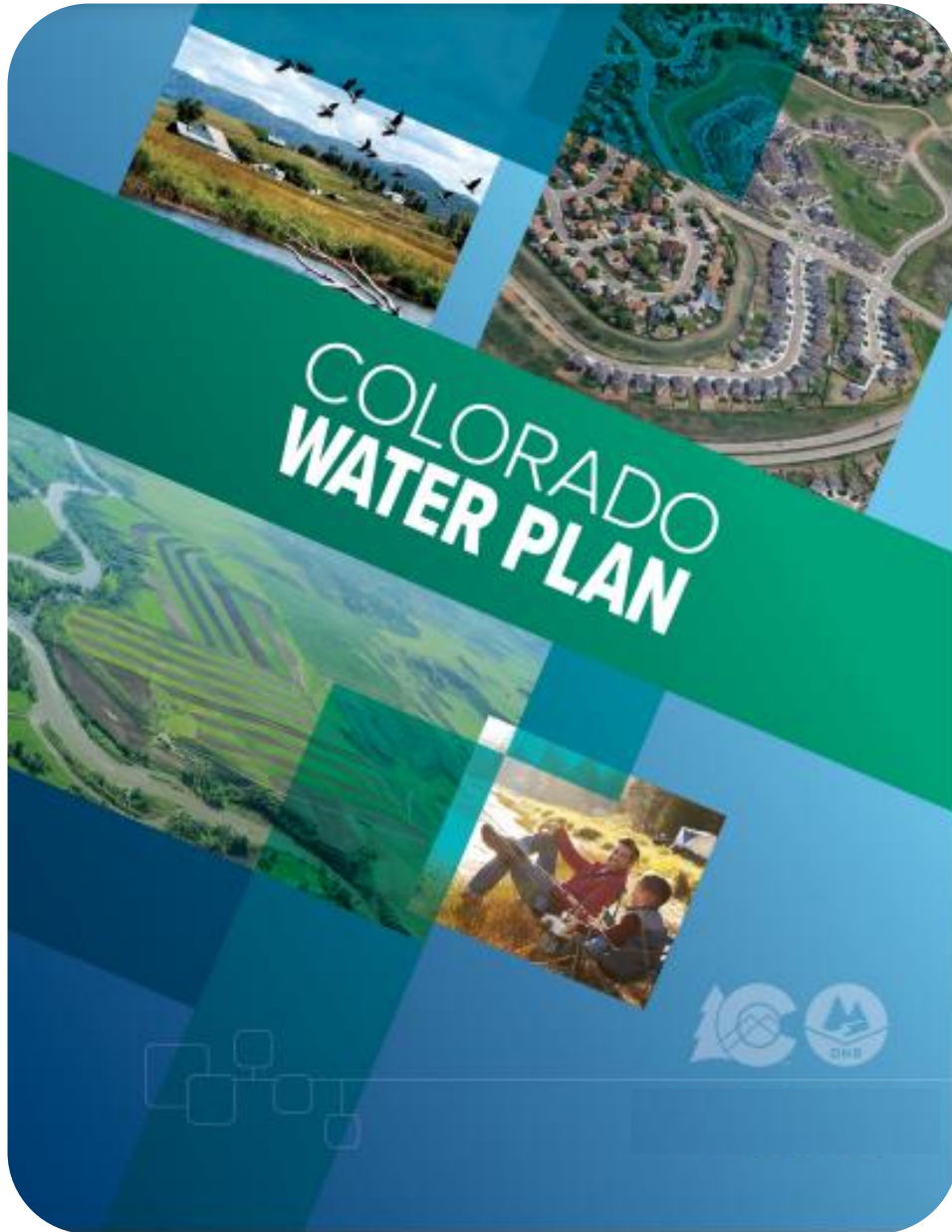


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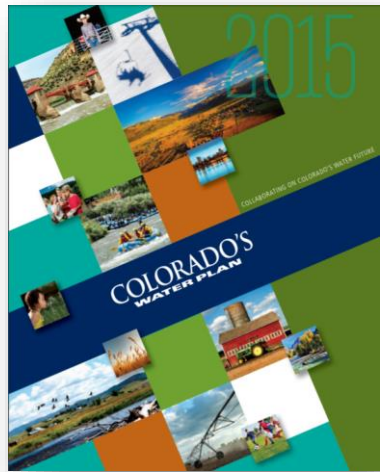
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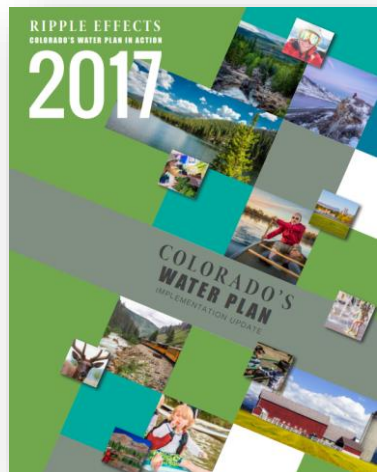
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- July 27 – Thriving Watersheds, 4:00 – 6:00
- August 10 – Resilient Planning, 4:00 – 6:00
- September 1 – Vibrant Communities, 4:00 – 6:00
- September 28 – Robust Agriculture, 4:00 – 6:00

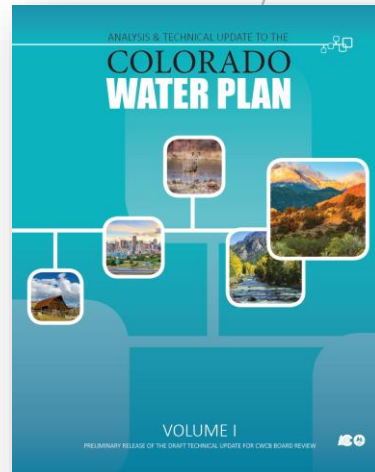
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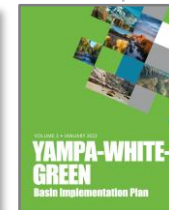
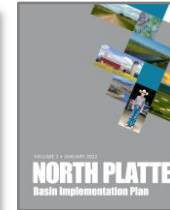
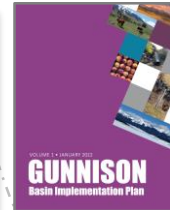
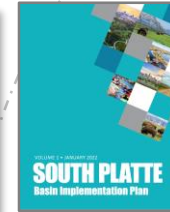
2015



2017



2019



2018-2021

WATER PLAN
UPDATE

2019-2022

Visit engageCWCB.org for details.

BUILT BY COLLABORATION + ONGOING FEEDBACK

INFORMED BY BRINGING TOGETHER INPUT FROM

1200 STAKEHOLDERS ACROSS COLORADO

200 PAGES OF MEETING NOTES

20 CWCB STAFF MEMBERS

15 BOARD MEMBERS

15 WORKSHOPS

9 ROUNDTABLES

1 TASK FORCE

A graphic for the Colorado Water Plan. It features a collage of images: a river with birds, a suburban neighborhood, a large reservoir, and a group of people sitting on a log in a field. The text "COLORADO WATER PLAN" is written in white on a green diagonal banner. At the bottom, there are icons for water, a globe, and a leaf, along with the number "5055".

WHAT IS THE WATER PLAN?

1

AN OPPORTUNITY TO PARTNER

- Sets the stage for collaboration, resilience 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

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COLORADO VISION

1

PARTNER ACTIONS

- Grants for local projects; local collaboration, individual action

2

AGENCY ACTIONS

- CWCB actions and/or collaborative state actions.

50 PARTNER ACTIONS

EXAMPLES OF LOCAL WATER PROJECTS & INITIATIVES



CONSERVATION
& LAND USE



WATERSHED HEALTH
& RECREATION



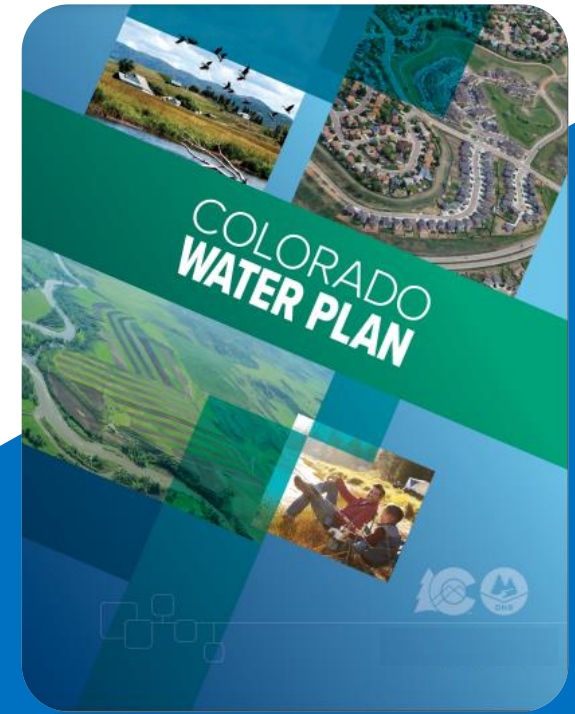
ENGAGEMENT
& INNOVATION



WATER STORAGE
& SUPPLY



AGRICULTURE



50 AGENCY ACTIONS

AGENCY ACTIONS CWCB + SUPPORTING AGENCIES WILL TAKE

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

COLORADO'S WATER VALUES

1 A productive economy that supports vibrant and sustainable cities, agriculture, recreation and tourism.

2 An efficient and effective water infrastructure system.

3 A strong environment with healthy watersheds, rivers, streams and wildlife.

4 An informed public with creative, forward-thinking solutions that are sustainable and resilient to changing conditions and result in strong, equitable communities that can adapt to and thrive in the face of adversity.

OUR VALUES DRIVE US TO ACT

ACTION AREAS



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TOOLS FOR ACTION



Public outreach and education



Funding



Policy and regulatory changes



Collaboration groups



Watershed planning



Climate adaptation



Innovation



Equity



Endangered species recovery programs



Natural hazard planning



Land and water use planning integration



Data collection and sharing



Water storage



Conveyance infrastructure



Water efficiency and conservation programs



Water reuse



Collaborative water sharing agreements



Stream/watershed restoration and enhancement



Flow enhancement and maintenance

WHAT CAN YOU DO AND HOW DO WE HELP?

- We need local communities, individuals and organizations to implement.
- We can help with grants, loans, tools, studies and other support.
- We have technical experts and 4 new regional coordinators (starting in fall)



CONSERVATION
& LAND USE



WATER STORAGE
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COMMENT. COMMIT. SHARE.



- Practice personal water conservation
- Get involved with local water issues
- Apply for CWCB grant

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