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**Colorado Water  
Conservation Board**

Department of Natural Resources

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# WHAT WE DO



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- Agency in Dept. of Natural Resources
- Board of Directors representing each Basin
- Water Plan Development and Implementation

## MISSION:

*To Conserve, Develop, Protect and Manage Colorado's Water for Present and Future Generations.*





# Water in Colorado

 **80%** CONTINENTAL DIVIDE  
OF WATER FALLS **WEST**

**90%**  
OF PEOPLE LIVE **EAST** 



**100% CONNECTED** BY

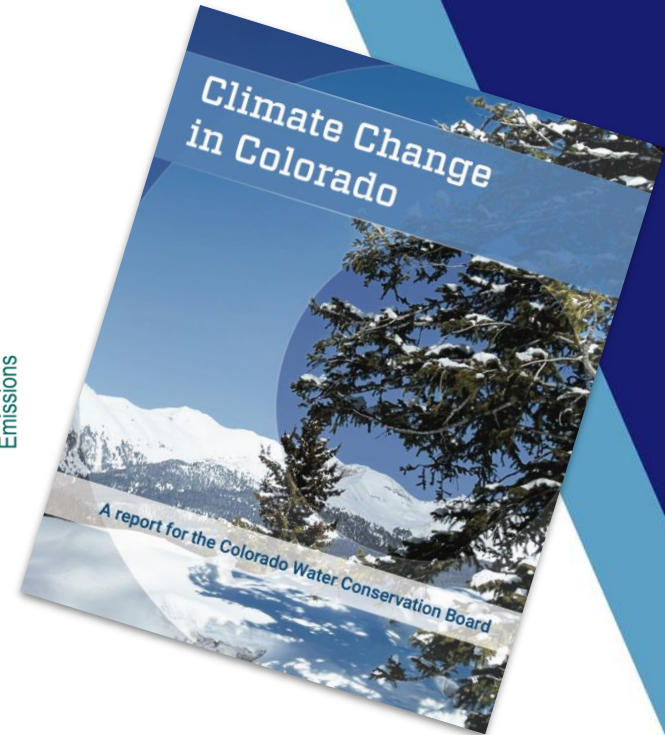
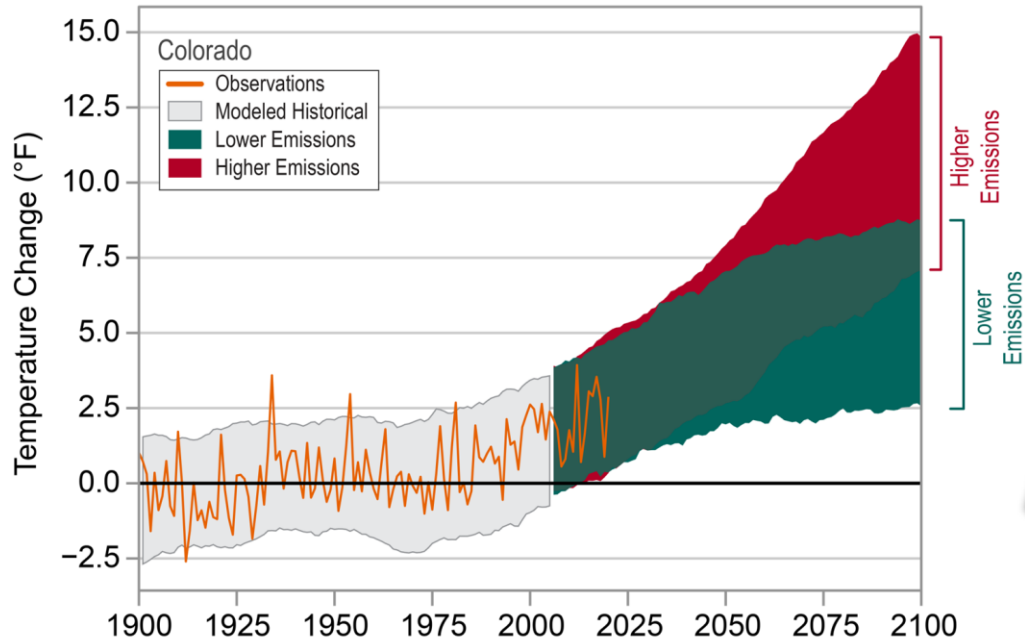






# Climate Change in Colorado

Observed and Projected Temperature Change



# What is the Water Plan?

1

## AN OPPORTUNITY TO PARTNER

- Sets the stage for collaboration and mitigating risk
- Shines a light on critical state water issues

2

## A STRATEGY FOR CWCB

- A CWCB planning document
- Highlights agency opportunities for leadership

COLORADO  
WATER PLAN

2023



# The 2023 Colorado Water Plan

## INTEGRATED AREAS CATALYZE ACTION



**VIBRANT** COMMUNITIES  
municipalities, utilities, industry, cities, towns, and  
small urban and rural communities



**THRIVING** WATERSHEDS  
environment and recreation, river health,  
watershed health, forest health, aquatic species



**ROBUST** AGRICULTURE  
established cash crop farms, local food, orchards,  
ranching, Acequias, ditch companies



**RESILIENT** PLANNING  
climate adaptation, climate extremes, equity,  
inclusivity, supportive government, education



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# Basin Implementation Plans







# Funding and Grants

- Loan Program
- Water Supply Reserve Fund Grants
- Water Plan Grants
- Colorado Watershed Restoration Grants
- Federal Technical Assistance Grants
- And More



# THANK YOU

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