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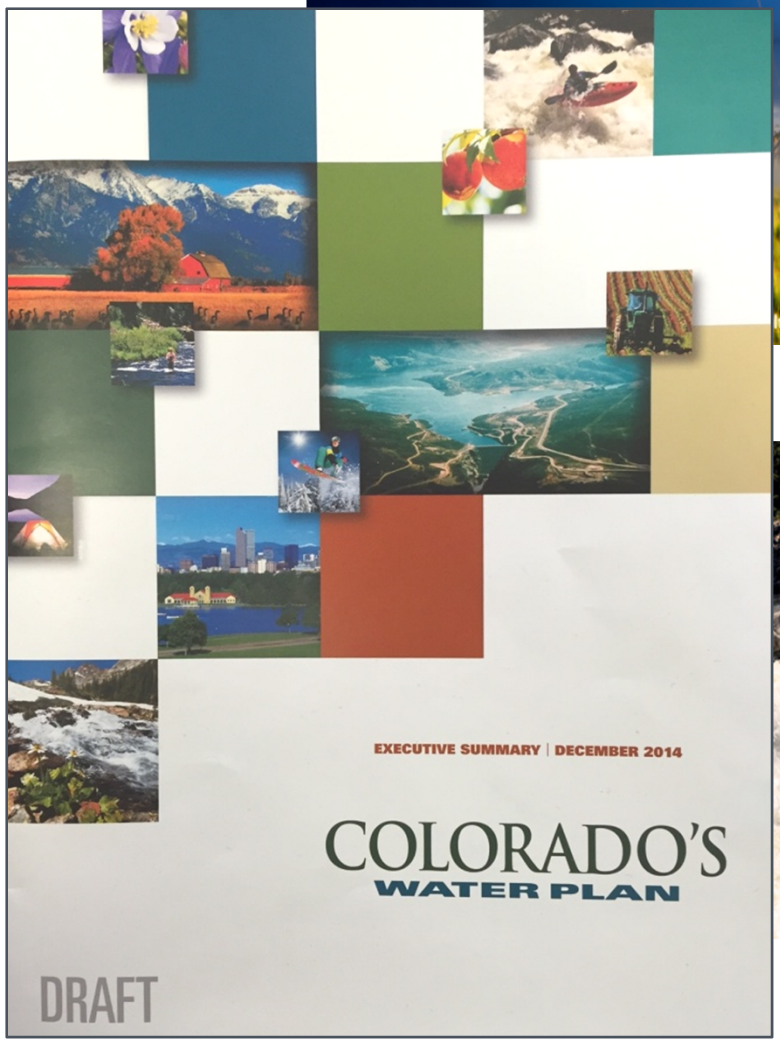

BALANCING OUR WATER NEEDS.

A PLAN THAT CONSIDERS STATEWIDE VALUES.

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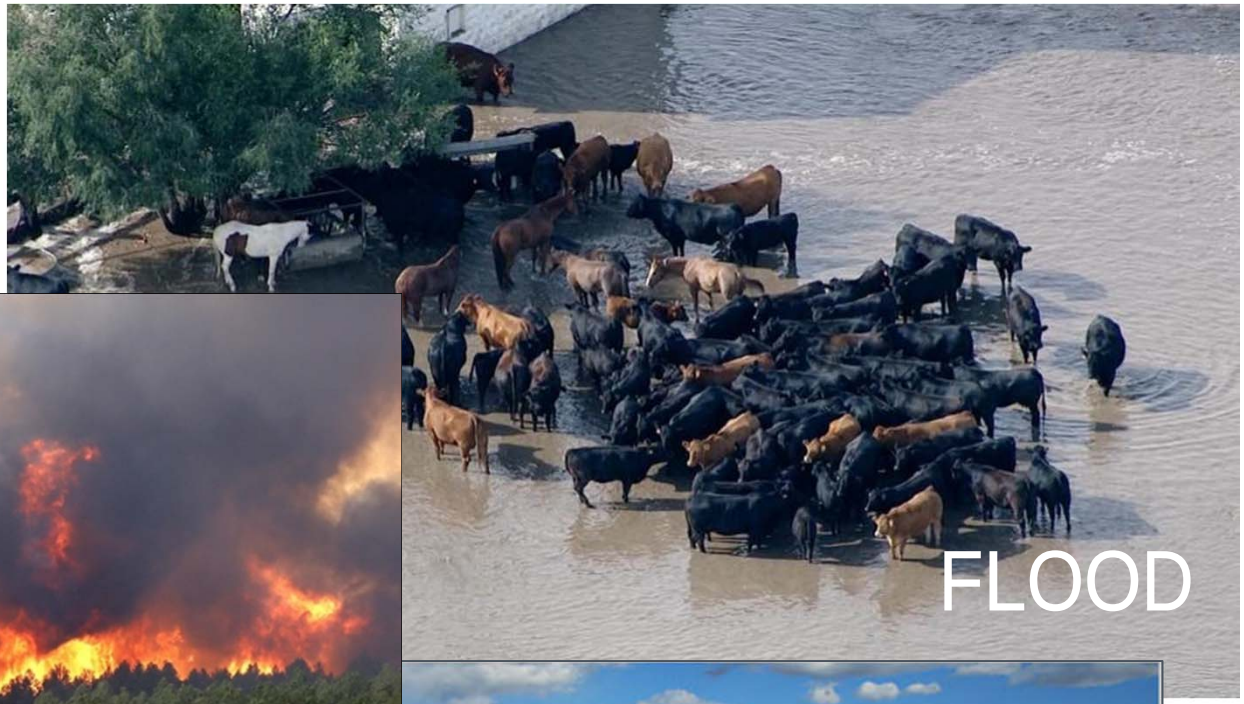
WE ALL LOVE COLORADO.

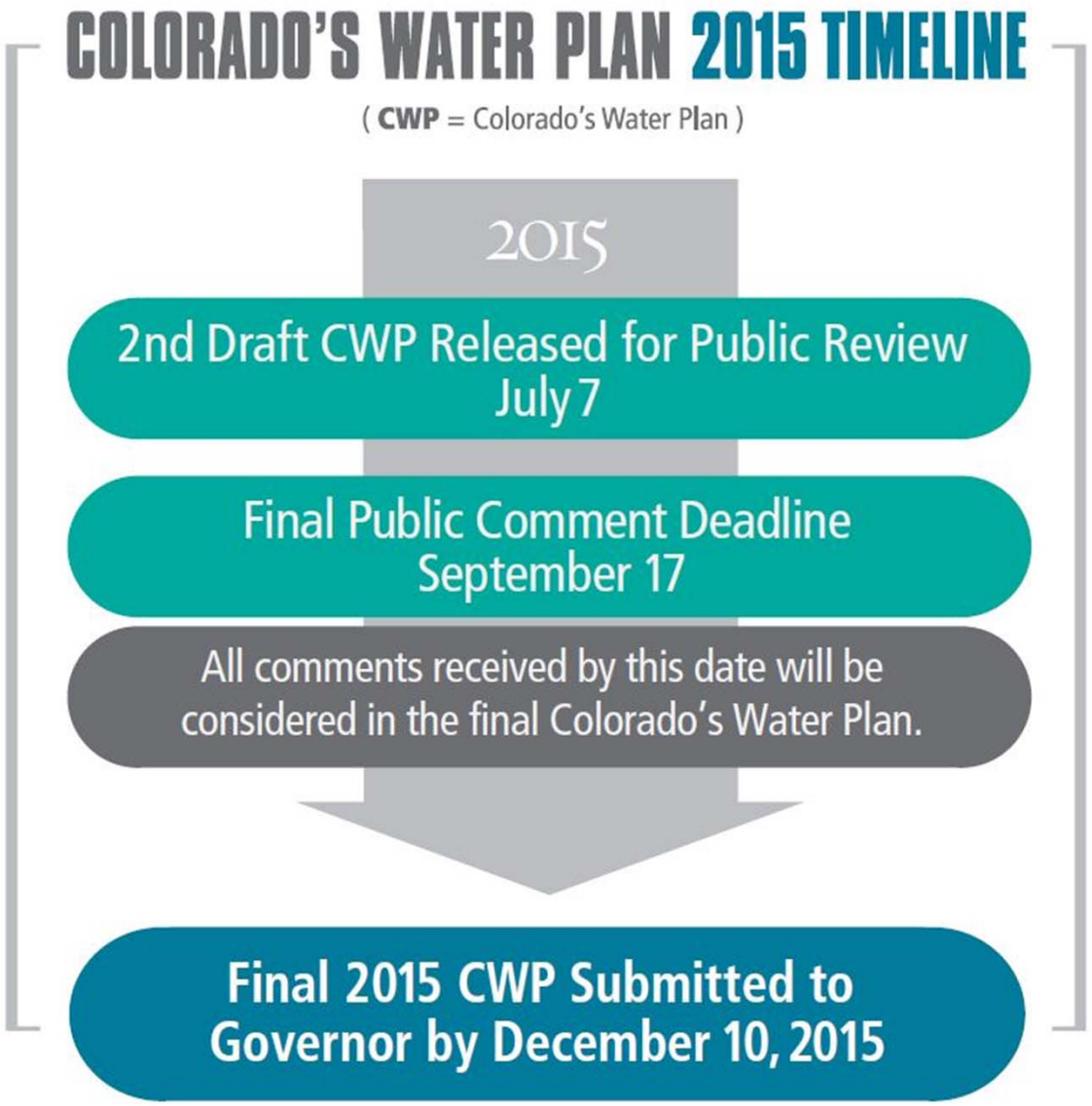
SOLUTIONS FOR OUR WATER VALUES.

A Land of Extremes



Executive Order Values

- A productive economy that supports cities, agriculture, recreation and tourism;
- efficient and effective water infrastructure; and
- a strong natural environment including healthy watersheds, rivers, streams and wildlife


COLORADO'S WATER PLAN 2015 TIMELINE
(CWP = Colorado's Water Plan)
2015
2nd Draft CWP Released for Public Review
July 7
Final Public Comment Deadline
September 17
All comments received by this date will be considered in the final Colorado's Water Plan.
Final 2015 CWP Submitted to Governor by December 10, 2015

Critical Action Plan

I. **Develop a Multi-purpose Funding Plan** (funding alignment, assessment, new sources)

II. **Promote Multi-purpose Initiatives** (permitting, water quality, ATMs, meet gaps, storage/infrastructure)

III. **Promote Vibrant and Sustainable Cities** (conservation/efficiency, reuse, land planning)

IV. **Address Agricultural Viability and Efficiency** (viability, conservation/efficiency)

V. **Support a Strong Environment and a Robust Recreation Industry** (imperiled species, economic values, protect healthy environments)

VI. **Prepare for an Uncertain Future** (planning, critical watersheds, natural disasters, compacts, climate change)

VII. **Advance Education and Outreach**

Example of Action Plan

e. Promote Additional Storage and Infrastructure: Assess and promote opportunities for multi-purpose and multi-partner storage projects that address strategic needs.

Critical Actions to Promote Storage	Section	Partners	When	Type
1. Provide financial support to technical and practical innovations in the use of aquifer storage and recovery where it is practicable.	6.5	CWCB	Ongoing	Programmatic
2. Assess storage opportunities to determine where existing storage can and should be expanded or rehabilitated to prepare for climate change, improve sharing and use of conserved water, and meet Colorado's compact obligations.	6.5	CWCB, DWR, local partners	Near-term	Programmatic
3. Prioritize grants and loans to support the implementation of BIP identified multi-purpose projects and methods, taking into consideration locally identified geographic and/or seasonal gaps.	6.5, 6.6	CWCB, BRTs	Near-term	Funding

Public Involvement

- Over 24,000 comments submitted
- Over 150 basin outreach meetings
- Over 1,000 regular roundtable meetings
- Nearly 15,000 unique pageviews on website
- SB115 outreach by (WRRC) legislature – more hearings this summer
- CWCB Board meetings through September 2015
- All input and CWCB responses available online

How can you stay engaged in this process?

- Engage with the basin roundtables and CWCB as the water plan process continues and implementation begins.
- Read through the second draft and submit comments online.
- Visit www.coloradowaterplan.com to learn more.