

THE COLORADO WATER PLAN 2.0

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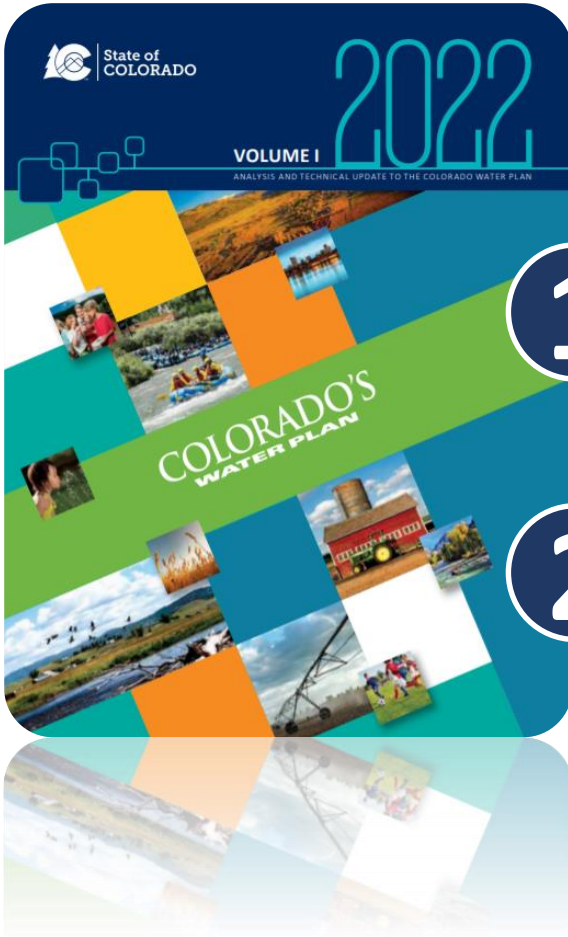
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WHAT IS THE WATER PLAN?

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A SHARED VISION FOR COLORADO

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

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A STRATEGY FOR CWCB

- A CWCB planning document
- Highlights agency opportunities for leadership

“The Water Plan made a seat at the table for the environment.”

CREATING A LINE OF SIGHT

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

2 Efficient and effective water infrastructure.

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

“CWCB established the roots of the water plan when Colorado experienced extreme drought in 2002 and 2003.”

- Colorado Water Plan

ACTION-FOCUSED / INCREASINGLY ACCESSIBLE / SIMPLIFIED ACTION AREAS

VIBRANT COMMUNITIES



ACTIONS

ROBUST AGRICULTURE



ACTIONS

THRIVING WATERSHEDS



ACTIONS

- Environment
- Recreation
- Watershed Health
- Forest Health

RESILIENT PLANNING



ACTIONS

- Climate Adaptation
- Public Awareness
- Smart Government
- Inclusivity & Diversity



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SCOPING

JUNE 2020 – JUNE 2021

15 Events

20 Partnerships

1,231 Participants

DRAFTING

JULY 2021 – JUNE 2022

JUNE 30 '22
draft update released

PUBLIC COMMENT

JUNE 30, 2022 – SEPTEMBER 30, 2022

90 Day Rollout Plan
& Public Comment Period

The Water Plan Update is expected to be complete by December 2022

The update's conclusion, is a start more than an end – it's a continuum.

There will be CWCB actions but the plan needs your continued efforts.

The plan needs **energy, creativity** and **radical collaboration** in spite of and because of all the shared challenges we face in Colorado.

“You can't depress someone into action”

-Amory L

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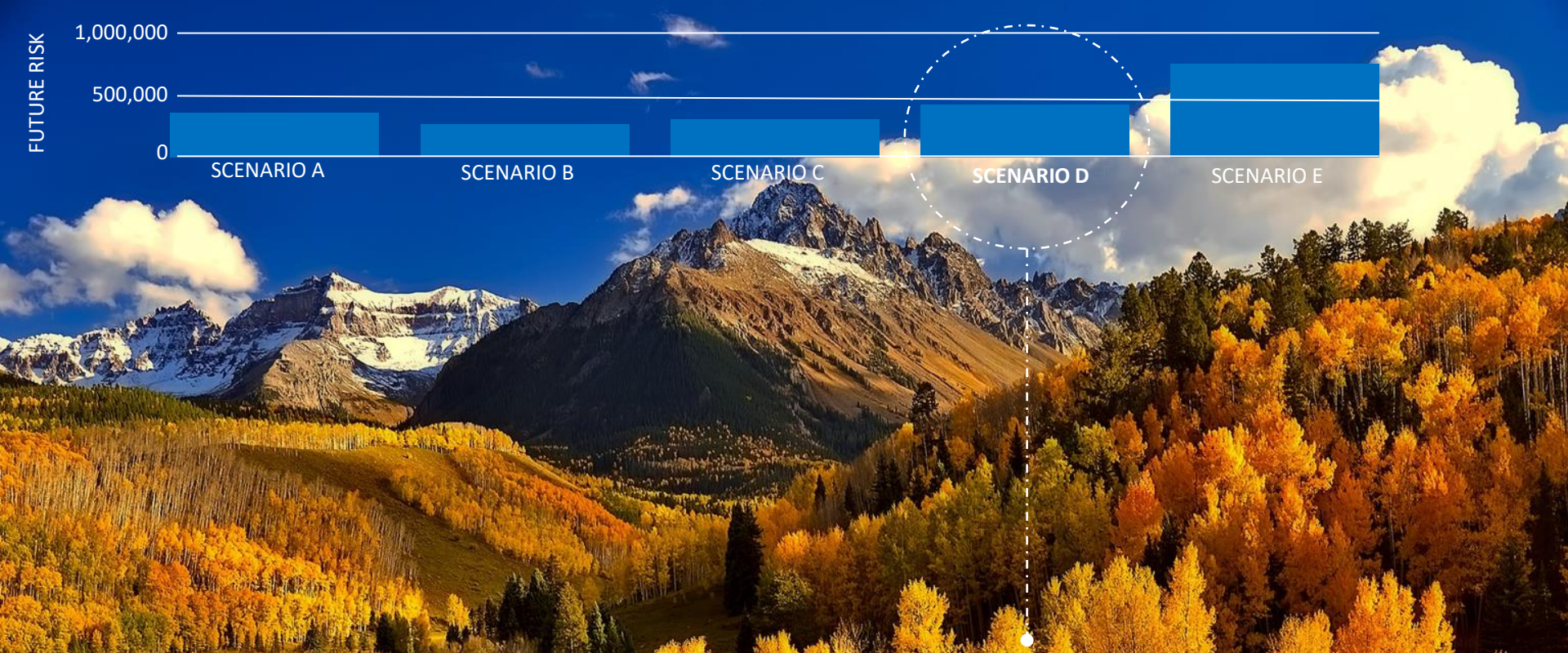
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“Climate Change is water change ...and there’s hope.”

- Brad Udall

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How do you hope to use the updated Colorado Water Plan in the work you do?



- To Support an Idea
- To Support Grant Funding
- To Educate Others
- All of the Above
- None of the Above



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What involvement have you had with a Stream Management Plan in your home river?

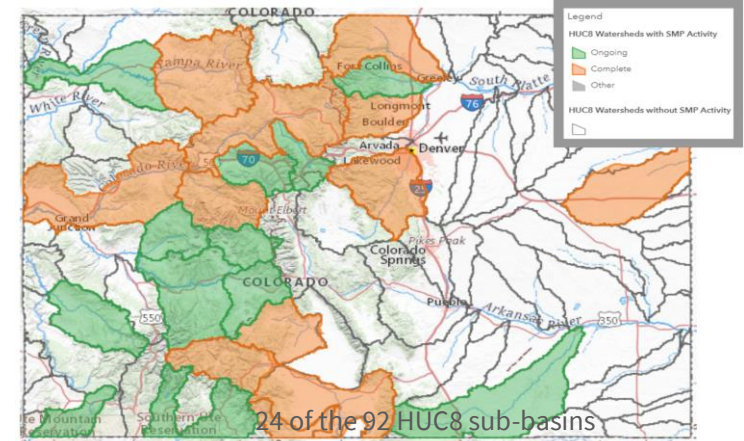
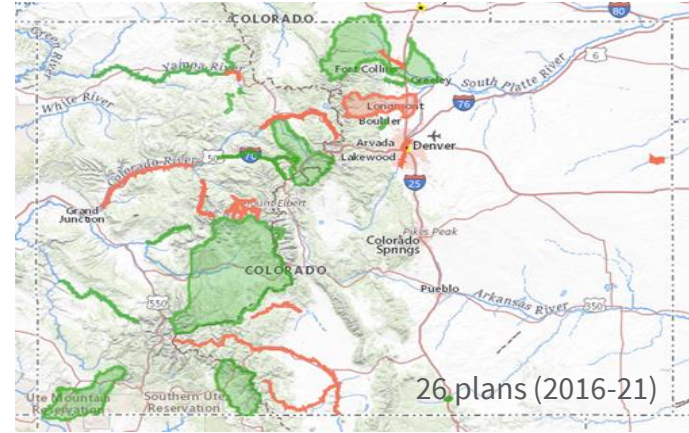
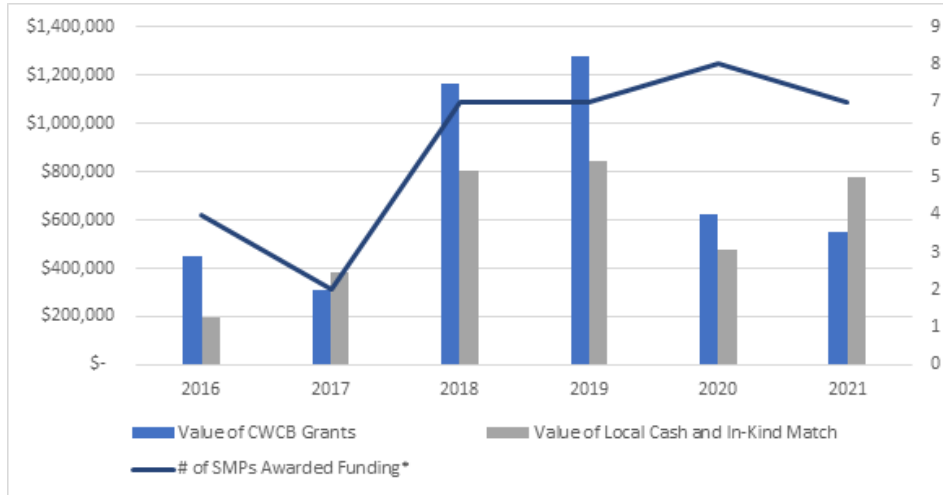


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What's a Stream Management Plan	I follow the news but am not actively involved	I attend meetings, but it is not a large focus	I provide technical or advisory services	I lead a Stream Management Plan

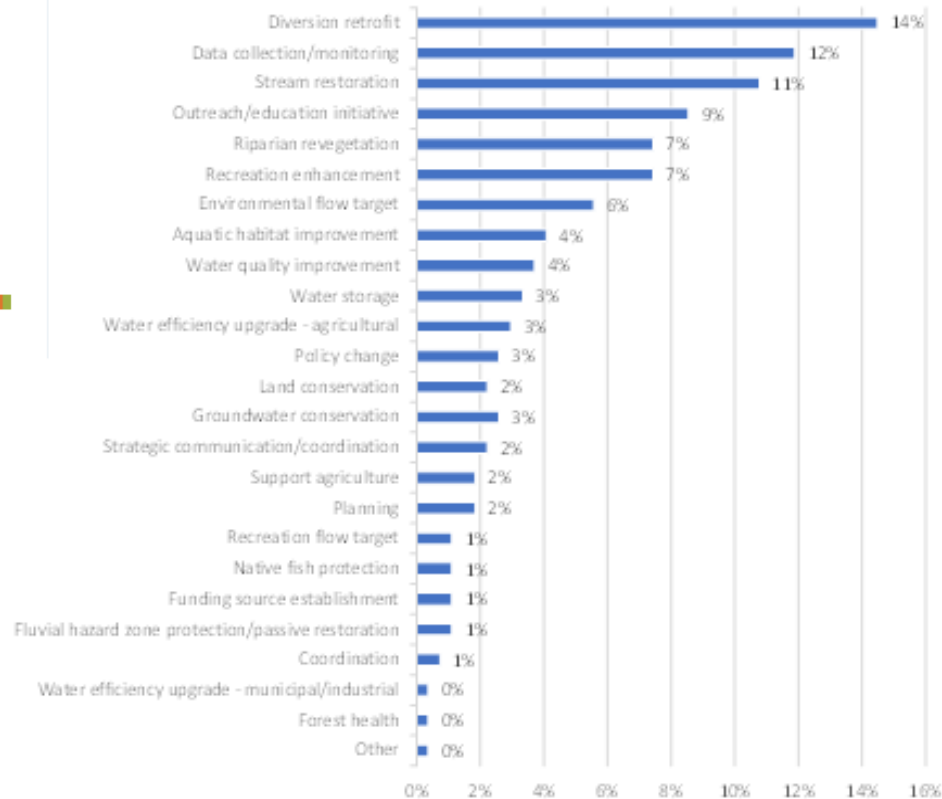
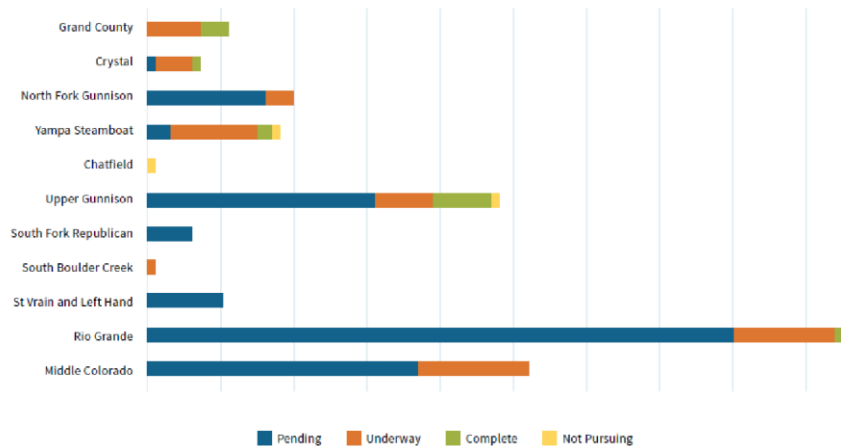
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SMP Outcomes: \$ and Geography



SMP Outcomes: Project Recommendations



269 Project Recommendations

From 11 completed SMPs

24 distinct project types, most are multi-benefit

Some level of funding for 25% of the recommendations

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What can River Network do to support more effective SMPs statewide?



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Colorado Water Plan & Basin Implementation Plans: Looking at Education, Outreach, & Engagement Through a New Lens



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Do you believe that awareness, education, and engagement are critical parts of the Colorado Water Plan's future success and statewide impact?



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Have you ever been (or are currently) a formal or informal educator on water issues? Ex. a teacher, instructor, program facilitator, etc.



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Yes

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No

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A photograph of a man and two children smiling outdoors. The man on the left is wearing a red Cabela's cap and a light blue t-shirt, holding a fishing chain. The girl in the middle is wearing glasses and a white t-shirt with a butterfly design. The boy on the right is wearing glasses and a red Jordan brand t-shirt. The background is a bright blue sky with some clouds.

**EQUITY IN WATER
VIRTUAL CONFERENCE & WORKSHOP**

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What is one thing you are working to implement or are thinking about implementing with regard to water equity/inclusivity/diversity in your community?



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What would make the water plan a success to you?



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