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.
SB 15-008: The Land Use Bill

• Develop and provide training programs for water demand and land use planners regarding water demand best management practices

• CWCB will carry these trainings out in consultation with the Dept. of Local Affairs (DOLA)

• Added an element for covered entities to consider in their municipal water efficiency plans that:
  • Asks for best management practices for water demand management that may be implemented through land use efforts
Water and Land Use Integration

• SB15-008 Webinars & Training

• SB 15-008 water efficiency plan requirement

• Growing Colorado Smart

• CO Water and Growth Dialogue
Water and Land Use Integration

- Integrating Water into Comprehensive Plans: Guidelines for Colorado Communities
- Addendum to WEP Guidance Document
- BPs for Implementing Water Conservation and Demand Management through Land Use Planning Efforts
- Colorado Water and Land Use Planning Alliance
BPs for Implementing Water Conservation and Demand Management through Land Use Planning Efforts

• Getches Wilkinson Center and Babbitt Center for Water and Land Policy

• Reviewed all current information/projects to include in document

• Interviews with water/land planners from across the state

• Modeled it after WEP Guidance document in terms of prioritizing efforts
**Colorado Water Loss Initiative**

- Funded through the CWCB’s Projects Bill in 2017
- $1.1 million for ~2 years of statewide training
- American Water Works Association M36 Methodology
- Train water providers on state of the art methodology
- Similar to California and Georgia efforts
Training Process

• Level 1 validation of utility prepared water audits

• Multiple “touch points” for reinforced understanding

• Webinars and multiple workshops

• One on One technical assistance with experts

• Key is that participants will work through their own water audits and work iteratively with experts to ensure understanding and a valid analysis
Timeline

Stage 1: March 2019 - May 2019
Webcast + In Person work session

Stage 2: June 2019 - September 2019
Remote Work Session

Stage 3: October 2019 - January 2020
In person work session

Stage 4: February 2020 - June 2020
Remote Validated Session
Timeline

- Workshops April 9th, 10th (or 11th), 23rd, 24th, 25th, and May 7th (or 8th)

- 82 utilities registered for program and 44 utilities signed up for 1st workshop

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Colorado Water Plan Grants

• Conservation and land use
  • $2m for funding projects that attain measurable objectives of Colorado’s Water Plan since FY17-18
  • Asking for $1m for FY 19-20, will be introduced in legislature this session
  • Funded 17 grants since August 2017
Colorado Water Plan Grants

• Conservation and land use

• Examples

  • Land use/water trainings
  • Large scale landscape retrofits
  • Direct potable reuse regulations

• Two rounds per year- August 1 and February 1

• Next deadline in about two weeks!
Water Efficiency Grant Fund

- Annually receive $550,000 from Tier II severance tax program
- Water efficiency planning and implementation
- Drought planning and implementation
- Public education and outreach focusing on water efficiency
Questions?