning
- Local Growing Water Smart Workshop

REASONS TO COLLABORATE

To utilize water resources effectively and efficiently

To eliminate duplication

To build trust

For drought protection

To address growth

Because we partner already

To plan for the larger community

Because we have common interests and resources

We have to for our future

BARRIERS TO COLLABORATION

Colorado Water Law makes water sharing difficult

Economic and financial viability of collaborative options for all stakeholders

Different financial models (capital cost vs. operating revenue)

Varying interests/goals (single service vs. multi-purpose)

Varying interests of customers (agriculture, business, residential)

History

Trust/Fear

LOOKING FORWARD

- Integration of water/land use planning
- Comprehensive water resources element in City's Comprehensive Plan
- Focus on points of leverage
 - Planning/Policy Making
 - Pre-development
 - Building and Construction
 - Post-Occupancy

