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1	10/10/2014	sue brown, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	This spring I was fortunate to raft on the Arkansas River with a local outfitter. Not only was it a wonderful trip but I learned so much about water issues in the state from our guide. I heard the state is preparing a water plan to guide future water use and ask that you prioritize the health of our rivers in this plan. As a Front Range resident I am want to do my part to protect our water resources and want the state to include a conservation goal in our cities and towns. And I want to very clearly state my firm opposition to new large transmountain diversions - we can solve our water concerns through conservation, efficiency and recycling.	The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation and reuse as critical components to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored. These topics are explored in Section 6.3. With regard to new transmountain diversion projects, the IBCC provided a draft conceptual agreement which explored innovative ways to address this issue in a balanced manner. Scenario planning indicates that a new transmountain diversion may not be needed in the future, however some futures suggest that new transmountain diversions may be a necessary part of Colorado's water supply portfolio. Colorado's Water Plan will not include any specific transmountain water project, but it will discuss how we can move forward with this option should it be needed, based on the IBCC's work.
2	10/10/2014	chris keefe, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	I am a consultant for the oil and gas industry, and an avid outdoors man. I am very concerned about the amount of water being taken from our rivers. The State plan should make ecological protection and improvement the highest priority in the state plan. The riparian habitat across the state cannot handle more diversions, and really needs more flow. Specially in the face of climate change. Also, conservation in urban areas for both neighborhoods and industry should be a priority.	The CWCB and the Basin Roundtables will be working to support conservation, environment, and recreation in the Basin Implementation Plans and draft of Colorado's Water Plan. Meeting Colorado's nonconsumptive needs is a critical aspect of Colorado's Water Plan. Climate change could have a serious effect on Colorado's water supplies, which is why Colorado's Water Plan is engaged in scenario planning. Climate change issues are addressed in various sections throughout Colorado's Water Plan. However, while temperature's impact on demands are understood, hydrological impacts are not. Since Colorado's water planners cannot necessarily impact the global climate change situation, Colorado's Water Plan is not directly focused on mitigating climate change. Other agencies within Colorado's state government consider climate mitigation strategies.
3	10/10/2014	Sharon Baker, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	I am a retired Colorado teacher and want you to protect our waters. I enjoy the beauty of our rivers. But even more than the beauty of the rivers I believe water is our liquid gold and we must protect it from any type of contamination, so we will have safe water to use for farms, drinking and for use in our homes.	The Water Quality Division of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) regulates water quality issues of this nature in the state. Water Quality has been recognized as critical for Colorado's water future. The CWCB is working closely with the Water Quality Control Division and the Basin Roundtables in order to address Colorado's Water Quality needs. This is further explored in Section 7.3.
4	10/10/2014	Hannah Munoz, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	I am a transplant from California and one reason I moved to Colorado is because of all the natural beauty that it has to offer. One of my favorite things about Colorado is it's rivers. We need to protect the natural beauty that we have and instead of modifying our river systems to bring more water to the cities, we need to put policies in place to decrease daily water use and more wisely use the water we have available.	The CWCB and the Basin Roundtables will be working to support conservation, environment, and recreation in the Basin Implementation Plans and draft of Colorado's Water Plan. Meeting Colorado's nonconsumptive needs is a critical aspect of Colorado's Water Plan.
5	10/10/2014	Tara Flanagan, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	As a long-time Colorado resident who has seen considerable growth in the Front Range and mountain communities, I urge a plan that does not include additional water diversions, which are costly, environmentally questionable and which ultimately encourage waste of water. Thank you.	Colorado's Water Plan and the technical work that supports it includes three growth scenarios: low-growth, mid-growth, high-growth. As water planners, Colorado must prepare for any of these future possibilities as we do not have control over the state's economy and how many people are born or choose to move here. While some communities choose to limit growth, doing so on a broad statewide scale is untenable and unconstitutional. The CWCB is working with each basin on their Basin Implementation Plan and will continue to encourage all interested parties to do the same. Regarding diversions, Colorado's Water Plan will not include any specific water projects. The CWCB would like to encourage multipurpose projects and full mitigation.
6	10/10/2014	Skip Vena, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	I am a farmer and a rafter, and I believe water is the lifeblood of our state. We need to have more water conservation in cities and towns, outlaw new diversions, and use more grey water for irrigation.	The CWCB and the Basin Roundtables will be working to support conservation, environment, and recreation in the Basin Implementation Plans and draft of Colorado's Water Plan. Meeting Colorado's nonconsumptive needs is a critical aspect of Colorado's Water Plan. Conservation and reuse, including gray water, are strategies considered in Colorado's Water Plan. The issue of graywater in Colorado is addressed within Subsection 6.3.2 Reuse.
7	10/10/2014	elena harper, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	As a mom of two who enjoy all the benefits of Colorado's inspiring natural resources, we the people need to come up with more creative ways to reduce, reuse, recycle. Natural resources are FINITE, and we have a responsibility to protect and preserve, not only for our future generations, but for the future of all life on this planet. Let's conserve and think out of the box!	The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation and reuse as critical components to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored. These topics are explored in Section 6.3.
8	10/10/2014	James A Clark Jr, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	Governor Hickenlooper and the Water Board please prioritize water conservation in our cities and towns. We need more water conservation in cities and towns, outlaw new diversions, reduce water waste. I am a resident of Colorado Springs. Colorado rivers are a natural resource that we all use.	The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation and reuse as critical components to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored. These topics are explored in Section 6.3.
9	10/10/2014	Hildegard Hix, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	In order to maintain a good, and healthy water supply, we need to decide on water uses. Clear flowing clean rivers and lakes preserve our water supply while bringing in tourists who leave. Fracking and mining bring dirty rivers, residents who will leave after a few years, and leave us with a dirty and deteriorated environment.	The Water Quality Division of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) regulates water quality issues of this nature in the state. Water Quality has been recognized as critical for Colorado's water future. The CWCB is working closely with the Water Quality Control Division and the Basin Roundtables in order to address Colorado's Water Quality needs. This is further explored in Section 7.3. Fracking currently uses approximately 18,000 acre feet per year, which is a very small proportion of Colorado's overall water use. However, there may be some areas where there are greater regional effects. In addition, power plants that burn natural gas to make energy use less water than traditional power plants. Therefore, from an overall resource management perspective, fracking and the resulting energy production do not consume a significant amount of water compared to current levels. Colorado's Water Plan seeks to work collaboratively to uphold Colorado's water values and does not put a value judgement on any one beneficial use.
10	10/10/2014	Kathryn Solisti, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	Rivers are the life-blood of our state and what keeps Colorado healthy and beautiful. I was the membership director at American Rivers in the late 1980's when the Denver Water Board wanted to sell off the South Platte to the highest bidder. It gives me great pride and joy every time I drive past the Platte and see people enjoying it. It still runs through Denver because people stood up to protect and preserve it. I am grateful for the small part that I played in that accomplishment. I trust that you, Governor Hickenlooper, will continue to stand strong for Colorado's rivers to preserve them for future generations. It must be a top priority.	The CWCB and the Basin Roundtables will be working to support conservation, environment, and recreation in the Basin Implementation Plans and draft of Colorado's Water Plan. Meeting Colorado's nonconsumptive needs is a critical aspect of Colorado's Water Plan.

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11	10/10/2014	Matthew Brown, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	To keep this beautiful state that we call home beautiful, we must keep our water clean and strive to protect our wilderness. The fracking has already begun to take its toll, and we must stop the progression of industry destroying our natural surroundings and water that is straining wildlife ecosystems. Please listen to the people and protect our great state... keep our home wonderful.	The Water Quality Division of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) regulates water quality issues of this nature in the state. Water Quality has been recognized as critical for Colorado's water future. The CWCB is working closely with the Water Quality Control Division and the Basin Roundtables in order to address Colorado's Water Quality needs. This is further explored in Section 7.3. Fracking currently uses approximately 18,000 acre feet per year, which is a very small proportion of Colorado's overall water use. However, there may be some areas where there are greater regional effects. In addition, power plants that burn natural gas to make energy use less water than traditional power plants. Therefore, from an overall resource management perspective, fracking and the resulting energy production do not consume a significant amount of water compared to current levels. Colorado's Water Plan seeks to work collaboratively to uphold Colorado's water values and does not put a value judgement on any one beneficial use.
12	10/10/2014	James Roberts, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	Nothing spells "Future" as much as water. Please protect our's and our children's futures by keeping Colorado waters clean and reducing waste.	The Water Quality Division of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) regulates water quality issues of this nature in the state. Water Quality has been recognized as critical for Colorado's water future. The CWCB is working closely with the Water Quality Control Division and the Basin Roundtables in order to address Colorado's Water Quality needs. This is further explored in Section 7.3. The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation and reuse as critical components to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored. These topics are explored in Section 6.3.
13	10/10/2014	Tom Tripp, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	Being a Grandfather has me more oriented to our future than I once was. As the quality of our lives now and on into the future is dependant upon the quality of our water; we need to be fiercely protecting this resource.	The Water Quality Division of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) regulates water quality issues of this nature in the state. Water Quality has been recognized as critical for Colorado's water future. The CWCB is working closely with the Water Quality Control Division and the Basin Roundtables in order to address Colorado's Water Quality needs. This is further explored in Section 7.3.
14	10/10/2014	Patrick Caulfield, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	I am a resident of Fremont County Colorado. Our water is provided by a well. It does not produce much, but enough for our daily needs. One of the first things I do every morning is look out at the float indicator in our cistern to see how much water we have. Since moving to this area I have become very conscious of water use, something that really didn't concern me much when we lived where there was a municipal water system. I now look at things like faucet drips, leaving the water turned on too long, running the hot water until it is hot in a completely different way. On a macro levels the decisions around fracking and its possible contamination of what little water there is and the diverting of water to arid locations to provide irrigation of lawns and non-conservation farming methods are of great concern. Please don't make short term decisions that negatively impact long term survivability.	The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation and reuse as critical components to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored. These topics are explored in Section 6.3. Fracking currently uses approximately 18,000 acre feet per year, which is a very small proportion of Colorado's overall water use. However, there may be some areas where there are greater regional effects. In addition, power plants that burn natural gas to make energy use less water than traditional power plants. Therefore, from an overall resource management perspective, fracking and the resulting energy production do not consume a significant amount of water compared to current levels. Colorado's Water Plan seeks to work collaboratively to uphold Colorado's water values and does not put a value judgement on any one beneficial use.
15	10/10/2014	Alicia Merritt, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	Colorado rivers are central to Colorado fame and fortune and should be kept as healthy as possible. Besides the fame and fortune argument, Colorado rivers are beautiful, full of opportunities for fun, essential to many as a source of clean water. Put experts in charge of keeping Colorado rivers healthy, not political appointees--I am sure these experts support water conservation at every level. At the lowest level, I live here, understand we are in perpetual drought, and try to conserve where I can.	The CWCB and the Basin Roundtables will be working to support conservation, environment, and recreation in the Basin Implementation Plans and draft of Colorado's Water Plan. Meeting Colorado's nonconsumptive needs is a critical aspect of Colorado's Water Plan.
16	10/10/2014	Margaret Blakley S, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	I am a parent, a professional, and a lover of the outdoors. I love spending time outdoors, hiking along a babbling creek, fishing in high mountain lakes, or skiing on our renowned powder. A couple of years ago I attended a presentation by Denver Water, where I learned that Colorado is one of only two states where all the streams and rivers run out if it, and none come from other states. (The other is Hawaii.) That is incredibly remarkable! All of the water in Colorado fell here as rain or snow, unadulterated by other places. The streams, rivers, lakes, and reservoirs must be protected with more water conservation in cities & towns, by banning ew diversions, & reducing water waste.	The CWCB and the Basin Roundtables will be working to support conservation, environment, and recreation in the Basin Implementation Plans and draft of Colorado's Water Plan. Meeting Colorado's nonconsumptive needs is a critical aspect of Colorado's Water Plan. The state is working vigorously with other upper basin states and the Colorado River Basin as a whole to mitigate any risks Colorado may face with regard to compact compliance and other interstate issues.
17	10/10/2014	David Cantrell, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	As a volunteer, boots-on-the-ground wilderness steward, and a 40-year resident of Fort Collins, I experience both the beauty of the Cache La Poudre and the continually increasing pressure on it and all Colorado's rivers. I believe relief needs to come at the urban end of the system - water conservation and waste reduction - not upstream through diversions or further interferences with our rivers' natural flows.	The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation and reuse as critical components to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored. These topics are explored in Section 6.3. Regarding diversions, Colorado's Water Plan will not include any specific water projects. The CWCB would like to encourage multipurpose projects and full mitigation.
18	10/10/2014	Dr RK Henry, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	Destroying more Boulder County Land by burying it under 500 feet of water and diverting increasing precious stream water to satisfy Denver Water's lust for water revenue does not match conservation or decreased urban sprawl. This expansion is not for future water resource storage. No it is for greedy developers and cities and towns who do not have water resources to sustain their growth. Stop the Gross Dam expansion and allow these cities and towns to face the reality of their limited water resources.	Colorado's Water Plan will not include any specific water projects. The CWCB would like to encourage multipurpose projects and full mitigation.
19	10/10/2014	Ann Joslyn, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	As a Mother and Grandmother, I am very concerned about our environment for our children and their children and all children for generations to come. My family and I are hikers and chose Colorado for its natural beauty, mountains and rivers, and cherish what is here and want to do anything we can do to support efforts keep Colorado pristine. My largest concern is water waste, and pollution of our rivers.	The CWCB and the Basin Roundtables will be working to support conservation, environment, and recreation in the Basin Implementation Plans and draft of Colorado's Water Plan. Meeting Colorado's nonconsumptive needs is a critical aspect of Colorado's Water Plan. The Water Quality Division of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) regulates water quality issues of this nature in the state. Water Quality has been recognized as critical for Colorado's water future. The CWCB is working closely with the Water Quality Control Division and the Basin Roundtables in order to address Colorado's Water Quality needs. This is further explored in Section 7.3.

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20	10/10/2014	Bjoern Mannsfeld, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	I am an avid, hiker, camper and snowboarder who has lived in Colorado since 1998. Our rivers are important not only for the life it gives us but also for the life it gives to the animals we share this beautiful state with. Colorado should fight to keep as much of the water as we can and also conserve as much as possible. Laws which outlaw citizens conserving water (collecting rain water, grey water systems, etc) need to be reviewed and abolished.	The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation and reuse, including gray water, as critical components to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored. These topics are explored in Section 6.3. Graywater reuse is explored in Section 6.3.2. Rainwater harvesting does have some limitations within current Colorado water law. The Prior Appropriation Doctrine, which is in Colorado's Constitution, typically dictates that rainwater is used by a downstream user. However, the CWCB maintains a rainwater harvesting pilot program to explore how rainwater harvesting can be used. This is further discussed in Subsection 6.3.1.
21	10/10/2014	Connie Mays, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	I moved to Colorado in the late 90's and was instantly awed. I have camped all over the state & can personally testify to the beauty added to the landscape by our wonderful rivers. I also understand the importance of water to a thriving population of plants, animals and humans. Protecting our environment, including our rivers, must always be a priority.	The four values driving Colorado's Water Plan recognize the importance of Colorado's Environment. Those four values are 1) vibrant and sustainable cities, 2) viable and productive agriculture, 3) a robust recreation and tourism industry, and 4) a thriving environment that includes healthy watersheds, rivers, streams, and wildlife.
22	10/10/2014	Brandi Cowan, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	I am a mother and a human. My family swims, tubes and loves many other activities by the rivers. Now more than ever we need to come together and take any and all precautions to protect the natural resource that every person needs and wants to enjoy through out our entire state. Also it would be great if areas were created for dogs off leash with water, my dog Kayma, a service animal loves the water.	The CWCB and the Basin Roundtables will be working to support conservation, environment, and recreation in the Basin Implementation Plans and draft of Colorado's Water Plan. Meeting Colorado's nonconsumptive needs is a critical aspect of Colorado's Water Plan.
23	10/10/2014	Denise Herrera, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	I am Denise Herrera I was born in Colorado. I have lived her 54 years. Colorado's rivers are our greatest resource. They do not belong to us but to the future generations that come after us. We should hold them in trust for our children and our children's children. If you do not protect our rivers and outlaw new diversions you are stealing the quality of life that our children should have.	The four values driving Colorado's Water Plan recognize the importance of Colorado's Environment. Those four values are 1) vibrant and sustainable cities, 2) viable and productive agriculture, 3) a robust recreation and tourism industry, and 4) a thriving environment that includes healthy watersheds, rivers, streams, and wildlife. Regarding diversions, Colorado's Water Plan will not include any specific water projects. The CWCB would like to encourage multipurpose projects and full mitigation.
24	10/10/2014	John Eckler, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	Please do more to protect our water sources. The rivers, the lakes, and streams are vital to our health. We can not afford to slide back 40 or 50 years to where we were when rivers would actually catch fire back east because they were so polluted. We just can not go back to those days. Please.	The Water Quality Division of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) regulates water quality issues of this nature in the state. Water Quality has been recognized as critical for Colorado's water future. The CWCB is working closely with the Water Quality Control Division and the Basin Roundtables in order to address Colorado's Water Quality needs. This is further explored in Section 7.3.
25	10/10/2014	Dean Nafziger, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	I live in SW Co., aranching recreational area ,our economy is dependant on water. The economy aside , to preserve this for our children and the world at large ,conservation of what we have is essential.	The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation as a critical component to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored. These topics are explored in Section 6.3.
26	10/10/2014	Melissa Widdel, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	Our water is our lively hood. Please help us protect ourselves and the future.	Your comment aligns with the four values driving Colorado's Water Plan. Those four values are 1) vibrant and sustainable cities, 2) viable and productive agriculture, 3) a robust recreation and tourism industry, and 4) a thriving environment that includes healthy watersheds, rivers, streams, and wildlife.
27	10/10/2014	Holly Pettit, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	My name is Holly Pettit and I have lived in Colorado my entire life. I am raising my own three children now here in Colorado. We are passionate about nature, the environment, and this beautiful state we call home. We spend a big portion of our lives outdoors enjoying nature...hiking, biking, skiing, fishing, rafting, boating, swimming...We care about the future of our rivers here in Colorado. We must protect Colorado and our rivers that run through it. We need to increase water conservation in cities and towns. We need to make a certain percentage of all yards mandatory xeric gardens. Lawn care is a huge WASTE of water. And we must reduce the waste of water and keep our water clean. Please outlaw new diversions to our rivers. Thank you for your time and commitment to protecting our rivers here in Colorado.	The CWCB and the Basin Roundtables will be working to support conservation, environment, and recreation in the Basin Implementation Plans and draft of Colorado's Water Plan. Meeting Colorado's nonconsumptive needs is a critical aspect of Colorado's Water Plan. Xeriscape lawns are allowed statewide. Colorado water allocation and governance has always been guided by local users meeting local needs and Colorado's Water Plan will not change that. Rather than diminishing local control or authority over water, Colorado's Water Plan seeks to strengthen local decision-makers' ability to achieve regional and statewide water solutions. To that effect, Colorado's Water Plan will work to encourage, rather than mandate, several of the points presented in the comments.
28	10/10/2014	Jerry Unruh, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	A combination of population growth, climate change, and initial poor understanding of the the average flow rates have led to a real water crisis in Colorado, particularly with respect of the Colorado River. It strikes me that most of the suggested solutions are to build more dams and/or more river basin transfers. Neither of these solutions make sense. Colorado's rivers are now over committed. Reservoirs can only store the average flow of the river minus evapotranspiration. Since reservoirs increase evaporation and the rivers are already over committed, it is foolish to try to solve the problem with more dams. Likewise, further draining basins will leave Colorado's Western Slope rather like California's Owens Valley. These are absurd non-solutions. The only rational solutions are associated with using less water. The populated Eastern Slope must reduce demand via conservation, recycling, etc. Since most water in Colorado is used for irrigation, we must start reforming how crops are irrigated and what crops are grown. Cities need to maintain strict water rationing and a tiered rate structure. Despite the "yuck" factor people need to understand that the only people who are not using recycled water are those at the water source. Finally, my wife and I are walking our talk. We are moderately conservative; our 14-year average water use is about 75 gallons/day. It can be said that we are only a two person household but the average household in Colorado is only about 2.5, so we are hardly unique. If the West, and Colorado in particular, are to prosper, we need to start treating water as the finite resource it is and live within that reality.	Colorado's Water Plan and the technical work that supports it includes three growth scenarios: low-growth, mid-growth, high-growth. As water planners, Colorado must prepare for any of these future possibilities as we do not have control over the state's economy and how many people are born or choose to move here. While some communities choose to limit growth, doing so on a broad statewide scale is untenable and unconstitutional. The CWCB is working with each basin on their Basin Implementation Plan and will continue to encourage all interested parties to do the same. The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation and reuse as critical components to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored. These topics are explored in Section 6.3. Agricultural water sharing and modernizing agricultural efficiencies are aspects of Colorado's Water Plan and included in Section 6.4 and Subsection 6.3.4

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29	10/10/2014	Diane Curlette, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	I am a Colorado native and now an elder. Youth on the Western slope, adulthood on the Eastern slope, I truly love and revere all of our state. The time of massive diversions is over and they should be outlawed. The time of thoughtless limitless "development" is over and should be controlled with higher market rates for water and more emphasis on reuse and conservation. The time for water-smart landscaping and conservation is now so we can have beautiful surroundings and maximum beneficial use of this precious resource. The time for protecting our beautiful rural areas and economies is now. Please devise a water plan which supports these values. Future generations will praise your forethought. Thanks.	Colorado's Water Plan will not include any specific water projects. The CWCB would like to encourage multipurpose projects and full mitigation. Xeriscape lawns are allowed statewide. Colorado water allocation and governance has always been guided by local users meeting local needs and Colorado's Water Plan will not change that. Rather than diminishing local control or authority over water, Colorado's Water Plan seeks to strengthen local decision-makers' ability to achieve regional and statewide water solutions. To that effect, Colorado's Water Plan will work to encourage, rather than mandate, several of the points presented in the comments. The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation and reuse as critical components to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored. These topics are explored in Section 6.3.
30	10/10/2014	Carrie J. Martin, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	I'm an editor of a magazine for our enlisted veterans and when I'm not working I love to head to one of our state's lakes or rivers to soak up some peace of mind that always comes to me when I'm by water. The unrestricted, natural flow is epic and authentic. Please help inspire us towards more water conservation in cities and towns, outlaw new diversions and help us continue to reduce water waste.	The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation and reuse as critical components to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored. These topics are explored in Section 6.3. Regarding diversions, Colorado's Water Plan will not include any specific water projects. The CWCB would like to encourage multipurpose projects and full mitigation.
31	10/10/2014	Alice Green, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	I am a native of Denver, Colorado. I have lived in many other states and the ONLY one I've ever wanted to live in forever is Colorado. As a senior citizen on a fixed income, I treasure the many beautiful sights to enjoy here and hope they will be taken care of by our generation so those coming after us can love and enjoy them as well. Without our rivers Colorado would be a desert with few trees and flowers and birds. Without water none of us would be able to live in this wonderful state. Please protect our water, our rivers, our lakes and our way of life. Without our rivers Colorado would be empty of almost all life, including human life.	The four values driving Colorado's Water Plan recognize the importance of Colorado's beauty. Those four values are 1) vibrant and sustainable cities, 2) viable and productive agriculture, 3) a robust recreation and tourism industry, and 4) a thriving environment that includes healthy watersheds, rivers, streams, and wildlife. The CWCB and the Basin Roundtables will be working to support conservation, environment, and recreation in the Basin Implementation Plans and draft of Colorado's Water Plan. Meeting Colorado's nonconsumptive needs is a critical aspect of Colorado's Water Plan.
32	10/10/2014	Linda Jantz, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	I am a 4th generation resident of Colorado, my ancestors loved the rivers for fishing, playing and relaxing. We have been taught to respect the land, the rivers and the wildlife. I want these rivers preserved for the generations to come. Please do whatever is necessary to protect them.	Your comments are aligned with the four values driving Colorado's Water Plan. Those four values are 1) vibrant and sustainable cities, 2) viable and productive agriculture, 3) a robust recreation and tourism industry, and 4) a thriving environment that includes healthy watersheds, rivers, streams, and wildlife.
33	10/10/2014	Jill Bescher, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	There is nothing more therapeutic than sitting by a mountain stream. As an avid hiker we must take the very best care of our environment. It is vital for our children's future that we conserve our delicate water supply.	Your comments are aligned with the four values driving Colorado's Water Plan. Those four values are 1) vibrant and sustainable cities, 2) viable and productive agriculture, 3) a robust recreation and tourism industry, and 4) a thriving environment that includes healthy watersheds, rivers, streams, and wildlife.
34	10/10/2014	Doug Cecere, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	As you know, our state's water resources are already stretched too thin and population is expected to double by 2050 while climate change places even greater strain on water supplies. So far, the answer has been to take more and more water from our rivers. But the rivers don't have much, if any, left to give. Plans for new dams or diversions are currently under consideration. These massive water projects cost billions to build, harm our environment, wreck our rivers, and increase our water bills. Water conservation, especially in our cities and towns, is faster, better, and cheaper.	Colorado's Water Plan will not include any specific water projects. The CWCB would like to encourage multipurpose projects and full mitigation. The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation and reuse as critical components to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored. These topics are explored in Section 6.3.
35	10/10/2014	Sloan Shoemaker, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	I am rafter, kayaker, angler, and, most importantly, a parent raising two young girls to respect and enjoy Colorado's precious rivers. Recent data shows that the world has lost 1/2 of its wildlife since the 1970s. Colorado and a few other western states are exceptions to that trend and that's not by accident. We as a state value and cherish our wildlife and the habitat they depend on to flourish. People from all over the world come to Colorado to enjoy what we've done a good job of protecting...and they spend billions of dollars while they visit. Healthy aquatic habitat plays an immensely important role in Colorado's way of life and in our economy. We need an "all of the above" approach to keep our rivers healthy, clean and full.	Your comments are aligned with the four values driving Colorado's Water Plan. Those four values are 1) vibrant and sustainable cities, 2) viable and productive agriculture, 3) a robust recreation and tourism industry, and 4) a thriving environment that includes healthy watersheds, rivers, streams, and wildlife. The CWCB and the Basin Roundtables will be working to support conservation, environment, and recreation in the Basin Implementation Plans and draft of Colorado's Water Plan. Meeting Colorado's nonconsumptive needs is a critical aspect of Colorado's Water Plan.
36	10/10/2014	Shanti Dechen, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	I am a nature lover and a native of Colorado. The rivers are the life blood of Colorado and there are very few pristine areas left. Please assist in reducing pollution of our rivers and create more conservation and water waste in cities and towns.	Your comments are aligned with the four values driving Colorado's Water Plan. Those four values are 1) vibrant and sustainable cities, 2) viable and productive agriculture, 3) a robust recreation and tourism industry, and 4) a thriving environment that includes healthy watersheds, rivers, streams, and wildlife. The CWCB and the Basin Roundtables will be working to support conservation, environment, and recreation in the Basin Implementation Plans and draft of Colorado's Water Plan. Meeting Colorado's nonconsumptive needs is a critical aspect of Colorado's Water Plan. The Water Quality Division of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) regulates water quality issues of this nature in the state. Water Quality has been recognized as critical for Colorado's water future. The CWCB is working closely with the Water Quality Control Division and the Basin Roundtables in order to address Colorado's Water Quality needs. This is further explored in Section 7.3.

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37	10/10/2014	Linda Peterson, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	I have been an avid hiker and boater in Colorado for my whole adult life. I also drink a lot of water. I care about Colorado's rivers because I raft and hike along rivers and streams and see how beautiful they are with their meanderings, white water, and colorful cottonwoods. I strongly believe that the Colorado state plan for water should include more water conservation and reduction of water waste in cities and towns. We are flushing much water down toilets and letting it drain down sinks. As far as I can tell, there is little emphasis on education about water conservation. In our household, our water usage is about half that of other households because we make an effort to conserve. I also strongly object to the profligate use of water for fracking. In a state that is semi-arid, I do not think we have enough water for fracking and I cannot understand why this practice is being pushed on us. We need a plan that supports people's use of water, and not oil and gas companies. It is time to stop ruining so much water through fracking. We definitely need to continue to use water for farming. We need that food. Thanks you for considering my comments.	The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation and reuse as critical components to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored. These topics are explored in Section 6.3. The development of Colorado's Water Plan has helped to raise the level of importance placed on education and outreach statewide related to water supply planning. The CWCB is working together with the Basin Roundtables (BRTs) to expand education and outreach activities related to raising awareness regarding the issues presented in the webform comments submitted and Section 9.5 Outreach, Education, and Public Engagement will include recommendations on continuing education on these topics long-term. Fracking currently uses approximately 18,000 acre feet per year, which is a very small proportion of Colorado's overall water use. However, there may be some areas where there are greater regional effects. In addition, power plants that burn natural gas to make energy use less water than traditional power plants. Therefore, from an overall resource management perspective, fracking and the resulting energy production do not consume a significant amount of water compared to current levels. Colorado's Water Plan seeks to work collaboratively to uphold Colorado's water values and does not put a value judgement on any one beneficial use.
38	10/10/2014	Michele Ostrander, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	Hi my name is Michele and I am a recent graduate of the University of Colorado in Boulder. My degree is in Environmental Science, and after four years of study, I feel that water conservation is a major issue in the West (and globally). One law that I believe should be reviewed is the ban on rain water capturing, because if we were able to capture and store rainwater, we would use less of our groundwater to use on our landscapes, etc. Please check out the study done by Jason Gerhardt in Boulder, he is an excellent resource on why the current law does not make sense. Also if you could review the regulations for farm-land water use in the San Luis Valley, because it seems that a lot of water is wasted. Many farmers use more water than they need so they are able to maintain their ownership rights to water. If they would not be punished for not using all of their allocated water, they would perhaps waste less. Thank you for considering these laws and making changes that will help conserve and protect our waters.	Rainwater harvesting does have some limitations within current Colorado water law. The Prior Appropriation Doctrine, which is in Colorado's Constitution, typically dictates that rainwater is used by a downstream user. However, the CWCB maintains a rainwater harvesting pilot program to explore how rainwater harvesting can be used. This is further discussed in Subsection 6.3.1. Agricultural water sharing and modernizing agricultural efficiencies are aspects of Colorado's Water Plan and included in Section 6.4 and Subsection 6.3.4.
39	10/10/2014	Brandy Christy, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	I am a Colorado Native and Mother. I grew up hiking, camping, and fishing from the Colorado rivers, lakes and streams. I now have the opportunity to share these things with my two sons. For my family, it is not just a tradition, it is a way of life. We need to protect what makes Colorado such an amazing place to grow up, and raise a family, one of which is our Colorado rivers, lakes, and streams. Let us learn from the actions of other states who are currently struggling through droughts, lack of water resources, and other related issues. I believe education is the first place to start. Many people do not see, and or believe there is a water problem, or that they need to be conservative with water. I would like to start seeing conservation campaigns in their way of commercials, school education programs, and community programs to remind the masses how precious our water really is.	The development of Colorado's Water Plan has helped to raise the level of importance placed on education and outreach statewide related to water supply planning. The CWCB is working together with the Basin Roundtables (BRTs) to expand education and outreach activities related to raising awareness regarding the issues presented in the webform comments submitted and Section 9.5 Outreach, Education, and Public Engagement will include recommendations on continuing education on these topics long-term. The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation as a critical component to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored. These topics are explored in Section 6.3.
40	10/10/2014	Steven Wallace, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	First things first, we must consider water conservation in any statewide water plan. I have lived in Colorado for 39 years now, and my grandparents and parents were Colorado residents before I was born. Although I do not fish or raft, I love the flow of water and the beauty of Colorado's many stream valleys. More dams just mean more inundated valleys and more profit for Colorado's water buffaloes and developers. Inundating Colorado's river valleys also obliterates many valuable geologic, paleontological, archaeological, and historic resources. Impacts to these natural and cultural resources are largely irreversible and often not adequately mitigated, especially in the course of past and proposed dambuilding projects in Colorado. More native grasses and fewer Kentucky bluegrass lawns would be a start; mandate native grasses in new housing and light industrial developments. Lining dirt irrigation canals and piping irrigation water should be a priority effort in water conservation. Fracking requires mass quantities of water, some of which can be reused, some of which can't. A strong effort to increase the use of solar and wind energy, while phasing out oil and gas drilling will contribute to water savings. We need water conservation first and foremost.	The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation and reuse as critical components to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored. These topics are explored in Section 6.3. Regarding bluegrass, Colorado water allocation and governance has always been guided by local users meeting local needs and Colorado's Water Plan will not change that. Rather than diminishing local control or authority over water, Colorado's Water Plan seeks to strengthen local decision-makers' ability to achieve regional and statewide water solutions. To that effect, Colorado's Water Plan will work to encourage, rather than mandate, several of the points presented in the comments.
41	10/10/2014	Cora Sue Fuller, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	I am a retired mortgage banker enjoying my life in Colorado. I enjoy fishing, boating and drinking water, bathing and watering my garden and flowers. I believe the state is the caretaker and guardian of our rivers and streams and lakes and should not be sending the water into the depths of the earth never to return. I believe conservation is paramount and protection from pollution is good stewardship. Please protect our water.	The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation and reuse as critical components to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored. These topics are explored in Section 6.3.
42	10/10/2014	Kelly Smith, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	My name is Kelly Smith, and I'm a Colorado, born and raised, never lived anywhere else, native. I support water CONSERVATION. Our state is so perfect, so beautiful and magical and I believe it's because Coloradans care. We care about our open space, parks, city and neighborhoods. I'd like to see all of our resources to be respectfully and thoughtfully appreciated. Let's push for water conservation. Let's teach ourselves, future generations and anyone who cares about the integrity of our land through example. We've done enough damage.	The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation and reuse as critical components to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored. These topics are explored in Section 6.3.
43	10/10/2014	s watson, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	water is life. it can't be something that is just for the rich and powerful as so many things are in our society. it makes no sense in the long run to divert rural water to keep on building new subdivisions when we can barely maintain what we have.	Regarding diversions, Colorado's Water Plan will not include any specific water projects. The CWCB would like to encourage multipurpose projects and full mitigation.
44	10/10/2014	Davina van Buren, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	As an environmental journalist, I am deeply concerned about plans to construct more dams and diversions in our state. This is extremely harmful to fish and other wildlife who depend on healthy rivers to survive. Please protect Colorado's rivers and delicate high desert ecosystem by focusing on conservation instead.	Colorado's Water Plan will not include any specific water projects. The CWCB would like to encourage multipurpose projects and full mitigation. The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation and reuse as critical components to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored. These topics are explored in Section 6.3.

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45	10/10/2014	Nicholas DiCarlo, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	I am a Summit County resident that loves the outdoors. I love to hike and fish and rivers are a huge part of it. We need to stop wasting and start conserving our precious water!	Your comments are aligned with the four values driving Colorado's Water Plan. Those four values are 1) vibrant and sustainable cities, 2) viable and productive agriculture, 3) a robust recreation and tourism industry, and 4) a thriving environment that includes healthy watersheds, rivers, streams, and wildlife.
46	10/10/2014	Karen King, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	I am a Teacher and environmentalist. My spiritual life is interwoven with all of Nature. As water is what keeps so much alive and thriving, I see the importance that Colorado have a cutting edge plan in place. With such a gorgeous state that relies on tourism and sports and nature lovers, we need to represent ourselves as LEADERS with future visions to support the need for clean water.	Your comments are aligned with the four values driving Colorado's Water Plan. Those four values are 1) vibrant and sustainable cities, 2) viable and productive agriculture, 3) a robust recreation and tourism industry, and 4) a thriving environment that includes healthy watersheds, rivers, streams, and wildlife.
47	10/10/2014	Mark Meeks, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	All the studies I'm seeing regarding our future this century and beyond emphasizes serious struggles to have enough water. It is not happenstance that we have a National Park in our state called Mesa Verde, where it seems drought forced abandonment. We must not have water policies firmly fixed in the past 20th Century, but rather we must face the urgency of today, protect our water, and work for a viable future for our loved ones who are young and not able to decide for their future themselves. Please help us have water 'sufficient unto each day'. Please help us face the challenges pressuring us now and not live as if the immediate past is decisive for our future.	Your comments are aligned with the four values driving Colorado's Water Plan. Those four values are 1) vibrant and sustainable cities, 2) viable and productive agriculture, 3) a robust recreation and tourism industry, and 4) a thriving environment that includes healthy watersheds, rivers, streams, and wildlife.
48	10/10/2014	Mark Lamotte, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	Hello, My name is Mark Lamotte and I'm writing to you to put water conservation on a high level of importance for the future of our state. I enjoy the the scenery that our rivers, streams and lakes provide all of us here Colorado. Promote water conservation in our cities and towns to insure the beauty of our state.	The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation as a critical component to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored. These topics are explored in Section 6.3.
49	10/10/2014	Vincent Nicoletti, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	Water is our most precious commodity and here in Colorado we need to conserve all we can. We can't wait until there is a crisis. We need to intelligently govern how water is used before it's too late. All stakeholders need to have a voice and none should overshadow any other.	Each Basin Roundtable is made up of a diverse set of stakeholders and the inclusion of both an environmental and recreational representative is required by the Colorado Water for the 21st Century Act. In addition, representatives from each county, municipalities within each county, industry, agriculture, and domestic water suppliers are required. Lastly, a representative from each water conservation and conservancy district are also mandated. There are also several other at large seats, and many of these are held by environmental interests, and many of the local government representatives are also focused on environmental and recreational issues since their citizens care about these topics and the area may be dependent on tourism.
50	10/10/2014	Natalie Parker, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	I am a concerned citizen. As far as water conservation goes in our state, I want to see a farmers-first consideration and not water use for fracking taking precedence. Gas/oil companies should not usurp farmers' and ranchers' water use. Tighter controls should be placed on lawn and garden watering across Colorado's cities. Much water is wasted with over-watering and inappropriate plant and sod choices for our climate.	Agricultural water sharing and modernizing agricultural efficiencies are aspects of Colorado's Water Plan and included in Section 6.4 and Subsection 6.3.4. Fracking currently uses approximately 18,000 acre feet per year, which is a very small proportion of Colorado's overall water use. However, there may be some areas where there are greater regional effects. In addition, power plants that burn natural gas to make energy use less water than traditional power plants. Therefore, from an overall resource management perspective, fracking and the resulting energy production do not consume a significant amount of water compared to current levels. Colorado's Water Plan seeks to work collaboratively to uphold Colorado's water values and does not put a value judgement on any one beneficial use. Xeriscape lawns are allowed statewide. Colorado water allocation and governance has always been guided by local users meeting local needs and Colorado's Water Plan will not change that. Rather than diminishing local control or authority over water, Colorado's Water Plan seeks to strengthen local decision-makers' ability to achieve regional and statewide water solutions. To that effect, Colorado's Water Plan will work to encourage, rather than mandate, several of the points presented in the comments.
51	10/10/2014	Joshua J. Bacon, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	I am an avid sportsman who enjoys hunting and fishing on Colorado rivers. I would like to see your office do more to decrease pollution and water waste while promoting natural flora and fauna in one of Colorado's most valuable natural assets, our rivers and streams. To do this I think the state should be more progressive in controlling pollution from storm drains, pesticide and animal waste runoff and output from manufacturing and water treatment facilities. Thank you so much for your time.	The Water Quality Division of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) regulates water quality issues of this nature in the state. Water Quality has been recognized as critical for Colorado's water future. The CWCB is working closely with the Water Quality Control Division and the Basin Roundtables in order to address Colorado's Water Quality needs. This is further explored in Section 7.3.
52	10/10/2014	Ralph Porter, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	Our wonderful state (adopted in 1988 in my case) is home to some wonderful rivers, beautiful, nearly wild in some cases, some still clean, others needing cleanup, but all are part of the reason I love my adopted home. It's a balancing act, I get that, but let's try to not divert water when ever it's possible. It's really not a sustainable solution. Population and industry needs to be managed along the front range if these great waters are to survive for Gwen and Eva (my young granddaughters) to experience them the way you and I have. That's important, it's the reason I don't leave. As a retired environmental consultant, I understand a little of what your team must face but I'm not a watershed guy, not a hydrologist, just a Colorado resident. In my neighborhood thick, long, deep green lawn is the norm and indeed to some degree mandated by the HOA. I submit maybe it's time to discourage water intensive landscapes. Maybe we can focus this round on, water for agriculture, water for people to drink, and water for the rivers to grow beautiful and plentiful trout for me to chase. Seriously, the water departments and state government could help with the HOA problems along the front range.	Your comments are aligned with the four values driving Colorado's Water Plan. Those four values are 1) vibrant and sustainable cities, 2) viable and productive agriculture, 3) a robust recreation and tourism industry, and 4) a thriving environment that includes healthy watersheds, rivers, streams, and wildlife. Regarding your comments on diversions, Colorado's Water Plan will not include any specific water projects. The CWCB would like to encourage multipurpose projects and full mitigation. In terms of population, Colorado's Water Plan and the technical work that supports it includes three growth scenarios: low-growth, mid-growth, high-growth. As water planners, Colorado must prepare for any of these future possibilities as we do not have control over the state's economy and how many people are born or choose to move here. While some communities choose to limit growth, doing so on a broad statewide scale is untenable and unconstitutional. The CWCB is working with each basin on their Basin Implementation Plan and will continue to encourage all interested parties to do the same. Finally, it is currently illegal for Homeowners' Associations in Colorado to require bluegrass lawns, and xeriscape lawns are allowed statewide. Colorado water allocation and governance has always been guided by local users meeting local needs and Colorado's Water Plan will not change that. Rather than diminishing local control or authority over water, Colorado's Water Plan seeks to strengthen local decision-makers' ability to achieve regional and statewide water solutions. To that effect, Colorado's Water Plan will work to encourage, rather than mandate, several of the points presented in the comments.

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53	10/10/2014	Andrea Vagelatos, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	I am retired and love walking and hiking in this beautiful state, especially along the creeks and rivers. This unbelievable beauty must be maintained! Let us outlaw new diversions and reduce water waste to preserve our rivers!	Your comments are aligned with the four values driving Colorado's Water Plan. Those four values are 1) vibrant and sustainable cities, 2) viable and productive agriculture, 3) a robust recreation and tourism industry, and 4) a thriving environment that includes healthy watersheds, rivers, streams, and wildlife. Regarding diversions, Colorado's Water Plan will not include any specific water projects. The CWCB would like to encourage multipurpose projects and full mitigation. The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will also incorporate conservation and reuse as critical components to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored. These topics are explored in Section 6.3.
54	10/10/2014	Kris Jeter, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	As a retired rancher who has lived through a few droughts, having to buy hay, sell cattle and restart herds -- so that we can have natural, organic beef to eat -- I care about water. Urban as well as rural areas need to conserve water and reduce water waste.	The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation and reuse as critical components to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored. Topics regarding agricultural and municipal conservation are explored in Section 6.3.
55	10/10/2014	Zvia Bird, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	I have lived in beautiful Manitou Springs for 12 years. I am a voter, home owner with my own business. Colorado's Rivers are deeply important to us all. Clean healthy water is important to us all and is a very precious resource. Wildlife, tourism, agriculture, people and all of life depend on it. We need to incorporate safeguards into our water plan to make the most effective conservation plans we can, to clean up our lakes and rivers, pass laws that protect our water from being diverted elsewhere and basically to do everything we can to keep our water safe. With climate change that is and has occurred we must recognize now and enact a plan that will keep our Colorado water safe and pure for future generations. No living being including plants and wildlife can exist without water. As a person who was evacuated from my home and business during the Waldo Canyon fire, I can not emphasize enough the importance of taking action today to get the strongest plan in place in favor of our natural and beautiful rivers, streams and lakes.	Your comments are aligned with the four values driving Colorado's Water Plan. Those four values are 1) vibrant and sustainable cities, 2) viable and productive agriculture, 3) a robust recreation and tourism industry, and 4) a thriving environment that includes healthy watersheds, rivers, streams, and wildlife. The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation and reuse as critical components to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored. These topics are explored in Section 6.3. Climate change could have a serious effect on Colorado's water supplies, consequently, Colorado's Water Plan factors in a altered climate in 3 of the 5 scenarios examined in the planning process. Additionally, Climate change is addressed throughout Colorado's Water Plan, as it is likely to effect a multitude of sectors. However, the exact impacts of climate change remain uncertain; and while it is clear temperature's are, and will continue, rising, there is less consensus surrounding precipitation. Scenario planning enables the state to prepare for a wide range of possible futures to capture, and prepare for, such uncertainty. Specific climate change adaptation and mitigation recommendations are not addressed in Colorado's Water Plan but are being addressed through other statewide efforts.
56	10/10/2014	Michelle Gibbons, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	I am a Colorado citizen who drinks water, hikes by water, and I have lived here a very long time. Our rivers are headwaters that help supply two thirds of the country with drinking water. Our rivers are vital to the survival of our prosperity and way of life. Water conservation is easier than it sounds. Parks with grass rather than each household's lawn. Low flow toilets. Reuse of gray water. These would all make a difference and set an example for the users down stream.	The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation and reuse, including graywater, as critical components to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored. These topics are explored in Section 6.3. Regarding lawns, xeriscape lawns are allowed statewide. Colorado water allocation and governance has always been guided by local users meeting local needs and Colorado's Water Plan will not change that. Rather than diminishing local control or authority over water, Colorado's Water Plan seeks to strengthen local decision-makers' ability to achieve regional and statewide water solutions. To that effect, Colorado's Water Plan will work to encourage, rather than mandate, several of the points presented in the comments.
57	10/10/2014	Staci Samuelson, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	I am a mom and outdoor enthusiast who is also a Colorado native!! I love to go hiking and biking and anything outdoors to enjoy the wonderful sunshine and beauty of Colorado. The rivers make it even more pretty and the sound is amazing. We have got to encourage water conservation in cities and towns. Making people aware of their water use and the fact that it is THEIR responsibility to save our rivers can make a difference.	The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation as a critical component to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored. These topics are explored in Section 6.3. The development of Colorado's Water Plan has helped to raise the level of importance placed on education and outreach statewide related to water supply planning. The CWCB is working together with the Basin Roundtables (BRTS) to expand education and outreach activities related to raising awareness regarding the issues presented in the webform comments submitted and Section 9.5 Outreach, Education, and Public Engagement will include recommendations on continuing education on these topics long-term.
58	10/10/2014	Bill Kelley, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	Please protect our beautiful land and help support clean ways of business and energy.	Your comments are aligned with the four values driving Colorado's Water Plan. Those four values are 1) vibrant and sustainable cities, 2) viable and productive agriculture, 3) a robust recreation and tourism industry, and 4) a thriving environment that includes healthy watersheds, rivers, streams, and wildlife.
59	10/10/2014	Tarey Archer, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	I have been a rafter for thirty three years, a fisherman all my life, and a person who has loved the rivers for all they have to offer. They are a precious resource that needs our protection. They are being attacked by everything from chemicals to over use. Please do your part to protect them so that future generations can enjoy and live with what we all need to sustain life itself!!!!	The Water Quality Division of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) regulates water quality issues of this nature in the state. Water Quality has been recognized as critical for Colorado's water future. The CWCB is working closely with the Water Quality Control Division and the Basin Roundtables in order to address Colorado's Water Quality needs. This is further explored in Section 7.3.
60	10/10/2014	Ron Standley, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	Once we allow our waters, surface or ground, to be poisoned, there are no technologies existing today to return water to purity. If our water wells are poisoned, real estate values will plummet. Folks paying taxes on their rural properties will walk away, leaving gaping holes in your tax base - AND - they will walk away from their mortgages causing chaos in the banking industry - AGAIN. Where will YOU relocate to to find clean water again? PLEASE don't ruin our local economy because you can't provide guidance and motivation to move our energy economy into the 21st century - PLEASE!	The Water Quality Division of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) regulates water quality issues of this nature in the state. Water Quality has been recognized as critical for Colorado's water future. The CWCB is working closely with the Water Quality Control Division and the Basin Roundtables in order to address Colorado's Water Quality needs. This is further explored in Section 7.3.
61	10/10/2014	Jeannine Powers, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	As a Registered Nurse, I believe that public policy which protects our clean, potable water is the most essential and basic public health action which we MUST take in order to ensure the survival of our species and planet. No amount of earthly wealth means a thing without clean water. Please ensure our future and that of our children by enacting the broadest protections of Colorado rivers.	The Water Quality Division of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) regulates water quality issues of this nature in the state. Water Quality has been recognized as critical for Colorado's water future. The CWCB is working closely with the Water Quality Control Division and the Basin Roundtables in order to address Colorado's Water Quality needs. This is further explored in Section 7.3.

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62	10/10/2014	Ramonna Robinson, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	I am a Coloradan who love all that Colorado has to offer outdoors -- hiking, climbing, skiing, kayaking and more, and that's one reason I care about Colorado's rivers. But more importantly than my personal enjoyment is that water provides life, and the Colorado River is in danger because so much water is taken from it. I would like to see more conservation efforts in cities and towns across Colorado and prefer that no new dams/diversions be constructed. Thank you for considering my comments and for the actions you'll take to protect the Colorado River and conserve water statewide.	The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation and reuse as critical components to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored. These topics are explored in Section 6.3. Regarding new dams/diversions, Colorado's Water Plan will not include any specific water projects. The CWCB would like to encourage multipurpose projects and full mitigation.
63	10/10/2014	Mary Joyce, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	I am writing to you today about my concerns about the lack of water conservation in Colorado. I am a parent, a teacher, and a 30 year river runner. I care deeply about Colorado's rivers and believe that we need to do all we can to protect this beautiful natural resource now. Please consider prioritizing water conservation in our cities and towns; educate and enlist our population to join together in this effort. The people of Colorado want to sustain this valuable resource and just need leadership and direction from you to move forward together. Please do not move in the direction of more water diversions and dams! This will only delay more the important work we need to do - water conservation. Thank you for considering my comments.	The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation and reuse as critical components to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored. These topics are explored in Section 6.3. Regarding new dams/diversions, Colorado's Water Plan will not include any specific water projects. The CWCB would like to encourage multipurpose projects and full mitigation.
64	10/10/2014	Carol Peterson, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	I grew up on a farm in Larimer County, so I know firsthand that Colorado water is the life blood of our state. I have many wonderful memories of picnics and hikes along the Poudre River and drives up the Big Thompson Canyon as a child. The state plan for our water needs to make sure that 1) water conservation protects our ecosystems and our water quality and 2)requires cities, towns and industry (especially the oil and gas industry) to establish specific goals and implementation of plans to reduce water usage and waste.	The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation and reuse as critical components to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored. These topics are explored in Section 6.3.
65	10/10/2014	Patricia Summers, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	I am a native of Colorado so for many years the rivers have been of utmost importance in my Love for this state. I hike, fish and camp alongside them. Please don't allow any big Projects to come in and destroy the Divine beauty of Colorado's Rivers! Praying that you will understand and act accordingly.	Colorado's Water Plan will not include any specific water projects. The CWCB would like to encourage multipurpose projects and full mitigation.
66	10/10/2014	Jeff Darden, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	My name is Jeff Darden and I'm a former Park Ranger, avid fly fisherman and outdoorsman here in beautiful Colorado! I've fished, boated and hiked the banks of many of our most precious rivers here in Colorado. I think the state water plan should provide our rivers with more protection, less diversions and reduce waste water from companies who care more about profit than the health of our communities!	Your comments are aligned with the four values driving Colorado's Water Plan. Those four values are 1) vibrant and sustainable cities, 2) viable and productive agriculture, 3) a robust recreation and tourism industry, and 4) a thriving environment that include healthy watersheds, rivers, streams, and wildlife. Regarding new diversions, Colorado's Water Plan will not include any specific water projects. The CWCB would like to encourage multipurpose projects and full mitigation.
67	10/10/2014	Jay Gingrich, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	As a Colorado mountain resident for most of my 68 years, I see firsthand the costs and benefits of water use and waste. Excessive irrigation of non-native plants is a huge waste of water. In many places water conserving fixtures are not used to reduce consumption. We have excellent water quality, yet marketers convince visitors and residents that they need bottled water. Bottled water consumes 3 times as much water as the bottle holds, just to make the bottles. To this add the energy that it takes to transport the bottled water, and the litter and waste from empty bottles. Protect and promote the quality of our water supplies, and urge people to drink from reusable bottles. We can do much better to conserve water and protect water quality, without any noticeable impact on our quality of life.	The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation and reuse as critical components to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored. These topics are explored in Section 6.3. The development of Colorado's Water Plan has helped to raise the level of importance placed on education and outreach statewide related to water supply planning. The CWCB is working together with the Basin Roundtables (BRTS) to expand education and outreach activities related to raising awareness regarding the issues presented in the webform comments submitted and Section 9.5 Outreach, Education, and Public Engagement will include recommendations on continuing education on these topics long-term.
68	10/10/2014	Wayne Flick, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	As a life long native of Colorado, I want the lakes I fish in, the streams I fish in, the rivers I cross often, and the well water I drink to be pristine for my grandchildren and their grandchildren!! Let the western slope keep it's water. The eastern slope needs to find ways to conserve their water without having to rob us of ours. Stop oil companies et al from polluting water by carelessly fraking etc.	The Water Quality Division of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) regulates water quality issues of this nature in the state. Water Quality has been recognized as critical for Colorado's water future. The CWCB is working closely with the Water Quality Control Division and the Basin Roundtables in order to address Colorado's Water Quality needs. This is further explored in Section 7.3. With regard to new transmountain diversion projects, the IBCC provided a draft conceptual agreement which explored innovative ways to address this issue in a balanced manner. Scenario planning indicates that a new transmountain diversion may not be needed in the future, however some futures suggest that new transmountain diversions may be a necessary part of Colorado's water supply portfolio. Colorado's Water Plan will not include any specific transmountain water project, but it will discuss how we can move forward with this option should it be needed, based on the IBCC's work. Regarding fracking, it currently uses approximately 18,000 acre feet per year, which is a very small proportion of Colorado's overall water use. However, there may be some areas where there are greater regional effects. In addition, power plants that burn natural gas to make energy use less water than traditional power plants. Therefore, from an overall resource management perspective, fracking and the resulting energy production do not consume a significant amount of water compared to current levels. Colorado's Water Plan seeks to work collaboratively to uphold Colorado's water values and does not put a value judgement on any one beneficial use.
69	10/10/2014	Jeff Voth, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	I'm an outdoor enthusiast with a passion for fly fishing. Healthy rivers are important to me for more than just a place to fish. Rivers also support many different kinds of species of wildlife and plants that add to the beauty of Colorado. I hope the water plan for Colorado will be forward-thinking with respect to water conservation and limits on diverting water in order to protect the natural beauty and ecosystems that make our state a great place to live. We must not just think of water needs for cities, but we must think of water needs of the ecosystems for the environment around us. We have a great and beautiful state let's protect the water that is the lifeblood of our natural surroundings.	Your comments are aligned with the four values driving Colorado's Water Plan. Those four values are 1) vibrant and sustainable cities, 2) viable and productive agriculture, 3) a robust recreation and tourism industry, and 4) a thriving environment that includes healthy watersheds, rivers, streams, and wildlife. The CWCB and the Basin Roundtables will be working to support conservation, environment, and recreation in the Basin Implementation Plans and draft of Colorado's Water Plan. Meeting Colorado's nonconsumptive needs is a critical aspect of Colorado's Water Plan.

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70	10/10/2014	Andrea Risch, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	I am a native to Colorado since 1976, business owner, student, teacher, human. We need the rivers for fun as well as function...there is a reason they were there before we showed up. Outlaw new diversions, encourage water conservation, reduce water waste, encourage a healthy river ecosystem (the river's stay healthy when we don't mess with them. Learn from our Native American brothers & sisters...PLEASE.	Your comments are aligned with the four values driving Colorado's Water Plan. Those four values are 1) vibrant and sustainable cities, 2) viable and productive agriculture, 3) a robust recreation and tourism industry, and 4) a thriving environment that includes healthy watersheds, rivers, streams, and wildlife. The CWCB and the Basin Roundtables will be working to support conservation, environment, and recreation in the Basin Implementation Plans and draft of Colorado's Water Plan. Meeting Colorado's nonconsumptive needs is a critical aspect of Colorado's Water Plan. Regarding new diversions, Colorado's Water Plan will not include any specific water projects. The CWCB would like to encourage multipurpose projects and full mitigation.
71	10/10/2014	Stuart Halpern, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	As a long time business owner and tax paying resident of the state, it know is very hard to make the tough decisions to do the right thing when perhaps have the populations and constituents will vilify you for the efforts. As a life long conservation minded river user, it pains me to see the waste of water to support unsustainable lifestyle programs (watering streets, broken sprinkler systems and the subsidization of unsustainable agriculture programs and practices) for our food sources. Making the harder decisions sooner is always tougher than kicking the can down the road when choices are fewer or not at all. Minimizing waste water runoff, minimizing water diversions, maintaining in-stream inflows for fish habitation, not subsidizing water rates, taps and related permit fees would all help to mitigate this very challenging 21st century issue.	The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation and reuse as critical components to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored. These topics are explored in Section 6.3. Regarding diversions, Colorado's Water Plan will not include any specific water projects. The CWCB would like to encourage multipurpose projects and full mitigation. CWCB maintains and operates In Stream Flow and Natural Lake Level programs, both of which are highly regarded as some of the most successful programs of their kind in the Western US. Nonconsumptive needs are critically important aspects of the Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan. Although not fully tested, instream flows can be designed to directly benefit riparian areas, and the CWCB Stream and Lake Protection Section has been working with the BLM to design an approach to in-stream flows by providing a flood flow component in the spring.
72	10/10/2014	Sarah Cleaveland, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	I am writing to ask you not to disrupt our beautiful state with multiple water projects. We as America's all need to learn how to be more conservative with water. I believe education in the area of conservation would help rather than costly water projects!	Colorado's Water Plan will not include any specific water projects. The CWCB would like to encourage multipurpose projects and full mitigation. The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation and reuse as critical components to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored. These topics are explored in Section 6.3. The development of Colorado's Water Plan has helped to raise the level of importance placed on education and outreach statewide related to water supply planning. The CWCB is working together with the Basin Roundtables (BRTS) to expand education and outreach activities related to raising awareness regarding the issues presented in the webform comments submitted and Section 9.5 Outreach, Education, and Public Engagement will include recommendations on continuing education on these topics long-term.
73	10/10/2014	Joseph Szuszwalak, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	As an avid outdoor Colorado voter and citizen I implore you to do what you can to move our state forward on water policy. I, along with millions of other Coloradans, enjoy recreating on and preserving our state's natural water features. Please encourage more water conservation in cities, outlaw new diversions, reduce water waste, and refrain from the use of dams.	The CWCB and the Basin Roundtables will be working to support conservation, environment, and recreation in the Basin Implementation Plans and draft of Colorado's Water Plan. Meeting Colorado's nonconsumptive needs is a critical aspect of Colorado's Water Plan. Regarding dams and diversions, Colorado's Water Plan will not include any specific water projects. The CWCB would like to encourage multipurpose projects and full mitigation.
74	10/10/2014	Jack Ferrell, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	I'm a permaculture teacher, builder, farmer, and wilderness guide living in Paonia, CO. River health is not only a treasure in its own right for people and ecosystems, it's an expression of the health of the whole watershed. I've been extraordinarily concerned that deep pocket interests have taken over politics, and I'm writing to ask that rivers and water sheds be protected for the future and for the well-being of public and environmental health in our own generation from corporate interests that profit from externalizing costs such as pollution. Agricultural use of land and water is a huge part of this - diversified crops that are less mechanized and more labor intensive ensure that we don't let fields stand as bare ground, but that we promote great companion weeds instead. Irrigation must be done without spraying water high in the air on windy or rainy or sunny days. Politics is of the people by the people for the people, and I appreciate your taking the time to read this woefully abbreviated message and to act on behalf of citizens and environmental health.	Your comments are aligned with the four values driving Colorado's Water Plan. Those four values are 1) vibrant and sustainable cities, 2) viable and productive agriculture, 3) a robust recreation and tourism industry, and 4) a thriving environment that includes healthy watersheds, rivers, streams, and wildlife. Regarding agriculture, water sharing and modernizing agricultural efficiencies are aspects of Colorado's Water Plan and included in Section 6.4 and Subsection 6.3.4.
75	10/10/2014	Judy Masters, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	We have states on the Eastern and Southern plains that depend on water for crops and animals. We send tons of water to Las Vegas and California and let our own farmers and cattlemen die. It is not right. The Colorado River comes from snow and rain in Colorado and should stay in Colorado. Soon other states will be demanding all of Colorado's water to leave us to rot. The water belongs to all Colorado people first. Keep our water here. We do not have enough to supply the Western states.	The CWCB will work with the basin roundtables to firm our compact entitlements. Staff recommends commenter read "Citizen's Guide to Interstate Compacts" by the Colorado Foundation for Water Education.
76	10/10/2014	Dorothy Risty-Schon, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	I'm a senior, low-income grandmother, living here in our beautiful state of Colorado! We must protect our rivers and streams--think of the generations to come and what they will miss out on without them. Water is a basic part of life; and the rivers and streams are so precious. Please care--please do whatever is humanly possible to protect them and preserve them for all of us.	Your comments are aligned with the four values driving Colorado's Water Plan. Those four values are 1) vibrant and sustainable cities, 2) viable and productive agriculture, 3) a robust recreation and tourism industry, and 4) a thriving environment that includes healthy watersheds, rivers, streams, and wildlife.

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77	10/10/2014	Sonia ImMasche, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	I am a second generation Coloradan. My grandfather emigrated from Russia in 1912 and was a homesteader in eastern Weld County. Water was scarce then and it is even more scarce now. He survived the Dust Bowl, and became a cattle rancher, but he knew that it took at least one acre to sustain a cow/calf unit because he needed to do dry-land farming to be able to survive. He was a good steward of the land and the water and we, similarly, need to be good stewards. We need to work to help cities and towns convert landscaping to more xeric plants that can survive in our climate and use less water. We need to reduce water waste, and make ourselves better consumers of this precious resource. We also need to work in partnership with other states in our region to best use the water resources. Burgeoning growth in desert areas also is depleting the water supply. This needs to be brought under control and it will take a broad approach to cooperation among the states to make this happen. I want to be able to leave a good legacy for my grandchildren and their children - as well as the generations that will come after them.	Your comments are aligned with the four values driving Colorado's Water Plan. Those four values are 1) vibrant and sustainable cities, 2) viable and productive agriculture, 3) a robust recreation and tourism industry, and 4) a thriving environment that includes healthy watersheds, rivers, streams, and wildlife. Xeriscape lawns are allowed statewide. Colorado water allocation and governance has always been guided by local users meeting local needs and Colorado's Water Plan will not change that. Rather than diminishing local control or authority over water, Colorado's Water Plan seeks to strengthen local decision-makers' ability to achieve regional and statewide water solutions. To that effect, Colorado's Water Plan will work to encourage, rather than mandate, several of the points presented in the comments. The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation and reuse as critical components to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored. These topics are explored in Section 6.3. The state is working vigorously with other upper basin states and the Colorado River Basin as a whole to mitigate any risks Colorado may face with regard to compact compliance and other interstate issues.
78	10/10/2014	Patricia Kelley, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	I remember when my family (6 children) would drive up into the mountains around Cripple Creek, find a little campsite alongside the river and spend the days walking in the water, finding bits of garnet and turquoise and loving every minute of it..I would like my grandchildren (15) and great grandchildren (6) to be able to experience those same feelings...We now waste what is left of our precious water supply... and the days of crystal clear running rivers is over, I'm afraid...I watched the sprinklers going off for an hour in my apt complex when it was pouring rain...That's a crime.....	Your comments are aligned with the four values driving Colorado's Water Plan. Those four values are 1) vibrant and sustainable cities, 2) viable and productive agriculture, 3) a robust recreation and tourism industry, and 4) a thriving environment that includes healthy watersheds, rivers, streams, and wildlife.
79	10/10/2014	Dennis Duckett, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	As you consider writing Colorado's first water conservation plan I am writing to ask you to understand the importance of not only our rivers, but the also the tributaries to these flowing water bodies. I live in Nederland, Colorado which is graced with two creeks, North Beaver Creek and Middle Boulder Creek. I, along with other Nederland area citizens have worked hard to write and to get passed by our Board of Trustees, a sustainability resolution which recognizes and promotes the importance of preserving and restoring the health of the riparian corridors and the local watershed within our town. Recognition of this difficult and dedicated work by you as you consider a conservation plan will go a long ways to see the resolution is brought to fruition. We must remember the ecosystem services provided to us by all well functioning water body ecosystems in Colorado.	The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation and reuse as critical components to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored. These topics are explored in Section 6.3. Colorado water allocation and governance has always been guided by local users meeting local needs and Colorado's Water Plan will not change that. Rather than diminishing local control or authority over water, Colorado's Water Plan seeks to strengthen local decision-makers' ability to achieve regional and statewide water solutions. To that effect, Colorado's Water Plan will work to encourage, rather than mandate, several of the points presented in the comments.
80	10/10/2014	Deborah Baker, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	I'm a Colorado native who returned to Colorado after serving in the Air Force 28 years. I came home because it's the best place on earth. Please take care of this beautiful state! We need water conservation in every city to ensure our farmers can provide crops. Water conservation means we can sustain our water adventures for the long term. We need plans that will sustain us through the drought years. Please--use common sense that supports everyone, not just special interests!	Your comments are aligned with the four values driving Colorado's Water Plan. Those four values are 1) vibrant and sustainable cities, 2) viable and productive agriculture, 3) a robust recreation and tourism industry, and 4) a thriving environment that includes healthy watersheds, rivers, streams, and wildlife. The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation and reuse as critical components to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored. These topics are explored in Section 6.3.
81	10/10/2014	Rondi Smith , General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	I am a hiker and lover of Colorado's natural beauty. I care about our rivers because water is a precious resource, water renews and restores the land and it's inhabitants. Water grows crops and animals, provides for recreation, and creates beauty. Lets reduce water waste, lets keep our water to support our needs in our state before we sell it off to other states. Lets protect our aquifers from dangerous fracking and mining practices that contaminate and use up precious underground water stores.	Your comments are aligned with the four values driving Colorado's Water Plan. Those four values are 1) vibrant and sustainable cities, 2) viable and productive agriculture, 3) a robust recreation and tourism industry, and 4) a thriving environment that includes healthy watersheds, rivers, streams, and wildlife. The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation and reuse as critical components to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored. These topics are explored in Section 6.3. The state is working vigorously with other upper basin states and the Colorado River Basin as a whole to mitigate any risks Colorado may face with regard to compact compliance and other interstate issues. Fracking currently uses approximately 18,000 acre feet per year, which is a very small proportion of Colorado's overall water use. However, there may be some areas where there are greater regional effects. However, there may be some areas where there are greater regional effects. In addition, power plants that burn natural gas to make energy use less water than traditional power plants. Therefore, from an overall resource management perspective, fracking and the resulting energy production do not consume a significant amount of water compared to current levels. Colorado's Water Plan seeks to work collaboratively to uphold Colorado's water values and does not put a value judgement on any one beneficial use.
82	10/10/2014	Theresa kledzik, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	As a grandmother, I would like to know that my great great great great grandchildren will know the power of the natural world and understand that interfering as little as possible with the original order will reap the best outcome for human life. Damn those that abuse our rivers; not the rivers.	Your comments are aligned with the four values driving Colorado's Water Plan. Those four values are 1) vibrant and sustainable cities, 2) viable and productive agriculture, 3) a robust recreation and tourism industry, and 4) a thriving environment that includes healthy watersheds, rivers, streams, and wildlife.

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83	10/10/2014	Tabitha Howard, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	My name is Tabitha Howard and for years my wife and I have enjoyed the beautiful colours of Colorado. Each year we hear about the drought that our state faces and we feel more needs to be done. Some things we would like to see take effect it the states plan is for stricter rules on water usage and "Fracting", more water conservation in the cities, outlaw new diversions, and reduce water waste. Some easy ways to do this would be to plant naturally grown plants and tree to the environment instead of water sucking grass and plants. Stop fracking in this state and stop allowing big oil to abusing water usage. Stop the dumping and start making a difference for the generations to come.	The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation and reuse as critical components to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored. These topics are explored in Section 6.3. Regarding diversions, Colorado's Water Plan will not include any specific water projects. The CWCB would like to encourage multipurpose projects and full mitigation. Fracking currently uses approximately 18,000 acre feet per year, which is a very small proportion of Colorado's overall water use. However, there may be some areas where there are greater regional effects. However, there may be some areas where there are greater regional effects. In addition, power plants that burn natural gas to make energy use less water than traditional power plants. Therefore, from an overall resource management perspective, fracking and the resulting energy production do not consume a significant amount of water compared to current levels. Colorado's Water Plan seeks to work collaboratively to uphold Colorado's water values and does not put a value judgement on any one beneficial use.
84	10/10/2014	Andrew Brodski, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	Water is the foundation of all life and God will judge us on how we respect life. It is never too late to fix this planet. Just because it doesn't support an immediate corporation doesn't mean that it is a socialist or communist agenda; free market is all about competition and squeezing every penny.	Your comments are aligned with the four values driving Colorado's Water Plan. Those four values are 1) vibrant and sustainable cities, 2) viable and productive agriculture, 3) a robust recreation and tourism industry, and 4) a thriving environment that includes healthy watersheds, rivers, streams, and wildlife.
85	10/10/2014	Rachel White, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	Clean water is a necessity for everyone including wildlife. We must be smart and protect this very important resource. Please do everything in your power to insure clean safe water supplies. Parts of Colorado are being Fracked to extrem.. This is horrible for our water. Let's be responsible stewards of our beautiful state and planet. Thank you.	Your comments are aligned with the four values driving Colorado's Water Plan. Those four values are 1) vibrant and sustainable cities, 2) viable and productive agriculture, 3) a robust recreation and tourism industry, and 4) a thriving environment that includes healthy watersheds, rivers, streams, and wildlife. The Water Quality Division of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) regulates water quality issues of this nature in the state. Water Quality has been recognized as critical for Colorado's water future. The CWCB is working closely with the Water Quality Control Division and the Basin Roundtables in order to address Colorado's Water Quality needs. This is further explored in Section 7.3. Fracking currently uses approximately 18,000 acre feet per year, which is a very small proportion of Colorado's overall water use. However, there may be some areas where there are greater regional effects. However, there may be some areas where there are greater regional effects. In addition, power plants that burn natural gas to make energy use less water than traditional power plants. Therefore, from an overall resource management perspective, fracking and the resulting energy production do not consume a significant amount of water compared to current levels. Colorado's Water Plan seeks to work collaboratively to uphold Colorado's water values and does not put a value judgement on any one beneficial use.
86	10/10/2014	Susan Peirce, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	Plans for new dams or diversions are currently under consideration. These massive water projects cost billions to build, harm our environment, wreck our rivers, and increase our water bills. Water conservation, especially in our cities and towns, is faster, better, and cheaper. Water provided for fracking should be limited to a small percentage of available water and should be carefully regulated and inspected so that there is no ground water pollution.	Regarding diversions, Colorado's Water Plan will not include any specific water projects. The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation and reuse as critical components to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored. These topics are explored in Section 6.3. With regard to indoor water conservation and tiered rate structures, the vast majority of water providers currently operate with tiered water rates. Fracking currently uses approximately 18,000 acre feet per year, which is a very small proportion of Colorado's overall water use. However, there may be some areas where there are greater regional effects. However, there may be some areas where there are greater regional effects. In addition, power plants that burn natural gas to make energy use less water than traditional power plants. Therefore, from an overall resource management perspective, fracking and the resulting energy production do not consume a significant amount of water compared to current levels. Colorado's Water Plan seeks to work collaboratively to uphold Colorado's water values and does not put a value judgement on any one beneficial use.
87	10/10/2014	Carole Noblitt, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	I have lived in Colorado for almost 35 years "this time." I also attended high school in Colorado many years ago! I am or have been a student, a social worker, a taxpayer, a mom, a wife, and now I am a single grandmother raising grandkids in this beautiful state. I still enjoy working but on weekends and days off I still love to go hiking, biking, and showing off this beautiful state. Please protect our rivers with more water conservation in cities and towns, no new diversions and stop the waste with fracking and other oil/gas related used! We may enjoy the luxuries that oil brings us but we can't live without water - we can without oil!! Thanks you.	Your comments are aligned with the four values driving Colorado's Water Plan. Those four values are 1) vibrant and sustainable cities, 2) viable and productive agriculture, 3) a robust recreation and tourism industry, and 4) a thriving environment that includes healthy watersheds, rivers, streams, and wildlife. The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation and reuse as critical components to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored. These topics are explored in Section 6.3. Regarding diversions, Colorado's Water Plan will not include any specific water projects. The CWCB would like to encourage multipurpose projects and full mitigation. Fracking currently uses approximately 18,000 acre feet per year, which is a very small proportion of Colorado's overall water use. However, there may be some areas where there are greater regional effects.
88	10/10/2014	Ronald Winchell, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	I am a RTD bus driver that has lived in colorado approximately 40 years.I love this state and it's natural beauty. The rivers are part of charm of the state and important to all peoples, animals and ecology herein. Where I live in denver metro area people wash their cars in their driveways every week like water is never ending. There is a wading pool and swimming pool 3 blocks away, but parents let their children play in the streets with water running in the gutters. Please save our water for necessary use only. Thank you!	Your comments are aligned with the four values driving Colorado's Water Plan. Those four values are 1) vibrant and sustainable cities, 2) viable and productive agriculture, 3) a robust recreation and tourism industry, and 4) a thriving environment that includes healthy watersheds, rivers, streams, and wildlife. The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation and reuse as critical components to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored. These topics are explored in Section 6.3.

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89	10/10/2014	Dale Goodin, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	So using water for fracking is OK and an aggressive policies for renewable sustainable energy is slowing coming. Do something now about energy production and save millions of gallons of water.	Fracking currently uses approximately 18,000 acre feet per year, which is a very small proportion of Colorado's overall water use. However, there may be some areas where there are greater regional effects. In addition, power plants that burn natural gas to make energy use less water than traditional power plants. Therefore, from an overall resource management perspective, fracking and the resulting energy production do not consume a significant amount of water compared to current levels. However, there may be some areas where there are greater regional effects. In addition, power plants that burn natural gas to make energy use less water than traditional power plants. Colorado's Water Plan seeks to work collaboratively to uphold Colorado's water values and does not put a value judgement on any one beneficial use.
90	10/10/2014	Nancy Terrill, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	I have lived in Colorado for 40 years and hiked almost all of the 14,000 ft peaks, skied thousands of miles of trails and backpacked through hundreds of miles of wilderness. I treasure the gorgeous rivers and streams that originate or flow through these beautiful valleys and high mountains. We always camp close to water, filter it for drinking, fall asleep to the lovely sound of water flowing. I believe that with conservation measures and reduce of waste, like sprinklers running on concrete, better farming methods, and more, we can protect Colorado rivers from over development. It is critical to our future to push conservation instead of continuing blindly to use water like there is no limit.	Your comments are aligned with the four values driving Colorado's Water Plan. Those four values are 1) vibrant and sustainable cities, 2) viable and productive agriculture, 3) a robust recreation and tourism industry, and 4) a thriving environment that includes healthy watersheds, rivers, streams, and wildlife. The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation and reuse as critical components to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored. These topics are explored in Section 6.3.
91	10/10/2014	James Gallardo, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	When considering the country as a whole I am a proud Colorado native and supporter. What makes Colorado so great are it's vast open spaces, large snow capped mountains, cool rushing rivers, and wild life. The people of Colorado consist of natives and travelers from all over the country and world who proudly call this square space home. We love Colorado because it has so much to offer. Coloradans can enjoy all sorts of hiking, biking, climbing, river rafting, skiing and snowboarding, and all sorts of motor sports from motor cross to jet skiing. With such a vibrant landscape and active and engaged community of citizens we must continue to make strides and efforts to preserve these wonderful features. The states first ever water plan will help to construct and prioritize policies for future plans and help to set a standard for what to expect. The new plan should prioritize water conservation in our cities and towns, ban new diversions, reduce water waste, and IMMEDIATELY divert unfettered access to Hydraulic Fracturing and oil development. Water, being the fundamental element of life itself, should not be used carelessly or go unprotected from waste and toxic poisoning. With new threats of leases for fracking companies to begin drilling in Denver's watershed, we run the great risk of destroying water for millions of Denver residents. Fracking companies are allowed to not only purchase municipal water but are allowed to dump this wasted water flush with toxic chemicals deep into the ground through injection wells, effectively causing earthquakes and removing the water all together from the water shed never to be returned and recycled back in. When facing climate change and record droughts through the land we should be very cognitive and conscientious about how we use this treasured gift of life. Allowing any further plans for fracking and dams we run the risk of hurting our tourism industry including skiing and water rafting. With so much at stake we should take great precautions to protect not only Denverites water but Colorado's water for generations to come.	Your comments are aligned with the four values driving Colorado's Water Plan. Those four values are 1) vibrant and sustainable cities, 2) viable and productive agriculture, 3) a robust recreation and tourism industry, and 4) a thriving environment that includes healthy watersheds, rivers, streams, and wildlife. The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation and reuse as critical components to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored. These topics are explored in Section 6.3. Regarding diversions, Colorado's Water Plan will not include any specific water projects. The CWCB would like to encourage multipurpose projects and full mitigation. Fracking currently uses approximately 18,000 acre feet per year, which is a very small proportion of Colorado's overall water use. However, there may be some areas where there are greater regional effects. However, there may be some areas where there are greater regional effects. In addition, power plants that burn natural gas to make energy use less water than traditional power plants. Therefore, from an overall resource management perspective, fracking and the resulting energy production do not consume a significant amount of water compared to current levels. Colorado's Water Plan seeks to work collaboratively to uphold Colorado's water values and does not put a value judgement on any one beneficial use. The Water Quality Division of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) regulates water quality issues of this nature in the state. Water Quality has been recognized as critical for Colorado's water future. The CWCB is working closely with the Water Quality Control Division and the Basin Roundtables in order to address Colorado's Water Quality needs. This is further explored in Section 7.3.
92	10/10/2014	Chris Harthman, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	I support water conservation because I boat and play in Colorado's rivers around the state. I also support conservation because Colorado's population has been growing and will continue to grow over the years to come...people need water not just to enjoy but to survive. I believe the state should enact policies that reduce water waste, stop damming rivers for power...there are other more renewable sources of energy out there like solar and wind which are plentiful in Colorado, and finally take down dams that already exist to let water flow naturally. Thank you for your time,	Your comments are aligned with the four values driving Colorado's Water Plan. Those four values are 1) vibrant and sustainable cities, 2) viable and productive agriculture, 3) a robust recreation and tourism industry, and 4) a thriving environment that includes healthy watersheds, rivers, streams, and wildlife. The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation and reuse as critical components to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored. These topics are explored in Section 6.3. Regarding diversions, Colorado's Water Plan will not include any specific water projects. The CWCB would like to encourage multipurpose projects and full mitigation.
93	10/10/2014	Dustin Brunson, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	I am a native of Colorado. Our water is our lifeblood. It is time we set real rights in place for the water itself to be clean, protected, vital ,thriving, flowing, respected, and honored. It is important to our health, our economy, our ecosystems, and life itself. Please stop all use of water in fracking! Please do all that you can to protect our watersheds and ecosystems.	Your comments are aligned with the four values driving Colorado's Water Plan. Those four values are 1) vibrant and sustainable cities, 2) viable and productive agriculture, 3) a robust recreation and tourism industry, and 4) a thriving environment that includes healthy watersheds, rivers, streams, and wildlife. Fracking currently uses approximately 18,000 acre feet per year, which is a very small proportion of Colorado's overall water use. However, there may be some areas where there are greater regional effects. However, there may be some areas where there are greater regional effects. In addition, power plants that burn natural gas to make energy use less water than traditional power plants. Therefore, from an overall resource management perspective, fracking and the resulting energy production do not consume a significant amount of water compared to current levels. Colorado's Water Plan seeks to work collaboratively to uphold Colorado's water values and does not put a value judgement on any one beneficial use.

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94	10/10/2014	Candice Allen, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	I am a geology student learning about the critically low levels of water in our rivers. I care because this deficit is ignored by millions of Coloradians everyday, and isn't going to do anything by itself. We should not be putting our dollars into more water dams, but putting it in conservation and education. Thank you	The development of Colorado's Water Plan has helped to raise the level of importance placed on education and outreach statewide related to water supply planning. The CWCB is working together with the Basin Roundtables (BRTS) to expand education and outreach activities related to raising awareness and Section 9.5 Outreach, Education, and Public Engagement will include recommendations on continuing education on these topics long-term. The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation and reuse as critical components to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored. These topics are explored in Section 6.3. Regarding diversions, Colorado's Water Plan will not include any specific water projects. The CWCB would like to encourage multipurpose projects and full mitigation. The CWCB would like to encourage multipurpose projects and full mitigation. CWCB maintains and operates In Stream Flow and Natural Lake Level programs, both of which are highly regarded as some of the most successful programs of their kind in the Western US. Nonconsumptive needs are critically important aspects of the Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan. Although not fully tested, instream flows can be designed to directly benefit riparian areas, and the CWCB Stream and Lake Protection Section has been working with the BLM to design an approach to in-stream flows by providing a flood flow component in the spring.
95	10/10/2014	Barbara Main, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	Water is a precious resource that we cannot afford to waste, we have a responsibility to protect Colorado's waterways and to outlaw more diversions. We don't know what the next few years will bring drought wise, but we can't afford to do anything that would take away our water rights. I'm 73 and want everyone to wake up and care about our environment.	Your comments are aligned with the four values driving Colorado's Water Plan. Those four values are 1) vibrant and sustainable cities, 2) viable and productive agriculture, 3) a robust recreation and tourism industry, and 4) a thriving environment that includes healthy watersheds, rivers, streams, and wildlife. Regarding diversions, Colorado's Water Plan will not include any specific water projects. The CWCB would like to encourage multipurpose projects and full mitigation.
96	10/10/2014	Barbara Adkins, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	We have been residents of Co Springs for more than thirty years. We have the best water over almost all the states and we paid a reasonable rate for many years. It has certainly changed now. We take pride on our yard and like our grass to be healthy and green, but the last few years has been quit difficult due to the hikes on our utility bills. I never dreamt in my life time that it could cost over \$200.00 a month for water! That's why there's so many dead or lot's of rockd yards. Co Springs use to look so nice and green. Rivers are beautiful and we need to keep them that way, but I feel that the best route to go, is to choose a plan that will not increase our water bill.	Your comments are aligned with the four values driving Colorado's Water Plan. Those four values are 1) vibrant and sustainable cities, 2) viable and productive agriculture, 3) a robust recreation and tourism industry, and 4) a thriving environment that includes healthy watersheds, rivers, streams, and wildlife. With regard to indoor water conservation and tiered rate structures, the vast majority of water providers currently operate with teired rate structures.
97	10/10/2014	Ariane Jong, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	My name is Ariane Jong and I am an environmental science major in undergraduate school. I live in Fort Collins and I love to go rafting, kayaking, and hiking on and near our rivers. Please protect our waterways by prohibiting new diversions of water, increasing water conservation education, and putting a moratorium on fracking in water-stressed areas.	Your comments are aligned with the four values driving Colorado's Water Plan. Those four values are 1) vibrant and sustainable cities, 2) viable and productive agriculture, 3) a robust recreation and tourism industry, and 4) a thriving environment that includes healthy watersheds, rivers, streams, and wildlife. The development of Colorado's Water Plan has helped to raise the level of importance placed on education and outreach statewide related to water supply planning. The CWCB is working together with the Basin Roundtables (BRTS) to expand education and outreach activities related to raising awareness and Section 9.5 Outreach, Education, and Public Engagement will include recommendations on continuing education on these topics long-term. Regarding diversions, Colorado's Water Plan will not include any specific water projects. The CWCB would like to encourage multipurpose projects and full mitigation. Fracking currently uses approximately 18,000 acre feet per year, which is a very small proportion of Colorado's overall water use. However, there may be some areas where there are greater regional effects. However, there may be some areas where there are greater regional effects. In addition, power plants that burn natural gas to make energy use less water than traditional power plants. Therefore, from an overall resource management perspective, fracking and the resulting energy production do not consume a significant amount of water compared to current levels. Colorado's Water Plan seeks to work collaboratively to uphold Colorado's water values and does not put a value judgement on any one beneficial use.
98	10/10/2014	David Snider, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	Please protect our rivers from any harm from fracking and any other forms of pollution. This precious resource needs to be here for generations to come for swimming, fishing and just the pure beauty they bring to our state. Protect our rivers from any future diversions. If people want our waters let them move to beautiful Colorado to enjoy them. Thank you for your anticipated cooperation in this matter.	Your comments are aligned with the four values driving Colorado's Water Plan. Those four values are 1) vibrant and sustainable cities, 2) viable and productive agriculture, 3) a robust recreation and tourism industry, and 4) a thriving environment that includes healthy watersheds, rivers, streams, and wildlife. Fracking currently uses approximately 18,000 acre feet per year, which is a very small proportion of Colorado's overall water use. However, there may be some areas where there are greater regional effects. However, there may be some areas where there are greater regional effects. In addition, power plants that burn natural gas to make energy use less water than traditional power plants. Therefore, from an overall resource management perspective, fracking and the resulting energy production do not consume a significant amount of water compared to current levels. Colorado's Water Plan seeks to work collaboratively to uphold Colorado's water values and does not put a value judgement on any one beneficial use. The Water Quality Division of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) regulates water quality issues of this nature in the state. Water Quality has been recognized as critical for Colorado's water future. The CWCB is working closely with the Water Quality Control Division and the Basin Roundtables in order to address Colorado's Water Quality needs. This is further explored in Section 7.3. Regarding diversions, Colorado's Water Plan will not include any specific water projects. The CWCB would like to encourage multipurpose projects and full mitigation.

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99	10/10/2014	Mike Wong, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	I am a father, an avid fly fisherman, a successful businessman, and naturalist. It saddens me that our rivers have been decimated for unsustainable green lawns of Kentucky blue grass. I am all for increasing the price of water for usage beyond what u need to drink and bathe, it should reflect the real cost to the environment we love, not only the cost of building the dams, the diversions and the water treatment plants. I don't people will EVER conserve water unless the price is double or triple or quadruple (on a usage scale) of the ridiculously low prices we are paying now. Only at those rates will we ever consider re-cycling waste water, and drought resistant lawns. Pls make a stand and change the course of history for ourselves and our children.	The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation and reuse as critical components to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored. These topics are explored in Section 6.3. With regard to indoor water conservation and tiered rate structures, the vast majority of water providers currently operate with tiered water rates.
100	10/10/2014	Martin Bowie, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	As a hiker, boater and outdoor enthusiast, I'd love to see legislation written to protect Colorado waters indefinitely. Polluters and fines such as the Coors debacle in the 1980's was an insult to Coloradans. The company spent more on an ad campaign protesting that they 'DONATED' monies to water conservation, when in fact, it was an EPA fine. Corporation such as Coors ruin the pristine environment that people travel from worldwide to enjoy.	Your comments are aligned with the four values driving Colorado's Water Plan. Those four values are 1) vibrant and sustainable cities, 2) viable and productive agriculture, 3) a robust recreation and tourism industry, and 4) a thriving environment that includes healthy watersheds, rivers, streams, and wildlife. Legislative recommendations will be included in Chapter 10.
101	10/10/2014	CW Norris, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	Our rivers are so beautiful and those corridors needs to be protected. In our water plan we must look at how to not further negatively impact our precious water supply. For example- no new golf courses (that need watering), no more urban sprawl with new landscaping needs, educate the public how to conserve water in residences, no new water diversions. Water conservation is essential.	Your comments are aligned with the four values driving Colorado's Water Plan. Those four values are 1) vibrant and sustainable cities, 2) viable and productive agriculture, 3) a robust recreation and tourism industry, and 4) a thriving environment that includes healthy watersheds, rivers, streams, and wildlife. The development of Colorado's Water Plan has helped to raise the level of importance placed on education and outreach statewide related to water supply planning. The CWCB is working together with the Basin Roundtables (BRTS) to expand education and outreach activities related to raising awareness and Section 9.5 Outreach, Education, and Public Engagement will include recommendations on continuing education on these topics long-term. The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation and reuse as critical components to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored. These topics are explored in Section 6.3. Regarding diversions, Colorado's Water Plan will not include any specific water projects. The CWCB would like to encourage multipurpose projects and full mitigation.
102	10/10/2014	Cynthia Bellini, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	I am a grandmother with 8 Colorado born grandchildren. I care about our rivers being clean for future generations. Conservation and reducing contaminants are important to me.	The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation and reuse as critical components to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored. These topics are explored in Section 6.3. The Water Quality Division of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) regulates water quality issues of this nature in the state. Water Quality has been recognized as critical for Colorado's water future. The CWCB is working closely with the Water Quality Control Division and the Basin Roundtables in order to address Colorado's Water Quality needs. This is further explored in Section 7.3.
103	10/10/2014	Ellie Vaughter, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	What people in Colorado don't realize is that Denver really is a desert. We use water like we did when we lived where water was plentiful. Educating the public about water—or the lack of it—might be a step in the right direction. The mountain snow helps western states and the Front Range, but if we don't have much snow in any particular season, water becomes even more scarce. Builders build houses where there is a scarcity of water. Why? It seems to me, since Colorado is full of non-native people, educating them might help us use less water, and be more respectful of the use of water in our lives.	The development of Colorado's Water Plan has helped to raise the level of importance placed on education and outreach statewide related to water supply planning. The CWCB is working together with the Basin Roundtables (BRTS) to expand education and outreach activities related to raising awareness and Section 9.5 Outreach, Education, and Public Engagement will include recommendations on continuing education on these topics long-term. The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation and reuse as critical components to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored. These topics are explored in Section 6.3.
104	10/10/2014	kyle coursey, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	I am a student in Colorado. this is my opinion, we need to do everything we can to protect water all over the world. Colorado would be investing in its own future if it were to be progressive and set up legislation to protect its water now instead after the damage reaches a tipping point, from which it cannot be undone. It would be best if you were to enact a multifaceted approach that protects it from all the threats it faces. So there would be no need to re-fix things in the future.	The state is working vigorously with other upper basin states and the Colorado River Basin as a whole to mitigate any risks Colorado may face with regard to compact compliance and other interstate issues. Section 2.2 explores interstate compacts and equitable apportionment decrees.
105	10/10/2014	Lynn Philippsen, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	Water should be our #1 priority. Without it there is no life. There needs to be an adequate filter system for neighborhood run off into our rivers & streams. Also, too much water is wasted on lawns (w/chemicals). What about an incentive plan for zero-scaping?	The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation and reuse as critical components to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored. These topics are explored in Section 6.3. The Water Quality Division of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) regulates water quality issues of this nature in the state. Water Quality has been recognized as critical for Colorado's water future. The CWCB is working closely with the Water Quality Control Division and the Basin Roundtables in order to address Colorado's Water Quality needs. This is further explored in Section 7.3. Xeriscape lawns are allowed statewide. Colorado water allocation and governance has always been guided by local users meeting local needs and Colorado's Water Plan will not change that. Rather than diminishing local control or authority over water, Colorado's Water Plan seeks to strengthen local decision-makers' ability to achieve regional and statewide water solutions. To that effect, Colorado's Water Plan will work to encourage, rather than mandate, several of the points presented in the comments.

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106	10/10/2014	Frances FrainAguirre, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	I am a retired science teacher and I live in Denver, Colorado. I deeply care about the state's rivers and the state's water quality! The state needs to protect these rivers from contamination by especially dangerous and cancer causing chemicals! New diversions, such as the water used for fracking, need to be outlawed even if this usage is minimal.	The Water Quality Division of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) regulates water quality issues of this nature in the state. Water Quality has been recognized as critical for Colorado's water future. The CWCB is working closely with the Water Quality Control Division and the Basin Roundtables in order to address Colorado's Water Quality needs. This is further explored in Section 7.3. Regarding diversions, Colorado's Water Plan will not include any specific water projects. The CWCB would like to encourage multipurpose projects and full mitigation. Fracking currently uses approximately 18,000 acre feet per year, which is a very small proportion of Colorado's overall water use. However, there may be some areas where there are greater regional effects. However, there may be some areas where there are greater regional effects. In addition, power plants that burn natural gas to make energy use less water than traditional power plants. Therefore, from an overall resource management perspective, fracking and the resulting energy production do not consume a significant amount of water compared to current levels. Colorado's Water Plan seeks to work collaboratively to uphold Colorado's water values and does not put a value judgement on any one beneficial use.
107	10/10/2014	Irene Cooke, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	I am a full time resident of Grand County. It is extremely hard to know that the water diverted from our streams is wasted on the Front Range. When I see sprinklers watering sidewalks and gutters, it makes me furious. As I hike Grand County's trails and raft the Colorado River, I am very aware of diversions. The impact on wildlife, particularly fish, is devastating. Grand County's economy relies on tourism, including hunting and fishing, so these diversions impact the welfare not only the wildlife but also the citizens of our County. Front Range citizens must be educated about the amount of water wasted. Denver Water has the economic resources to carry on an aggressive public education campaign; TV and radio stations are obligated to provide public service announcements. Until there is effective public outreach on this subject, nothing will change. I serve on the board of our local water and sanitation district. We have strict penalties for excessive use of water. Denver Water must institute similar rate structures to prevent waste. Further diversion is NOT an option. Water conservation and monetary penalties are critical to the future of our rivers.	The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation and reuse as critical components to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored. These topics are explored in Section 6.3. The development of Colorado's Water Plan has helped to raise the level of importance placed on education and outreach statewide related to water supply planning. The CWCB is working together with the Basin Roundtables (BRTS) to expand education and outreach activities related to raising awareness and Section 9.5 Outreach, education, and Public Engagement will include recommendations on continuing education on these topics long-term. Regarding diversions, Colorado's Water Plan will not include any specific water projects. The CWCB would like to encourage multipurpose projects and full mitigation. With regard to indoor water conservation and tiered rate structures, the vast majority of water providers currently operate with tiered water rates.
108	10/10/2014	Thomas Michaels, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	As a boy, I and my two brothers grew up fly fishing many Colorado rivers with my dad. We need to do all we can to make sure more young boys and girls get to enjoy the challenge and fun offered by spending time on and near our rivers. If we don't conserve and wisely use as much as we can in the state's major cities, our state is headed for a crisis.	Your comments are aligned with the four values driving Colorado's Water Plan. Those four values are 1) vibrant and sustainable cities, 2) viable and productive agriculture, 3) a robust recreation and tourism industry, and 4) a thriving environment that includes healthy watersheds, rivers, streams, and wildlife. The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation and reuse as critical components to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored. These topics are explored in Section 6.3.
109	10/10/2014	Norm Wakerley, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	I am a retired person living in Colorado Springs, a city without a river flowing through it. The rivers of our beautiful state are an asset that can not be underestimated nor overlooked. There is a need to better use our limited water supply from water conservation, to water drainage upgrades, to even allowing "grey water" or run off water to be used by individuals for irrigation instead of making it "against the law."	Your comments are aligned with the four values driving Colorado's Water Plan. Those four values are 1) vibrant and sustainable cities, 2) viable and productive agriculture, 3) a robust recreation and tourism industry, and 4) a thriving environment that includes healthy watersheds, rivers, streams, and wildlife. Conservation and reuse, including gray water, are strategies considered in Colorado's Water Plan. The issue of graywater in Colorado is addressed within Subsection 6.3.2 Reuse.
110	10/10/2014	Mary Haynes, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	These massive water projects cost billions to build, harm our environment, wreck our rivers, and increase our water bills. Water conservation, especially in our cities and towns, is faster, better, and cheaper.	The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation and reuse as critical components to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored. These topics are explored in Section 6.3. Colorado's Water Plan will not include any specific water projects. The CWCB would like to encourage multipurpose projects and full mitigation.
111	10/10/2014	Leslie Clemensen, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	As a fifth-generation Colorado native, I care deeply for our state and its natural resources. It's important that Colorado preserves all its natural resources, including our river systems, for future generations. I ask your committee make a concerted effort to increase conservation efforts state wide and have better long term planning for new construction. I worry about the impact of increased population when our water sources are scarce. Thank you for your efforts in creating policies which ensure secure water for future generations of Coloradoans.	Your comments are aligned with the four values driving Colorado's Water Plan. Those four values are 1) vibrant and sustainable cities, 2) viable and productive agriculture, 3) a robust recreation and tourism industry, and 4) a thriving environment that includes healthy watersheds, rivers, streams, and wildlife. The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation and reuse as critical components to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored. These topics are explored in Section 6.3. Colorado's Water Plan and the technical work that supports it includes three growth scenarios: low-growth, mid-growth, high-growth. As water planners, Colorado must prepare for any of these future possibilities as we do not have control over the state's economy and how many people are born or choose to move here. While some communities choose to limit growth, doing so on a broad statewide scale is untenable and unconstitutional. The CWCB is working with each basin on their Basin Implementation Plan and will continue to encourage all interested parties to do the same.
112	10/10/2014	Stephen Alley, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	I am a wounded Soldier and resident. I would like you to protect our water just as I have protected you, your family, Colorado, and this country. You need to implement a plan to safeguard our water or there will be no water. I trust you have our best interest at heart and are a leader worth following and fighting for. Thanks for your support and G-d Bless You.	Your comments are aligned with the four values driving Colorado's Water Plan. Those four values are 1) vibrant and sustainable cities, 2) viable and productive agriculture, 3) a robust recreation and tourism industry, and 4) a thriving environment that includes healthy watersheds, rivers, streams, and wildlife.

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113	10/10/2014	Peter Fessenden, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	We just moved here from Santa Fe, NM, where the state is in trouble for allowing too much population growth along with poor planning of water resources. So I speak from experience as to how important planning for the future is, particularly with respect to water conservation. Please give that, as well as protecting trout and guarding against stream erosion, the highest priority in your "in progress" water plan. I and my kids and grand kids thank you!	Your comments are aligned with the four values driving Colorado's Water Plan. Those four values are 1) vibrant and sustainable cities, 2) viable and productive agriculture, 3) a robust recreation and tourism industry, and 4) a thriving environment that includes healthy watersheds, rivers, streams, and wildlife. The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation and reuse as critical components to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored. These topics are explored in Section 6.3.
114	10/10/2014	Christy Zollar, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	Please make water conservation a priority in Colorado. Dams, fracking and other projects you are considering will not solve the problem, cost tax payer money and, in the case of fracking, waste millions of gallons of water. Please be sensible....make decisions from your heart, not your pocket book. Please do your job and put the good of the people first.	The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation and reuse as critical components to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored. These topics are explored in Section 6.3. Fracking currently uses approximately 18,000 acre feet per year, which is a very small proportion of Colorado's overall water use. However, there may be some areas where there are greater regional effects. However, there may be some areas where there are greater regional effects. In addition, power plants that burn natural gas to make energy use less water than traditional power plants. Therefore, from an overall resource management perspective, fracking and the resulting energy production do not consume a significant amount of water compared to current levels. Colorado's Water Plan seeks to work collaboratively to uphold Colorado's water values and does not put a value judgement on any one beneficial use.
115	10/10/2014	Eric Novikoff, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	I'm a high-tech entrepreneur that loves the combination of our business-friendly state and it's amazing natural beauty and recreational opportunities. Life here is very special and a lot of it centers on our limited water resources, which I use for rafting, aesthetic enjoyment when hiking, and to swim in. Without good management, these resources won't be here for us or our children. I ask that the state protect our rivers and watersheds by improving conservation, rejecting new diversions that dewater stretches of rivers vital to wildlife and viewsheds, and look for ways to reduce waste. Focusing on developing new sources of municipal water is a shortsighted approach that simply encourages more use and waste and eventually depletion of our vital resources.	Your comments are aligned with the four values driving Colorado's Water Plan. Those four values are 1) vibrant and sustainable cities, 2) viable and productive agriculture, 3) a robust recreation and tourism industry, and 4) a thriving environment that includes healthy watersheds, rivers, streams, and wildlife. The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation and reuse as critical components to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored. These topics are explored in Section 6.3. Regarding diversions, Colorado's Water Plan will not include any specific water projects. The CWCB would like to encourage multipurpose projects and full mitigation.
116	10/10/2014	Joy Lewis, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	I live in very rural south central Colorado. Our water is so very precious to ME! I am a hiker and love to see our waters chuckling thru the mountain streams. It is unfortunate that the RANCHERS are piping our head waters and taking it from the original use of the mountains' wildlife and habitat. Our lakes and streams are - as I type - being polluted by cattle. I pray that you work to protect these jewels that keep the mountains alive. Please work to conserve and keep water CLEAN in cities and towns and by RANCHERS, outlaw new diversions, restrict current diversions, and reduce water waste. OUR water is your water downstream. Keep it clean, and abundant for all of our use. We don't want to end up thirsty.	Your comments are aligned with the four values driving Colorado's Water Plan. Those four values are 1) vibrant and sustainable cities, 2) viable and productive agriculture, 3) a robust recreation and tourism industry, and 4) a thriving environment that includes healthy watersheds, rivers, streams, and wildlife. The Water Quality Division of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) regulates water quality issues of this nature in the state. Water Quality has been recognized as critical for Colorado's water future. The CWCB is working closely with the Water Quality Control Division and the Basin Roundtables in order to address Colorado's Water Quality needs. This is further explored in Section 7.3. The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation and reuse as critical components to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored. These topics are explored in Section 6.3. Regarding diversions, Colorado's Water Plan will not include any specific water projects. The CWCB would like to encourage multipurpose projects and full mitigation.
117	10/10/2014	Doug Vigil, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	I, I am someone who respects nature, likes to hike occasionally. I care about the entire earth including our water ways here in Colorado if nothing else but to put me feet in it and listen to the tranquil sounds it produces. We need to invest in water conservation even going as far as recycling rain water to flush toilets and water our gardens	Your comments are aligned with the four values driving Colorado's Water Plan. Those four values are 1) vibrant and sustainable cities, 2) viable and productive agriculture, 3) a robust recreation and tourism industry, and 4) a thriving environment that includes healthy watersheds, rivers, streams, and wildlife. The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation and reuse as critical components to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored. These topics are explored in Section 6.3.
118	10/10/2014	Kelsey Thomas, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	My name is Kelsey Thomas and I am currently a student at Colorado State University. I care deeply about the Colorado rivers because they are beautiful and are apart of Colorado. They are a necessity to not just our lives but to the organisms that thrive in or around them. They are also a great place to have some fun, you can fish in them, go rafting, and enjoy a nice hike along them. We need to protect these rivers and I think we should start by reducing water waste and having more conservation in cities and towns.	Your comments are aligned with the four values driving Colorado's Water Plan. Those four values are 1) vibrant and sustainable cities, 2) viable and productive agriculture, 3) a robust recreation and tourism industry, and 4) a thriving environment that includes healthy watersheds, rivers, streams, and wildlife. The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation and reuse as critical components to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored. These topics are explored in Section 6.3.
119	10/10/2014	Mark Hanson, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	I am an outdoorsman who fishes, hunts, and boats on some of the most beautiful and productive rivers in the world. Our rivers are a natural resource that should be preserved and enjoyed by all. Conservation and education are key to solving our water issues. By effective water conservation in cities and towns, we can reduce the need for more water diversions. Water diversion from our Western Slope rivers means we are killing our rivers and their ecosystems. I applaud your efforts to develop our state's first water plan. Thank you.	Your comments are aligned with the four values driving Colorado's Water Plan. Those four values are 1) vibrant and sustainable cities, 2) viable and productive agriculture, 3) a robust recreation and tourism industry, and 4) a thriving environment that includes healthy watersheds, rivers, streams, and wildlife. The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation and reuse as critical components to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored. These topics are explored in Section 6.3. The development of Colorado's Water Plan has helped to raise the level of importance placed on education and outreach statewide related to water supply planning. The CWCB is working together with the Basin Roundtables (BRTS) to expand education and outreach activities related to raising awareness and Section 9.5 Outreach, Education, and Public Engagement will include recommendations on continuing education on these topics long-term.

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120	10/10/2014	Kelly Ambler, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	I am writing to you as a avid hiker of Colorado. Rivers are important for the overall health of our environment and our economy. I ask the state of Colorado to increase protection of our watershed and our rivers by implementing strong water conservation practices, both in cities and towns and by agriculture. We should do all we can to prevent any new water diversions and to continue to see that we have healthy water flows in all our rivers.	Your comments are aligned with the four values driving Colorado's Water Plan. Those four values are 1) vibrant and sustainable cities, 2) viable and productive agriculture, 3) a robust recreation and tourism industry, and 4) a thriving environment that includes healthy watersheds, rivers, streams, and wildlife. The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation and reuse as critical components to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored. These topics are explored in Section 6.3.
121	10/10/2014	Bonnie long, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	I care about Colorado I am a native and have seen so much growth-we need to preserve our water and land for future generations or Colorado will not be the Colorado I grew up with. I love the outdoors-fish wildlife open spaces. Please preserve everything we can because we cant go back once its gone.	Your comments are aligned with the four values driving Colorado's Water Plan. Those four values are 1) vibrant and sustainable cities, 2) viable and productive agriculture, 3) a robust recreation and tourism industry, and 4) a thriving environment that includes healthy watersheds, rivers, streams, and wildlife.
122	10/10/2014	Chris Coolidge, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	I am a 70-year-old Grandma living with one cat -- looking for a forever-house, currently renting. I moved to Grand Junction in February -- one of my criteria for location was to find a community that has its own water. I figured I'd rather be at the beginning of the Colorado River than at the end of the Aquaduct. (I definitely DON'T want to live in Tucson!) I think there is plenty of low-hanging fruit for conserving water (and power) use here. Reducing waste is one, limiting water for green lawns -- in my neighborhood, several people are watering concrete, and it just isn't getting greener), being careful about where our water is being promised in the future. Water lost to concrete and evaporation is now being fined in California's drought -- do we need to go that far? It feels like a possibility. I support agricultural availability for water, and continuing education and research for those who work hard to feed us! I would ask the State and Water Board to support this education and research with continuing and increasing funding to ensure a good food supply in the future also.	Your comments are aligned with the four values driving Colorado's Water Plan. Those four values are 1) vibrant and sustainable cities, 2) viable and productive agriculture, 3) a robust recreation and tourism industry, and 4) a thriving environment that includes healthy watersheds, rivers, streams, and wildlife. The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation and reuse as critical components to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored. These topics are explored in Section 6.3. The development of Colorado's Water Plan has helped to raise the level of importance placed on education and outreach statewide related to water supply planning. The CWCB is working together with the Basin Roundtables (BRTS) to expand education and outreach activities related to raising awareness and Section 9.5 Outreach, Education, and Public Engagement will include recommendations on continuing education on these topics long-term.
123	10/10/2014	Martha Fay Plummer, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	Please, please take measures to save our water. I'm in favor of new reservoirs to collect excess water that has been leaving our state. We also need more conservation by homeowners in addition to farmers. Maybe the agriculture allotment could be reviewed.	Your comments are aligned with the four values driving Colorado's Water Plan. Those four values are 1) vibrant and sustainable cities, 2) viable and productive agriculture, 3) a robust recreation and tourism industry, and 4) a thriving environment that includes healthy watersheds, rivers, streams, and wildlife. The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation and reuse as critical components to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored. These topics are explored in Section 6.3.
124	10/10/2014	Shelly Davis, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	To whom it may concern, I'm a native Coloradan and have enjoyed fishing and swimming in our lakes and streams. I also have friends that are farmers and ranchers, and it know the importance of water to their livelihood. We already have more than enough water going out, we don't need to lose anymore. Please keep out water here.	Your comments are aligned with the four values driving Colorado's Water Plan. Those four values are 1) vibrant and sustainable cities, 2) viable and productive agriculture, 3) a robust recreation and tourism industry, and 4) a thriving environment that includes healthy watersheds, rivers, streams, and wildlife.
125	10/10/2014	Cheryl Harmel, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	I am a mom and grandma who has lived in CO for 35 years. I love to camp and hike near rivers and also to raft. I think the state should continue to offer incentives for water conservation (especially for farming), but also allow the responsible use of water for fracking.	Your comments are aligned with the four values driving Colorado's Water Plan. Those four values are 1) vibrant and sustainable cities, 2) viable and productive agriculture, 3) a robust recreation and tourism industry, and 4) a thriving environment that includes healthy watersheds, rivers, streams, and wildlife.
126	10/10/2014	Steven Hallenborg, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	Our family lives in Montrose, CO. Water is the life blood of the state and needs protection. Ranching, fishing, hunting and irrigation will be greatly affected if water is not protected.	Your comments are aligned with the four values driving Colorado's Water Plan. Those four values are 1) vibrant and sustainable cities, 2) viable and productive agriculture, 3) a robust recreation and tourism industry, and 4) a thriving environment that includes healthy watersheds, rivers, streams, and wildlife.
127	10/10/2014	Sara Avery, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	I'm a 14-year full-time Colorado resident who grew up coming to Colorado for vacation every summer or fall from Wichita, Kansas. What I wanted most when I grew up was a green & white license plate with mountains on it, and it was one of the happiest days of my life when that became a reality, after having lived in Kansas, Oklahoma, Michigan, North Carolina, Virginia, and Kentucky. Colorado is my true home. My first career was as a professional violinist, and while I love playing or listening to a Brahms Symphony more than almost anything, what I love even more is sitting next to a creek in the mountains, hearing its voice. I work now as a therapist helping others with their problems, but when I really need my own soul soothed, I head for Boulder Canyon or Eldorado Canyon to let the voice of those creeks sooth my own troubles. More even than the sight of the mountains, it's the mesmerizing sight and sound of a mountain creek flowing over rocks that is my favorite thing in the world. That's only one reason that it's so important to me that we protect our rivers by practicing more conservation, by reducing water waste, outlawing new diversions, and by making sure that not another drop goes for harmful industry activities such as fracking.	Your comments are aligned with the four values driving Colorado's Water Plan. Those four values are 1) vibrant and sustainable cities, 2) viable and productive agriculture, 3) a robust recreation and tourism industry, and 4) a thriving environment that includes healthy watersheds, rivers, streams, and wildlife. The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation and reuse as critical components to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored. These topics are explored in Section 6.3. Regarding diversions, Colorado's Water Plan will not include any specific water projects. The CWCB would like to encourage multipurpose projects and full mitigation. Fracking currently uses approximately 18,000 acre feet per year, which is a very small proportion of Colorado's overall water use. However, there may be some areas where there are greater regional effects. However, there may be some areas where there are greater regional effects. In addition, power plants that burn natural gas to make energy use less water than traditional power plants. Therefore, from an overall resource management perspective, fracking and the resulting energy production do not consume a significant amount of water compared to current levels. Colorado's Water Plan seeks to work collaboratively to uphold Colorado's water values and does not put a value judgement on any one beneficial use.
128	10/10/2014	Sally Wilkinson , General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	As a 40 year resident of Colorado I am asking you to: Please take the steps necessary to protect the rivers and the water resources of Colorado! Outlaw diversions of our rivers so that the Colorado River will again flow into the Sea of Cortez and reinvigorate the sea life. Pass measures to protect our precious water resources that discourage waste and overusage!	Your comments are aligned with the four values driving Colorado's Water Plan. Those four values are 1) vibrant and sustainable cities, 2) viable and productive agriculture, 3) a robust recreation and tourism industry, and 4) a thriving environment that includes healthy watersheds, rivers, streams, and wildlife. The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation and reuse as critical components to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored. These topics are explored in Section 6.3. Regarding diversions, Colorado's Water Plan will not include any specific water projects. The CWCB would like to encourage multipurpose projects and full mitigation.

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129	10/10/2014	Paul Schutt, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	As a hiker, boater, photographer, and user of clean air and water, clean unpolluted rivers are important to me and to the wildlife we need to protect! Please leave more water in the rivers for fish, wildlife, and people. Please keep our state clean and unpolluted by the oil and gas and agricultural industries! This will benefit every citizen of Colorado	Your comments are aligned with the four values driving Colorado's Water Plan. Those four values are 1) vibrant and sustainable cities, 2) viable and productive agriculture, 3) a robust recreation and tourism industry, and 4) a thriving environment that includes healthy watersheds, rivers, streams, and wildlife. The Water Quality Division of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) regulates water quality issues of this nature in the state. Water Quality has been recognized as critical for Colorado's water future. The CWCB is working closely with the Water Quality Control Division and the Basin Roundtables in order to address Colorado's Water Quality needs. This is further explored in Section 7.3. The CWCB maintains and operates In Stream Flow and Natural Lake Level programs, both of which are highly regarded as some of the most successful programs of their kind in the Western US. Nonconsumptive needs are critically important aspects of the Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan. Although not fully tested, instream flows can be designed to directly benefit riparian areas, and the CWCB Stream and Lake Protection Section has been working with the BLM to design an approach to in-stream flows by providing a flood flow component in the spring.
130	10/10/2014	Martha Pearse, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	Clean, adequate water is basic to life. This is more important than ever with the effects of climate change. Conservation is essential.	Your comments are aligned with the four values driving Colorado's Water Plan. Those four values are 1) vibrant and sustainable cities, 2) viable and productive agriculture, 3) a robust recreation and tourism industry, and 4) a thriving environment that includes healthy watersheds, rivers, streams, and wildlife. The Water Quality Division of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) regulates water quality issues of this nature in the state. Water Quality has been recognized as critical for Colorado's water future. The CWCB is working closely with the Water Quality Control Division and the Basin Roundtables in order to address Colorado's Water Quality needs. This is further explored in Section 7.3. Climate change could have a serious effect on Colorado's water supplies, consequently, Colorado's Water Plan factors in an altered climate in 3 of the 5 scenarios examined in the planning process. Additionally, Climate change is addressed throughout Colorado's Water Plan, as it is likely to effect a multitude of sectors. However, the exact impacts of climate change remain uncertain; and while it is clear temperature's are, and will continue, rising, there is less consensus surrounding precipitation. Scenario planning enables the state to prepare for a wide range of possible futures to capture, and prepare for, such uncertainty. Specific climate change adaptation and mitigation recommendations are not addressed in Colorado's Water Plan but are being addressed through other statewide efforts. The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation and reuse as critical components to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored. These topics are explored in Section 6.3.
131	10/10/2014	Teresa Page, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	I value all of the hard work you have put into keeping our Colorado river's safe and clean. We must continue to keep that our number one goal. As a fourth generation Colorado resident I would hope that you would consider every option available to keep our waterways running as naturally as they are today. Thank you for your time,	Your comments are aligned with the four values driving Colorado's Water Plan. Those four values are 1) vibrant and sustainable cities, 2) viable and productive agriculture, 3) a robust recreation and tourism industry, and 4) a thriving environment that includes healthy watersheds, rivers, streams, and wildlife.
132	10/10/2014	shara Briggs, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	I'm a school counselor and avid outdoors person. I seek out wild places to backpack, bike, ski and climb. CO rivers are crucial to not only my enjoyment, but their very existence is crucial to humans and animals well being. Please protect our rivers by reducing water waste, putting water conservation into effect in our cities and town, and ensuring that waste is not making it's way into the water systems. Thank you for your consideration,	Your comments are aligned with the four values driving Colorado's Water Plan. Those four values are 1) vibrant and sustainable cities, 2) viable and productive agriculture, 3) a robust recreation and tourism industry, and 4) a thriving environment that includes healthy watersheds, rivers, streams, and wildlife. The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation and reuse as critical components to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored. These topics are explored in Section 6.3.
133	10/10/2014	Mark Enser, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	As an avid boater, fishermen & hiker, conserving & protecting our rivers is a very important issue to me. Please keep our waters safe from pollution & droughts to ensure that our generation and future generations can enjoy these beautiful Colorado rivers. Thank you for your consideration.	Your comments are aligned with the four values driving Colorado's Water Plan. Those four values are 1) vibrant and sustainable cities, 2) viable and productive agriculture, 3) a robust recreation and tourism industry, and 4) a thriving environment that includes healthy watersheds, rivers, streams, and wildlife.
134	10/10/2014	Patricia Welsh, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	I am a long time resident of Colorado (almost 70 years) and I remember many outings as a child at a beautiful river on a hot day. Please keep it that way for the upcoming generations. Do what ever is necessary to maintain what we have now.	Your comments are aligned with the four values driving Colorado's Water Plan. Those four values are 1) vibrant and sustainable cities, 2) viable and productive agriculture, 3) a robust recreation and tourism industry, and 4) a thriving environment that includes healthy watersheds, rivers, streams, and wildlife.
135	10/10/2014	Ginger Hipszky, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	I am a mother. We need our rivers to run naturally. No more dams please. I think conserving water is where every Colorado citizen can help the effort. When need to find the places and situations where water is needlessly wasted. I don't think people have a clear idea of just how far stretched the water is. I think we need to make a bigger deal of this before time goes on and more people fill out state. Public Education on water usage and where do we get our water from in places like Colorado Springs would help. People are clueless and they need to be clued in on exactly what the water situation is..	The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation and reuse as critical components to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored. These topics are explored in Section 6.3. The development of Colorado's Water Plan has helped to raise the level of importance placed on education and outreach statewide related to water supply planning. The CWCB is working together with the Basin Roundtables (BRTS) to expand education and outreach activities related to raising awareness and Section 9.5 Outreach, Education, and Public Engagement will include recommendations on continuing education on these topics long-term. Colorado's Water Plan will not include any specific water projects. The CWCB would like to encourage multipurpose projects and full mitigation.
136	10/10/2014	Kenneth Truhan, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	While we may have been blessed with a decent amount of moisture this past summer, we only need to look at our fellow western states (particularly California) to fully appreciate and value this precious resource which is growing more scarce in this part of the country. We can no longer act like our water "credit line" is unlimited - so please do everything in your power to prioritize conservation and waste-cutting even as our water supplies appear abundant!	The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation and reuse as critical components to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored. These topics are explored in Section 6.3

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137	10/10/2014	Mary McElroy, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	I am a native of Colorado and have seen the supply of water diminish over the years. Water is a natural gift of our Planet, and everyone has the right to have what they need in order to live and survive on Earth. In the past when you asked us citizens to cut back, we did and water was saved. We can do that again, and we must in order to protect our rivers. We can all reduce water waste and conserve our use of water. New diversions are not the answer! Thank you for making the decisions that save our rivers!	The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation and reuse as critical components to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored. These topics are explored in Section 6.3. Regarding diversions, Colorado's Water Plan will not include any specific water projects. The CWCB would like to encourage multipurpose projects and full mitigation.
138	10/10/2014	Gary Hardin, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	I am a small business owner, and I've been a Colorado Resident for 35 years. What drew me here was Colorado's wildness. But the health of Colorado natural resources is threatened by unbridled water use. We need to protect this vital resource not just for human users, but for wild nature. We need to increase water conservation and the efficiency of water use across the state. We must prevent new diversions, which repeatedly threaten the health of our rivers and wetlands. I feel great stress every time a new diversion is proposed to hijack water from our beloved San Luis Valley. Please make water conservation a priority in our state's first-ever water plan. My sincere thanks.	The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation and reuse as critical components to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored. These topics are explored in Section 6.3. With regard to new transmountain diversion projects, the IBCC provided a draft conceptual agreement which explored innovative ways to address this issue in a balanced manner. Scenario planning indicates that a new transmountain diversion may not be needed in the future, however some futures suggest that new transmountain diversions may be a necessary part of Colorado's water supply portfolio. Colorado's Water Plan will not include any specific transmountain water project, but it will discuss how we can move forward with this option should it be needed, based on the IBCC's work.
139	10/10/2014	Mark Feinsinger, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	I'm a boater & river preservation advocate, rivers are vital to our ecosystem & life. Simply put, we need more water conservation!	Your comments are aligned with the four values driving Colorado's Water Plan. Those four values are 1) vibrant and sustainable cities, 2) viable and productive agriculture, 3) a robust recreation and tourism industry, and 4) a thriving environment that includes healthy watersheds, rivers, streams, and wildlife. The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation and reuse as critical components to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored. These topics are explored in Section 6.3.
140	10/10/2014	Ronald Brown, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	I'm a long time Colorado resident who has fished and hiked and camped besides Colorado rivers. Our area is holy and sacred to me and that is why I want to see our rivers protected. I also am very much against fracking, which wastes millions of gallons of water that should be used to help farmers and for future shortfalls.	Your comments are aligned with the four values driving Colorado's Water Plan. Those four values are 1) vibrant and sustainable cities, 2) viable and productive agriculture, 3) a robust recreation and tourism industry, and 4) a thriving environment that includes healthy watersheds, rivers, streams, and wildlife. Fracking currently uses approximately 18,000 acre feet per year, which is a very small proportion of Colorado's overall water use. However, there may be some areas where there are greater regional effects. However, there may be some areas where there are greater regional effects. In addition, power plants that burn natural gas to make energy use less water than traditional power plants. Therefore, from an overall resource management perspective, fracking and the resulting energy production do not consume a significant amount of water compared to current levels. Colorado's Water Plan seeks to work collaboratively to uphold Colorado's water values and does not put a value judgement on any one beneficial use.
141	10/10/2014	Doug Gould, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	I am a 30 year Colorado resident. Per "A River Runs Through It," I am haunted by water. Lets keep our rivers running unimpeded, maintain natural flows and ensure all users conserve.	Your comments are aligned with the four values driving Colorado's Water Plan. Those four values are 1) vibrant and sustainable cities, 2) viable and productive agriculture, 3) a robust recreation and tourism industry, and 4) a thriving environment that includes healthy watersheds, rivers, streams, and wildlife.
142	10/10/2014	Dara Carpenter, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	Please preserve our rivers and the surrounding areas and the wildlife. I want to be able to take my children to these areas someday, as well as their children and their children's children. I am an avid hiker along with my husband. I think the state should plan to utilize water conservation in the major cities and also reconsider ways we can reduce and produce our own water usage in our own homes ie collecting rain water.	Your comments are aligned with the four values driving Colorado's Water Plan. Those four values are 1) vibrant and sustainable cities, 2) viable and productive agriculture, 3) a robust recreation and tourism industry, and 4) a thriving environment that includes healthy watersheds, rivers, streams, and wildlife. The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation and reuse as critical components to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored. These topics are explored in Section 6.3.
143	10/10/2014	Jeffrey Berkus, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	I am a 12 year resident of Aspen, the Chairman of the board of Aspen Center for Environmental Studies (ACES) and care deeply about our rivers. The rivers of Colorado are our life force and deserve to be protected to the best of our abilities. Water Conservation should be a front line approach to preserving these precious resources.	Your comments are aligned with the four values driving Colorado's Water Plan. Those four values are 1) vibrant and sustainable cities, 2) viable and productive agriculture, 3) a robust recreation and tourism industry, and 4) a thriving environment that includes healthy watersheds, rivers, streams, and wildlife. The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation and reuse as critical components to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored. These topics are explored in Section 6.3.
144	10/10/2014	Jackie Meyer, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	Having moved here in the last year, I love the rivers. I can't wait to get into them (pregnant and rafting isn't the best idea). I'm incredibly concerned with water quality and water availability. I want to be able to get into the water without fear. I want there to be water available for the long term, and not have it disappear due to lack of planning. Colorado is my new home, but it's the only home going forward. It's time to put the long term ahead of short term gain. We can't just create new water. We can't control the weather and how much snow we get. But we can plan for the worst case scenario! Please, do the right thing for the future of this amazing, beautiful state. Show the rest of the country how to be good stewards of water. We can lead the country and benefit significantly!	Your comments are aligned with the four values driving Colorado's Water Plan. Those four values are 1) vibrant and sustainable cities, 2) viable and productive agriculture, 3) a robust recreation and tourism industry, and 4) a thriving environment that includes healthy watersheds, rivers, streams, and wildlife.

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145	10/10/2014	Leroy Damian, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	My name is Leroy Damian and we recently met in Northwest Denver. I am the person that asked you about your opinion of amendment 68. I wanted to write you this letter because I am also involved with the Boy Scouts of America my grandson is a scout and I have been helping him work on receiving his fishing merit badge. I would like to ensure that our rivers lakes and streams are protected for future generations to enjoy not only so that they maintain wildlife and fish but we need to protect them and conserve water due to the expected growth in our state. support city regulations to conserve water as much as possible even incentives to promote zero scaping. I know that you have traveled the state extensively and it is a beautiful state and many people want to live here. I would like to see that diverted water that is diverted to other states be limited. Colorado should keep as much water as we can for our own use. it's too bad that they don't have a way to divert the extra flood waters from the Midwest out to California it would be a lot more environmentally safe to build a water pipeline to California then one that has dirty oil sludge going across the United States. Si se puede. Good luck on the election you have my support.	Your comments are aligned with the four values driving Colorado's Water Plan. Those four values are 1) vibrant and sustainable cities, 2) viable and productive agriculture, 3) a robust recreation and tourism industry, and 4) a thriving environment that includes healthy watersheds, rivers, streams, and wildlife. The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation and reuse as critical components to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored. These topics are explored in Section 6.3. Xeriscape lawns are allowed statewide. Colorado water allocation and governance has always been guided by local users meeting local needs and Colorado's Water Plan will not change that. Rather than diminishing local control or authority over water, Colorado's Water Plan seeks to strengthen local decision-makers' ability to achieve regional and statewide water solutions. To that effect, Colorado's Water Plan will work to encourage, rather than mandate, several of the points presented in the comments. Regarding diversions, Colorado's Water Plan will not include any specific water projects. The CWCB would like to encourage multipurpose projects and full mitigation.
146	10/10/2014	Christi Trenholm, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	I am an outdoor enthusiast and mother of two children who wants to protect our rivers for future generations. Poorly planned dams and water diversion projects are detrimental to the health of our fragile ecosystem and should not be considered lightly. Water conservation should always be top priority regardless of the amount of rain we receive or the goals of corporate giants or governmental lobbyist. The value of nature cannot be calculated or summed up as a profit margin.	Your comments are aligned with the four values driving Colorado's Water Plan. Those four values are 1) vibrant and sustainable cities, 2) viable and productive agriculture, 3) a robust recreation and tourism industry, and 4) a thriving environment that includes healthy watersheds, rivers, streams, and wildlife. The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation and reuse as critical components to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored. These topics are explored in Section 6.3.
147	10/10/2014	Kris Nelson , General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	I have lived in this state my entire live and I have really seen how our water ways have deteriorated. We need to find ways to conserve water throughout Colorado so other states, such as California can get enough water for their survival. Next year it may be Kansas that needs water from us. First of all, we need to stop polluting our rivers, then reduce water waste - such as consider having no plastic water bottles manufactured in this state and lastly have a ban on manufacturing and using all plastic bags state wide. NW Colorado may decide they want a separate from us again - tough, let them do it. We are not just an isolated state - other states rely on us.	Your comments are aligned with the four values driving Colorado's Water Plan. Those four values are 1) vibrant and sustainable cities, 2) viable and productive agriculture, 3) a robust recreation and tourism industry, and 4) a thriving environment that includes healthy watersheds, rivers, streams, and wildlife.
148	10/10/2014	Robert Robinson, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	I'm nothing more than a concerned citizen, hunter, and fisherman who believes two of the most important resources to our beautiful state are water and energy. Because of my my love for Colorado and everything it offers to this outdoorsman, these are very important issues to me. I would suggest a water pipeline to save our rivers, produce energy, produce jobs, and reduce our part of the national deficit.	Your comments are aligned with the four values driving Colorado's Water Plan. Those four values are 1) vibrant and sustainable cities, 2) viable and productive agriculture, 3) a robust recreation and tourism industry, and 4) a thriving environment that includes healthy watersheds, rivers, streams, and wildlife.
149	10/10/2014	Alan Hansen, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	We need more conservation of water to be a priority everywhere. We have a growing population in Colorado, and must preserve our water resources and keep our rivers and streams flowing.	The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation and reuse as critical components to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored. These topics are explored in Section 6.3.
150	10/10/2014	Linda Vargas, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	I am a native of Colorado and have always loved our rivers. Please do all you can to save our clean water and keep our rivers clean by more water conservation, outlaw new diversions and reduce water waste.	Your comments are aligned with the four values driving Colorado's Water Plan. Those four values are 1) vibrant and sustainable cities, 2) viable and productive agriculture, 3) a robust recreation and tourism industry, and 4) a thriving environment that includes healthy watersheds, rivers, streams, and wildlife. The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation and reuse as critical components to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored. These topics are explored in Section 6.3. Regarding diversions, Colorado's Water Plan will not include any specific water projects. The CWCB would like to encourage multipurpose projects and full mitigation.
151	10/10/2014	Rhonda Horwitz-Romano, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	I am a teacher and voter, living in and loving our Colorado rural environments. We need our water to be conserved and protected from fracking, dams and wasteful use. Protect our rivers by prioritizing water conservation in our state water plan.	The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation and reuse as critical components to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored. These topics are explored in Section 6.3. Fracking currently uses approximately 18,000 acre feet per year, which is a very small proportion of Colorado's overall water use. However, there may be some areas where there are greater regional effects. However, there may be some areas where there are greater regional effects. In addition, power plants that burn natural gas to make energy use less water than traditional power plants. Therefore, from an overall resource management perspective, fracking and the resulting energy production do not consume a significant amount of water compared to current levels. Colorado's Water Plan seeks to work collaboratively to uphold Colorado's water values and does not put a value judgement on any one beneficial use.
152	10/10/2014	Stephanie Morrison, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	I am a counselor and retreat and workshop facilitator who takes individuals and groups of people on various journey's (a one day experience within a city and also extended trips into the wilderness) for emotional and physical healing. Every trip involves being close to rivers, lakes and streams; as the beauty, sound and healing properties of water always positively impact and deepen the experience for the participants. I am asking you to please prioritize water conservation in our beautiful state and all of its cities and towns. Specifically I urge you to do all you can to preserve waterways in their natural state.	Your comments are aligned with the four values driving Colorado's Water Plan. Those four values are 1) vibrant and sustainable cities, 2) viable and productive agriculture, 3) a robust recreation and tourism industry, and 4) a thriving environment that includes healthy watersheds, rivers, streams, and wildlife. The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation and reuse as critical components to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored. These topics are explored in Section 6.3.

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153	10/10/2014	Drew Beckwith, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	I am a father, a skier, a rafter, and a nature lover. I care about the health of Colorado's rivers because I want to be able to enjoy the same activities I do today, and do them with my kids in another 30 years when we've got twice as many people living in this state. I would like to see a conservation goal in the state's water plan to reduce per capita use 20% by 2030 from 2010 levels.	Your comments are aligned with the four values driving Colorado's Water Plan. Those four values are 1) vibrant and sustainable cities, 2) viable and productive agriculture, 3) a robust recreation and tourism industry, and 4) a thriving environment that includes healthy watersheds, rivers, streams, and wildlife. The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation and reuse as critical components to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored. These topics are explored in Section 6.3.
154	10/10/2014	Kathleen Doyle, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	I am a Colorado native who has lived all over the US and several other countries before returning to Colorado. Water is the key to life everywhere, and conservation is the only hope we have to preserve water for all. We must focus on ways to change behaviors and to stop leaks and waste rather than building new dams and diversions.	Your comments are aligned with the four values driving Colorado's Water Plan. Those four values are 1) vibrant and sustainable cities, 2) viable and productive agriculture, 3) a robust recreation and tourism industry, and 4) a thriving environment that includes healthy watersheds, rivers, streams, and wildlife. The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation and reuse as critical components to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored. These topics are explored in Section 6.3. Colorado's Water Plan will not include any specific water projects. The CWCB would like to encourage multipurpose projects and full mitigation.
155	10/10/2014	Sally Hemy, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	The biggest impact we can make in our Colorado waters is to outlaw the fossil fuel industry. You can't protect one county that is free of fracking while the neighboring county mines, fracks and pollutes our acrifers. The monies are there in renewables. Runoffs from big agriculture and animal feedlots cause big problems. Climate change is real. Let's protect what we have!	Your comments are aligned with the four values driving Colorado's Water Plan. Those four values are 1) vibrant and sustainable cities, 2) viable and productive agriculture, 3) a robust recreation and tourism industry, and 4) a thriving environment that includes healthy watersheds, rivers, streams, and wildlife.
156	10/10/2014	Bruce Kowkabany, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	I am a Boulder resident and outdoor enthusiast. I care about conserving our precious resources. There are other ways to provide water to a growing population (conservation, taxation, proper water management). Do not overtax our limited water resources and sacrifice the beauty of Colorado. Colorado needs its natural resources. Those of us who live here need to preserve it, not deplete it.	Your comments are aligned with the four values driving Colorado's Water Plan. Those four values are 1) vibrant and sustainable cities, 2) viable and productive agriculture, 3) a robust recreation and tourism industry, and 4) a thriving environment that includes healthy watersheds, rivers, streams, and wildlife.
157	10/10/2014	Ariana Saraha, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	As a teacher, musician, and health advocate who draws upon the beauty of nature as my inspiration, I am particularly concerned that we maintain strong protections for our waters. These waters not only provide inspiration for many, but it is these very waters that are important for the continued health of our ecosystem, nation, and humankind. Thank you for protecting them in the most stringent way possible.	Your comments are aligned with the four values driving Colorado's Water Plan. Those four values are 1) vibrant and sustainable cities, 2) viable and productive agriculture, 3) a robust recreation and tourism industry, and 4) a thriving environment that includes healthy watersheds, rivers, streams, and wildlife.
158	10/10/2014	april hartmeister, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	I hope you are as concerned as I am about the water in Colorado and the rest of the world. Water is a precious commodity and it is being so wasted in places like Las Vegas just frivolously using water when we already know this is a precious thing that isn't an endless supply. We see what droughts do to our beautiful land and we just need to start being more cognizant of what the heck we are doing with our water.	Your comments are aligned with the four values driving Colorado's Water Plan. Those four values are 1) vibrant and sustainable cities, 2) viable and productive agriculture, 3) a robust recreation and tourism industry, and 4) a thriving environment that includes healthy watersheds, rivers, streams, and wildlife.
159	10/10/2014	Paula Moseley, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	I am concerned about Colorado's rivers and water conservation is general. I would love to see measures implemented to further reduce water waste and protect water quality. One place to start, for example, could be better monitoring of sprinkler systems particularly on government and municipal properties. Poorly adjusted sprinklers lead to wasted water, increased run-off and subsequently contaminated streams and rivers. A 'hotline' or website of some sort where a citizen could report a problem might be useful.	The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation and reuse as critical components to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs.
160	10/10/2014	judy kolz, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	I am a 73 year old Coloradoan - the grandmother of two children who are fifth generation Coloradoans. I am concerned about our use and misuse of water and am hoping you will carefully protect our rivers - outlawing new diversions and reducing water waste. Thank you for caring for future generations!	Your comments are aligned with the four values driving Colorado's Water Plan. Those four values are 1) vibrant and sustainable cities, 2) viable and productive agriculture, 3) a robust recreation and tourism industry, and 4) a thriving environment that includes healthy watersheds, rivers, streams, and wildlife. The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation and reuse as critical components to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored. These topics are explored in Section 6.3. Regarding diversions, Colorado's Water Plan will not include any specific water projects. The CWCB would like to encourage multipurpose projects and full mitigation.
162	10/10/2014	M.R. Swenson, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	Water is like gold, and we should be preserving our rivers and waterways. Conservation and reduction of water waste is the most effective means of preserving our water. Our already depleted waterways cannot withstand more diversions.	The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation and reuse as critical components to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored. These topics are explored in Section 6.3. Meeting Colorado's nonconsumptive needs is a critical aspect of Colorado's Water Plan, and is explored in Section 6.6.
163	10/10/2014	Genevieve Villamizar, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	I'm a single mother of a four year daughter. We live 100 yards from the Crystal River. My senior dog finds respite from arthritis swimming. Living below poverty derived of divorce, the rich diversity if life forms and cycles of our river and stream banks are priceless to our days. As a landscape designer, our water should be the limiting constraint forcing us to honor our regional possibilities. As an angler, I value Luce lessons gleaned from currents & nature. Protect our waters.	The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation and reuse as critical components to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored. These topics are explored in Section 6.3. Meeting Colorado's nonconsumptive needs is a critical aspect of Colorado's Water Plan, and is explored in Section 6.6. The Water Quality Division of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) regulates water quality issues of this nature in the state. Water Quality has been recognized as critical for Colorado's water future. The CWCB is working closely with the Water Quality Control Division and the Basin Roundtables in order to address Colorado's Water Quality needs. This is further explored in Section 7.3.

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164	10/10/2014	Lola Wilcox, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	I am a fourth generation Coloradoan; my grand-children are sixth. I have been talking about water rights since I sat listening to my grandfather and father talk about how complicated the situation was, and their ideas. Water conservations by urban citizens helps involve people in the issue, but irrigated farms use more than any other sub-set of the populations. Farm irrigation pulls not only from rivers but from the aquifers. Long standing legal agreements protect this water use. Those need to be challenged, especially as global warming changes the amount of water available. Can we afford to support these farms at all? What other solutions can be found for agricultural issues - we need brilliant new ideas. Planning is essential. Dramatic choices are essential.	Agricultural water sharing and modernizing agricultural efficiencies are aspects of Colorado's Water Plan and included in Section 6.4 and Subsection 6.3.4 Climate change could have a serious effect on Colorado's water supplies, consequently, Colorado's Water Plan factors in an altered climate in 3 of the 5 scenarios examined in the planning process. Additionally, Climate change is addressed throughout Colorado's Water Plan, as it is likely to effect a multitude of sectors. However, the exact impacts of climate change remain uncertain; and while it is clear temperature's are, and will continue, rising, there is less consensus surrounding precipitation. Scenario planning enables the state to prepare for a wide range of possible futures to capture, and prepare for, such uncertainty. Specific climate change adaptation and mitigation recommendations are not addressed in Colorado's Water Plan but are being addressed through other statewide efforts.
165	10/10/2014	Chris Henry, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	Water is my life - both in survival and in sport. I live in Colorado because this state represents what I believe is the dream of all who love and understand what water is ... life. Whether farming, industrial, or entertainment - water is our foundation. Please do what you can to help conserve, protect and support Colorado water. Without your help, this beautiful state will lose more than just a political stance on water, but a real impact on how our citizens live. Thank you!	The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation and reuse as critical components to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored. These topics are explored in Section 6.3. Meeting Colorado's nonconsumptive needs is a critical aspect of Colorado's Water Plan, and is explored in Section 6.6.
166	10/10/2014	Lyn McCormick, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	Dear Governor Hickenlooper and Director Eklund, I am a rancher in NW Colorado. I am married to a fourth generation rancher who is also a Natural Resources attorney specializing in Water, Oil & Gas and Mineral Resources. We are bison producers and have a conservation easement for wildlife on our ranch along the Yampa River. Having spent almost 30 years on the Front Range of Colorado, raising bison on the eastern plains on dry-land pastures and experiencing the exorbitant price of hay in recent years, we were forced to relocate our operation to the Western Slope for good irrigated grass pasture. While on the Front Range we witnessed the exploitative use of water in the urban areas while farming and ranching friends as well as ourselves were unable to rent or even purchase water to irrigate our own pastures due to the priority needs of the cities. In the interest of preserving and conserving the ecosystems and beauty of the Colorado Watersheds, for ranching and recreation, I urge you to place the greatest priority on conservation of water resources along the front range and to leave the rivers flowing westward in their natural state for future generations. Thank you for your consideration	The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation and reuse as critical components to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored. These topics are explored in Section 6.3. With regard to new transmountain diversion projects, the IBCC provided a draft conceptual agreement which explored innovative ways to address this issue in a balanced manner. Scenario planning indicates that a new transmountain diversion may not be needed in the future, however some futures suggest that new transmountain diversions may be a necessary part of Colorado's water supply portfolio. Colorado's Water Plan will not include any specific transmountain water project, but it will discuss how we can move forward with this option should it be needed, based on the IBCC's work.
167	10/10/2014	Mark Gall, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	I'm a retired National Park Ranger and BLM officer. Since retirement, I've been traveling in foreign 3rd world areas of Central/South America and Asia. In many places it's difficult to find enough clean water, and I'm always reminded of Colorado's water supply, and how fortunate we are. With the huge current growing population, we need to preserve the water that we have, and stop wasting it on lawn irrigation, and other diversions that may be new. I still backpack and fish in the summer in Colorado, and can say that our lakes & rivers are just as pretty as those in Nepal, as I've backpacked there too. Please preserve them for Colorado's people, as well as our visitors. Thanks	The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation and reuse as critical components to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored. These topics are explored in Section 6.3. The CWCB and the Basin Roundtables will be working to support conservation, environment, and recreation in the Basin Implementation Plans and draft of Colorado's Water Plan. Meeting Colorado's nonconsumptive needs is a critical aspect of Colorado's Water Plan.
168	10/10/2014	April Chamberlain, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	My name is April Worthen, and I'm a full time mom in Boulder, CO. I feel very lucky to live in a place that cares about its wilderness, and to be able to enjoy this wilderness on a daily basis. I think preserving our beautiful Colorado rivers is essential for protecting wildlife, as well as the landscape in its natural state. I also believe in considering future generations in the decisions we make, particularly in regard to the earth's limited resources, and to continue to use water as extravagantly as most of us do is very detrimental. We need to implement water conservation in our towns and cities, and educate our citizens on conserving water in our homes (this may require creating and enforcing some laws, especially in regards to watering lawns, to ensure everyone is doing their part). Thank you for taking the time to read my opinion!	The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation and reuse as critical components to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored. These topics are explored in Section 6.3. Meeting Colorado's nonconsumptive needs is a critical aspect of Colorado's Water Plan, and is explored in Section 6.6.
169	10/10/2014	Moneca Dunham, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	I am a homeschooling mom and live at 9200 ft. My daughter and I frequently play in the mountains while biking, skiing, climbing, hiking, and backpacking. Colorado's rivers are a treasure that must be protected. We must steward our natural resources instead of allowing them to be tarnished and destroyed. Water conservation must be increased while water waste and contamination must be decreased.	The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation and reuse as critical components to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored. These topics are explored in Section 6.3. The Water Quality Division of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) regulates water quality issues of this nature in the state. Water Quality has been recognized as critical for Colorado's water future. The CWCB is working closely with the Water Quality Control Division and the Basin Roundtables in order to address Colorado's Water Quality needs. This is further explored in Section 7.3.
170	10/10/2014	Brian Black, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	I am a father of 3 children, which were all born in Colorado. I am a big fan of Colorado's water ways, as well as all the natural resources in our great state. One of my favorite things about Colorado is how clean our state is compared to some in the U.S. and how we value our beautiful environment. I want to keep Colorado beautiful for all future generations. I want my children to be able to drink safe, clean water like I have enjoyed. I believe Colorado has a responsibility to keep our headwaters all the way to the state line clean. Colorado can take the lead in water conservation and other pertinent steps in keeping the whole state environmentally clean.	The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation and reuse as critical components to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored. These topics are explored in Section 6.3. The Water Quality Division of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) regulates water quality issues of this nature in the state. Water Quality has been recognized as critical for Colorado's water future. The CWCB is working closely with the Water Quality Control Division and the Basin Roundtables in order to address Colorado's Water Quality needs. This is further explored in Section 7.3.

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171	10/10/2014	Robert Ross, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	Hello, I have been an active user of the outdoors in Colorado for over 15 years and rivers are often part of that experience. I am also an Architect and know the products available, so so easy to install, for conserving water. With the money spent on reservoirs i imagine a pretty good dent could be made on the water conservation side by investing in upgrading out existing public and private water consuming infrastructure. I urge you to strongly push for water conservations in out cities and avoid addition diversions that have been shown to negatively impact our aquatic wildlife.	The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation and reuse as critical components to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored. These topics are explored in Section 6.3. With regard to new transmountain diversion projects, the IBCC provided a draft conceptual agreement which explored innovative ways to address this issue in a balanced manner. Scenario planning indicates that a new transmountain diversion may not be needed in the future, however some futures suggest that new transmountain diversions may be a necessary part of Colorado's water supply portfolio. Colorado's Water Plan will not include any specific transmountain water project, but it will discuss how we can move forward with this option should it be needed, based on the IBCC's work.
172	10/10/2014	Dorothy T Kiljan, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	Dear Governor Hickenlooper and Members of the Water Board, I have been a teacher and I am a mom who cares about our environment. We need to be good stewards of our earth and that implies that we be good stewards of our own beautiful state, Colorado. Our well-being depends on the quality of our water. The well-being of our planet depends on the quality of water. So let's protect our water from overuse, as well as from harmful procedures. Let's apply our common sense, compassion, and resources toward the common good or our people and our planet. Thank you for your stewardship.	The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation and reuse as critical components to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored. These topics are explored in Section 6.3. The Water Quality Division of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) regulates water quality issues of this nature in the state. Water Quality has been recognized as critical for Colorado's water future. The CWCB is working closely with the Water Quality Control Division and the Basin Roundtables in order to address Colorado's Water Quality needs. This is further explored in Section 7.3.
173	10/10/2014	Lisa Dancing-Light, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	I am a hiker and have a grandson and son and daughter-in-law living on the Crystal River in Redstone CO. We boat and raft and fish as we have for over 30 years and enjoy knowing the fish and the water is pristine and healthy for our future and the future of others. We need to maximize conservation efforts to guard against any potential pollution from oil and gas exploration and drilling, outlaw diversions that are depleting our streams and make mandatory regulations on water waste.	The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation and reuse as critical components to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored. These topics are explored in Section 6.3. The Water Quality Division of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) regulates water quality issues of this nature in the state. Water Quality has been recognized as critical for Colorado's water future. The CWCB is working closely with the Water Quality Control Division and the Basin Roundtables in order to address Colorado's Water Quality needs. This is further explored in Section 7.3.
174	10/10/2014	Joyce Holdread, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	The River which bears the same name as our wonderful state is in dire condition and may vanish altogether. How can we allow that to happen? We all need to pull together and conserve our water; that is a much more sustainable solution. In addition, regulations should be put in place for any new development areas (as well as for older areas) that limits water use for non-essentials such as lawns, due to the very dry conditions for our part of the nation.	The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation and reuse as critical components to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored. These topics are explored in Section 6.3. Xeriscape lawns are allowed statewide. Colorado water allocation and governance has always been guided by local users meeting local needs and Colorado's Water Plan will not change that. Rather than diminishing local control or authority over water, Colorado's Water Plan seeks to strengthen local decision-makers' ability to achieve regional and statewide water solutions. To that effect, Colorado's Water Plan will work to encourage, rather than mandate, several of the points presented in the comments.
175	10/10/2014	Ryan Leonard, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	As a organic farmer, bee keeper, boater, and outdoor adventurer I want you to protect our Rivers! I value clean water for my family, my food, and my recreation. I value wild and scenic rivers! I value a place to take my kids to go fish, I value these ecosystems for wildlife habitat of all kinds from aquatic to avian, to all the other big game species. I value the economics of clean un-diverted water ways. I value wild and scenic rivers for tourism! The state should be protect these limited resources. The state needs to protect it from the richest buying it off, pollution, and user that destroy water like oil and gas industry. Learn from Colorado history of mining and see the water pollution that has destroyed ecosystems, rivers, wildlife habitat and destroyed it for us! Please protect our rivers, outlaw new diversion, reduce water waste (lawns), and follow California example on water conversation! Thanks for listening	The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation and reuse as critical components to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored. These topics are explored in Section 6.3. The Water Quality Division of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) regulates water quality issues of this nature in the state. Water Quality has been recognized as critical for Colorado's water future. The CWCB is working closely with the Water Quality Control Division and the Basin Roundtables in order to address Colorado's Water Quality needs. This is further explored in Section 7.3.
176	10/10/2014	Ronald Booth, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	Considering the uncertainties that we face these days as a result of climate change, particularly extended droughts combined the steady population growth in Colorado I feel its important that we protect our state's water supplies not only for consumption at the tap but for agricultural and recreational uses as well. When the water is gone we can't just make more!!	The state is working vigorously with other upper basin states and the Colorado River Basin as a whole to mitigate any risks Colorado may face with regard to compact compliance and other interstate issues.
177	10/10/2014	Tanya Zaffuto, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	Originally from the once beautiful and plentiful State of California, I know the importance of protecting a states natural resources. Going back to visit there is a sad situation. Limited water and lack of respect for what was there naturally had a huge impact on me. Don't let Colorado's water be mistreated or misused! Protect it for people today and our children tomorrow!	The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation and reuse as critical components to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored. These topics are explored in Section 6.3. Meeting Colorado's nonconsumptive needs is a critical aspect of Colorado's Water Plan, and is explored in Section 6.6.
178	10/10/2014	Julia Novy, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	I am a mom of boys who adore playing in the Roaring Fork, Crystal, Colorado and Frying Pan Rivers. I care about the rivers because I care about clean, accessible water for this and all future generations. The State of Colorado should protect our rivers for the health and safety of all.	The CWCB and the Basin Roundtables will be working to support conservation, environment, and recreation in the Basin Implementation Plans and draft of Colorado's Water Plan. Meeting Colorado's nonconsumptive needs is a critical aspect of Colorado's Water Plan. The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation and reuse as critical components to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored. These topics are explored in Section 6.3.
179	10/10/2014	Jack Johnson, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	My name is Jack Johnson. I'm a student at UCSS, finishing my undergraduate work in philosophy. I'm an avid backpacker/climber based here locally. There is no place like Colorado; in large part, this is due to the outdoor activities the Colorado has. Water conservation is paramount in Colorado because it is our most important resource. Not only does every living thing need it to flourish, but without it, Colorado's grandeur will vanish too. Please make water conservation our state's top priority.	The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation and reuse as critical components to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored. These topics are explored in Section 6.3. Meeting Colorado's nonconsumptive needs is a critical aspect of Colorado's Water Plan, and is explored in Section 6.6.

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180	10/10/2014	V Myra Parrot, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	This is from a grandmother. My parents and grandparents protected our way of life, our parks, our water resources and our clean air. Now it is our time to protect these very things for our grandchildren and great-grandchildren. We have a legacy to protect and if we don't have enough of the two very things that mankind needs to survive, clean air and clean water, then what. Mankind perishes! It is your responsibility as Governor of this state to follow through and protect our heritage. Thank you	The CWCB and the Basin Roundtables will be working to support conservation, environment, and recreation in the Basin Implementation Plans and draft of Colorado's Water Plan. Meeting Colorado's nonconsumptive needs is a critical aspect of Colorado's Water Plan. The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation and reuse as critical components to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored. These topics are explored in Section 6.3. The Water Quality Division of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) regulates water quality issues of this nature in the state. Water Quality has been recognized as critical for Colorado's water future. The CWCB is working closely with the Water Quality Control Division and the Basin Roundtables in order to address Colorado's Water Quality needs. This is further explored in Section 7.3.
181	10/10/2014	Walter McKee, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	I propose a concept of saving water to help our state and others. If we make dams to store excess water in excess years to share in lean years. This concept would not deprive down stream users in excess years, but give potential to assist in water flow in lean years. This concept could apply to East and West water flow. Could aid in meeting city/farm meeting needs. Water storage has the potential of helping local and regional needs and aid in meeting future needs.	Colorado's Water Plan will not include any specific water projects. The CWCB would like to encourage multipurpose projects and full mitigation.
182	10/10/2014	Horace Work, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	I am a homeowner in the mountains of Colorado. Through my property there runs a stream probably with a spring as its source and water flows year round. Several years ago I applied for and was granted water rights to create two small ponds and irrigate from them with enough water to supply an acre of vegetation. I care about Colorado rivers as much as I care about my ponds. Good water in this dry state is a gift that needs to be treated thoughtfully and respectfully if we Coloradans plan to live comfortably and well in this state long into the indefinite future. It's been shown that dams for producing electricity create 5x more pollution than burning coal to obtain the same wattage. Likewise with any dam or diversion anywhere: pollution and degradation of the environment will result. Let us follow the example set in such dry places as southern Arizona where conservation is the rule. Let all Coloradans avoid building dams, diversions, and reservoirs as much as possible to keep our great natural rivers flowing normally, hopefully forever. Let us treat water as the gift it is and conserve and reduce waste thoughtfully wherever we can.	The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation and reuse as critical components to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored. These topics are explored in Section 6.3. With regard to new transmountain diversion projects, the IBCC provided a draft conceptual agreement which explored innovative ways to address this issue in a balanced manner. Scenario planning indicates that a new transmountain diversion may not be needed in the future, however some futures suggest that new transmountain diversions may be a necessary part of Colorado's water supply portfolio. Colorado's Water Plan will not include any specific transmountain water project, but it will discuss how we can move forward with this option should it be needed, based on the IBCC's work. The CWCB and the Basin Roundtables will be working to support conservation, environment, and recreation in the Basin Implementation Plans and draft of Colorado's Water Plan. Meeting Colorado's nonconsumptive needs is a critical aspect of Colorado's Water Plan.
183	10/10/2014	Walter Enterline, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	Hello - I am writing to support water conservation in the Colorado Water Plan. Conservation is the most effective means to minimize impacts on free flowing streams. These streams will only grow in value if they are protected. Colorado is known for its outdoor grandeur, and protected rivers are part of this asset. See the Elwha River Restoration.	The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation and reuse as critical components to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored. These topics are explored in Section 6.3. Meeting Colorado's nonconsumptive needs is a critical aspect of Colorado's Water Plan, and is explored in Section 6.6.
184	10/10/2014	Rob Carter, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	I'm a Boulder County resident.. Actually grew up there and can say from personal experience how valuable our natural resources and land are.. Please help to save them for future generations	The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation and reuse as critical components to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored. These topics are explored in Section 6.3. Meeting Colorado's nonconsumptive needs is a critical aspect of Colorado's Water Plan, and is explored in Section 6.6.
185	10/10/2014	Lisa Mangold-White, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	I am a Denver resident of 54 years. Colorados rivers are so very important to keeping this thriving community strong and vital. It is of the utmost importance that we not waste a drop, or allow anything that will harm our beautiful rivers. It is a very heavy responsibility we bare to keep our State, and our Planet, healthy for all to enjoy.	The CWCB and the Basin Roundtables will be working to support conservation, environment, and recreation in the Basin Implementation Plans and draft of Colorado's Water Plan. Meeting Colorado's nonconsumptive needs is a critical aspect of Colorado's Water Plan. The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation and reuse as critical components to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored. These topics are explored in Section 6.3. The Water Quality Division of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) regulates water quality issues of this nature in the state. Water Quality has been recognized as critical for Colorado's water future. The CWCB is working closely with the Water Quality Control Division and the Basin Roundtables in order to address Colorado's Water Quality needs. This is further explored in Section 7.3.
186	10/10/2014	Patrick Harrington, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	Hello I am a 42 year old Native to Colorado. I love how when I was growing up here in Denver we would have relative visit from out of State and tell us how incredible our water tasted. It is one of my highest priorities that we have clean rivers, lakes and reservoirs. I believe that legislation should be long term focused. Continually looking to improve in the quality of the water on all levels throughout the state. I desire effort be put in to protect water for the eastern planes and farming efforts there. Thank you for your consideration.	The Water Quality Division of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) regulates water quality issues of this nature in the state. Water Quality has been recognized as critical for Colorado's water future. The CWCB is working closely with the Water Quality Control Division and the Basin Roundtables in order to address Colorado's Water Quality needs. This is further explored in Section 7.3.
187	10/10/2014	Bryan Long, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	I am a teacher, activist, and conservationist in the Roaring Fork Valley. I love river's for their intrinsic value, recreational opportunities, and ecosystems health services! Please help us prioritize water conservation in our cities and towns!	The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation and reuse as critical components to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored. These topics are explored in Section 6.3. Meeting Colorado's nonconsumptive needs is a critical aspect of Colorado's Water Plan, and is explored in Section 6.6.
188	10/10/2014	Linda Chase, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	I am writing to urge you to preserve Colorado's rivers. NO price can be put on the value of our natural resources. Water, particularly in the west, is valuable beyond words or thought. Government must act to preserve and protect what we have.	The CWCB and the Basin Roundtables will be working to support conservation, environment, and recreation in the Basin Implementation Plans and draft of Colorado's Water Plan. Meeting Colorado's nonconsumptive needs is a critical aspect of Colorado's Water Plan. The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation and reuse as critical components to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored. These topics are explored in Section 6.3.

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189	10/10/2014	Dianne Alpern, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	I have enjoyed hiking and camping in Colorado along some of the most beautiful rivers in the country. I love the wild and scenic areas of the rivers. Please protect our rivers with more water conservation and don't allow new diversions that would harm our wildlife and their habitat.	The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation and reuse as critical components to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored. These topics are explored in Section 6.3. Meeting Colorado's nonconsumptive needs is a critical aspect of Colorado's Water Plan, and is explored in Section 6.6.
190	10/10/2014	RedLion York, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	Howdy, I'm an out doors guy that enjoys everything from hiking to skiing to canoeing to kayaking and more. Colorado's rivers are important to me as part of our natural heritage that makes Colorado a unique and desirable place. When a friend and I canoed from Fort Collins to New Orleans we learned a lot about the use of water and the impact it has on the riparian environment. It is apparent that we need to conserve water usage in all aspects of our lives. This should be a priority for any water plan. Thank you.	The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation and reuse as critical components to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored. These topics are explored in Section 6.3. Meeting Colorado's nonconsumptive needs is a critical aspect of Colorado's Water Plan, and is explored in Section 6.6.
191	10/10/2014	Kay Sticklan, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	As a life-long Colorado resident (having been born in Fort Collins) I'm very concerned about water policy. We need a state water plan that emphasizes conservation rather than continuing to fund water projects that harm our rivers and ground water. Our state's water resources have been stretched thin and population continues to grow, so we need to act now and protect our resources for future generations. We have children and grandchildren who depend on us!	The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation and reuse as critical components to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored. These topics are explored in Section 6.3. Meeting Colorado's nonconsumptive needs is a critical aspect of Colorado's Water Plan, and is explored in Section 6.6.
192	10/10/2014	Roberta Skinner, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	I'm a native Coloradan - born & bred here. You can take the girl out of the mountains, but you can't take the mountains out of the girl! This definitely applies to me. I have ALWAYS love the Colorado high country, the rivers and lakes. In the past few years, it's been frightening to see how low many of the reservoirs are! I get worried about where our water will come from in the not too distant future. I feel we need to do more toward water conservation and stop the continued building which will ultimately mean more water usage. We just don't have enough to go around as things stand now and I see nothing happening that will improve this situation. We need some forethought and a plan NOW!	The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation and reuse as critical components to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored. These topics are explored in Section 6.3. Meeting Colorado's nonconsumptive needs is a critical aspect of Colorado's Water Plan, and is explored in Section 6.6.
193	10/10/2014	Julie Barcelona, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	Please make Colorado a priority! We need to focus on what Colorado needs as a whole. I am a Colorado Native that loves to fish and camp. I hate to see water waste. Watering while it is raining out is something that needs to be addressed. I have also been to parks while the park is watering and have often seen broken sprinklers. These are just a few things that need to be looked at by the water board.	The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation and reuse as critical components to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored. These topics are explored in Section 6.3
194	10/10/2014	Wendy Reeves, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	Hi, there.... I am a mom and lover of nature. I care about water conservation and our earths conservation because I want my children to live with water and clean air; see the beauty that is around us, Lakes, rivers, and ocean plus it is wasteful to have so much, and let fresh water be wasted. I believe that we need more conservation in cities and towns, and that we should outlaw any new diversions...plus we should work on reclaiming and using reclaimed water. Thank you for your help.	The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation and reuse as critical components to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored. These topics are explored in Section 6.3. Meeting Colorado's nonconsumptive needs is a critical aspect of Colorado's Water Plan, and is explored in Section 6.6.
195	10/10/2014	Jean Stringer, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	I am in favor in order to protect our rivers to have cities and towns participate in more water conversation and reduce water waste. We live next to the Plate River in Littleton and the water flow is currently extremely low. Let's take the steps necessary to encourage folks to take pride in our rivers.	The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation and reuse as critical components to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored. These topics are explored in Section 6.3
196	10/10/2014	Ted Schultz, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	I love to flyfish and to spend time on Colorado's rivers. Environmental protection, the protection of native fish species, the protection of natural watersheds and river courses is very important to me, and not only because I am a fisherman. Mainly because I am a native of Colorado and treasure our natural resources. Conservation first and foremost as a solution to our water needs.	The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation and reuse as critical components to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored. These topics are explored in Section 6.3. The CWCB and the Basin Roundtables will be working to support conservation, environment, and recreation in the Basin Implementation Plans and draft of Colorado's Water Plan. Meeting Colorado's nonconsumptive needs is a critical aspect of Colorado's Water Plan. The Water Quality Division of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) regulates water quality issues of this nature in the state. Water Quality has been recognized as critical for Colorado's water future. The CWCB is working closely with the Water Quality Control Division and the Basin Roundtables in order to address Colorado's Water Quality needs. This is further explored in Section 7.3.
197	10/10/2014	Nick Brunnschweiler, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	I'm writing to pledge my support towards water conservation. I'm a guy who wants to make sure that our grandchildren will have water that's clean and flowing and plentiful as it is now. I see diversion for fracking as the single biggest obstacle to that. Also, frivolous use for watering home lawns and golf courses and parks seems to also be an issue. The way I see it, nature and the environment is always sacrificed without any real thought to the corresponding destruction it does, ALL in the name of some kind of business/industry/commerce. Enough is enough. Water can be used much more responsibly than this and doesn't have to be given away so easily.	The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation and reuse as critical components to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored. These topics are explored in Section 6.3
198	10/10/2014	Kathleen Herrera, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	I was born and raised here in Colorado. Colorado is known for its beauty and our rivers are very important I like to fish, put my toes in the water, I enjoy sitting near a river and watching it flow it brings peace and tranquility. Water is the #1 thing a person needs in their body it is also important for animals. We need to protect our rivers. In other countries they do not have clean rivers. I heard of I think China has polluted their rivers due to toxic chemical waste from factories. We need to set an example and preserve our water. I do not want to end up having toxic water like other places have.	The Water Quality Division of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) regulates water quality issues of this nature in the state. Water Quality has been recognized as critical for Colorado's water future. The CWCB is working closely with the Water Quality Control Division and the Basin Roundtables in order to address Colorado's Water Quality needs. This is further explored in Section 7.3.

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199	10/10/2014	Stayton Jones, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	I'm a hiker who enjoys the streams and rivers in Colorado. I believe that rather than building massive dams or diversion projects which cost billions, harm our environment, and wreck our rivers we should have more water conservation in our cities and towns. We need to save our rivers and streams, not destroy them.	The CWCB and the Basin Roundtables will be working to support conservation, environment, and recreation in the Basin Implementation Plans and draft of Colorado's Water Plan. Meeting Colorado's nonconsumptive needs is a critical aspect of Colorado's Water Plan. The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation and reuse as critical components to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored. These topics are explored in Section 6.3. The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation and reuse as critical components to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored. These topics are explored in Section 6.3. The Water Quality Division of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) regulates water quality issues of this nature in the state. Water Quality has been recognized as critical for Colorado's water future. The CWCB is working closely with the Water Quality Control Division and the Basin Roundtables in order to address Colorado's Water Quality needs. This is further explored in Section 7.3.
200	10/10/2014	Kim Fronapfel, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	Governor Hickenlooper- as a mother I am of course concerned about the future of our planet. I try to raise my daughter to be a steward of our planet and all of it's interconnected species. That is why I am writing you today in the hopes that you will also commit to perserving and valuing the ecology by protecting Colorado Rivers. Thank you	The CWCB and the Basin Roundtables will be working to support conservation, environment, and recreation in the Basin Implementation Plans and draft of Colorado's Water Plan. Meeting Colorado's nonconsumptive needs is a critical aspect of Colorado's Water Plan. The Water Quality Division of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) regulates water quality issues of this nature in the state. Water Quality has been recognized as critical for Colorado's water future. The CWCB is working closely with the Water Quality Control Division and the Basin Roundtables in order to address Colorado's Water Quality needs. This is further explored in Section 7.3.
201	10/10/2014	Max McCloskey, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	I am a colorado resident and fly fisherman. I live in Colorado because I want to live close to nature, and the extraordinary water systems in our state. Colorado, the Governor, and the Water Board should protect these natural amenities by eliminating dams on our rivers, and protecting aquatic ecosystems by classifying them as gold medal & blue ribbon waters.	The CWCB and the Basin Roundtables will be working to support conservation, environment, and recreation in the Basin Implementation Plans and draft of Colorado's Water Plan. Meeting Colorado's nonconsumptive needs is a critical aspect of Colorado's Water Plan. The Water Quality Division of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) regulates water quality issues of this nature in the state. Water Quality has been recognized as critical for Colorado's water future. The CWCB is working closely with the Water Quality Control Division and the Basin Roundtables in order to address Colorado's Water Quality needs. This is further explored in Section 7.3.
202	10/10/2014	Marta Wilcox, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	I'm a mom, as well as a Grandmother. 2.Living in Colorado is wonderful, and our water is one of our most important assets. We shouldn't have to supply other states with our water. 3.Other states need to figure out how to get the ocean water processed and sent to those in need of water, and we need to protect the water we have.	The state is working vigorously with other upper basin states and the Colorado River Basin as a whole to mitigate any risks Colorado may face with regard to compact compliance and other interstate issues.
203	10/10/2014	Robert Cruder, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	I am not a sportsman and do not earn any income from any water-related activity. I vacation in areas that are obvious deserts including Tucson. I plan to retire in another obvious desert in West Texas. I have already learned to conserve water and note that both Arizona and California have mandated it. If one delays mandating conservation because it is inconvenient to some then what is the alternative? Does one provide those few with unlimited water at the expense of everyone else? How long can one do that before any slack in supply is exhausted? Start with conservation. Then establish minimum stream flows to preserve the resource base. Finally allocate any remaining supply only to create an incentive for future conservation not to reward past failure to conserve.	The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation and reuse as critical components to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored. These topics are explored in Section 6.3. The CWCB and the Basin Roundtables will be working to support conservation, environment, and recreation in the Basin Implementation Plans and draft of Colorado's Water Plan. Meeting Colorado's nonconsumptive needs is a critical aspect of Colorado's Water Plan.
204	10/10/2014	Reed Glenn, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	Please legislate water conservation to protect our resources against wasted water in homes and public places. As a registered Colorado voter, our beautiful natural resources, including rivers and streams, are irreplaceable. As an outdoorsperson, hiker and skier I appreciate and value this part of the environment.	The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation and reuse as critical components to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored. These topics are explored in Section 6.3
205	10/10/2014	Michelle McCurdy, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	Dear Governor Please please protect Colorado's precious rivers and streams! I care because we use the rivers for recreation but beyond that we need to protect them for wildlife, agriculture and drinking water! Colorado needs to stop allowing the oil and gas industry from taking our precious resource! They are polluting our rivers and streams even though they say they are not. Please do not let money get in the way! We have a limited time before it is too late! Thank you!	The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation and reuse as critical components to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored. These topics are explored in Section 6.3. The Water Quality Division of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) regulates water quality issues of this nature in the state. Water Quality has been recognized as critical for Colorado's water future. The CWCB is working closely with the Water Quality Control Division and the Basin Roundtables in order to address Colorado's Water Quality needs. This is further explored in Section 7.3. Fracking currently uses approximately 18,000 acre feet per year, which is a very small proportion of Colorado's overall water use. However, there may be some areas where there are greater regional effects. In addition, power plants that burn natural gas to make energy use less water than traditional power plants. Therefore, from an overall resource management perspective, fracking and the resulting energy production do not consume a significant amount of water compared to current levels. Colorado's Water Plan seeks to work collaboratively to uphold Colorado's water values and does not put a value judgement on any one beneficial use.
206	10/10/2014	William Lugaila, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	1. I am a sportsman and a home owner. 2. I fish and I love being in nature. I think this is a good time to cut back on the amount of water we use. 3. I think we need to endorse xeriscape of yards by giving help or discounts to help reduce our water consumption. I also think we need to renegotiate the contracts with other states and reduce the amount of water that is going down stream. They need to look at other ways to reduce their consumption and help preserve nature. Another way to help reduction of agriculture use might be to educate farmers in better way of growing crops. If you don't now how maybe think of working with other states and testing ideas.	The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation and reuse as critical components to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored. These topics are explored in Section 6.3. Agricultural water sharing and modernizing agricultural efficiencies are aspects of Colorado's Water Plan and included in Section 6.4 and Subsection 6.3.4. The state is working vigorously with other upper basin states and the Colorado River Basin as a whole to mitigate any risks Colorado may face with regard to compact compliance and other interstate issues.

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207	10/10/2014	Benita Phillips, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	In the total scheme of life, The River we call the Colorado, existed before we, as humans, were here. The River, will be here after we, the humans are gone even if we drain it dry. This need not happen. The River's Right to Exist must be the first and only criteria on which to make decisions. If a decision reduces or contaminates the flow, that decision is NOT in the best interest of The River and therefore human existence. Nothing should be more important than the health and safety of The River. Where goes the River there too goes humanity. It is time to respect and be in awe of Nature. Save the River.	The CWCB and the Basin Roundtables will be working to support conservation, environment, and recreation in the Basin Implementation Plans and draft of Colorado's Water Plan. Meeting Colorado's nonconsumptive needs is a critical aspect of Colorado's Water Plan. The Water Quality Division of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) regulates water quality issues of this nature in the state. Water Quality has been recognized as critical for Colorado's water future. The CWCB is working closely with the Water Quality Control Division and the Basin Roundtables in order to address Colorado's Water Quality needs. This is further explored in Section 7.3.
208	10/10/2014	Dick Bryant and Kathy Feeny, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	My wife and I spend 7 months of the year in Colorado. We're avid bikers and hikers and highly value the Summit County lakes, rivers and streams both for their beauty and for the recreation they provide for our friends who are fishermen, kayakers and sailors. We would oppose any further diversion projects which would funnel water to the front range. We believe conservation by cities and towns is the best way to manage our water problems.	The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation and reuse as critical components to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored. These topics are explored in Section 6.3.
209	10/10/2014	Mindy Martin, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	Dear Governor Hickenlooper and the Water Board, I am a long-time resident of Denver and a former small business owner. Through my work with The American Water Works Association, Denver Water and The Botanic Gardens I learned a great deal about what it takes to preserve water and ensure that we have enough to sustain our state and the needs of its citizens. We have always been generous with our resources and have taken our role as good neighbors seriously. I think that's good. But what I think is more important is that we recognize that our river resources are finite. We must promote water conservation at all levels to ensure that we have enough water for the plants, animals and people who make Colorado a glorious place to live. The effects of climate change, development, loss of habitat and population growth must be addressed with a broad and innovative plan to protect our rivers. Please act boldly and create a water-plan that meets the needs of our state. Thank you.	The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation and reuse as critical components to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored. These topics are explored in Section 6.3
210	10/10/2014	Emmaline Repp, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	My name is Emma and I am a recently Returned Peace Corps Volunteer and Colorado native. Conservation has always been important to me, but the Peace Corps left me with a unique understanding of the importance of and access to clean water. In Colorado, our rivers aren't just beautiful attractions, they provide a home, a source of food, and sustenance to all kinds of amazing creatures, and their protection affects every single Coloradan and Colorado resident whether they realize it or not. Living in Africa, I witnessed a disturbing lack of conservation and regulation of many things, water being one of them. The affect it had on the local environment - not limited to the land but extending to animals and humans alike - made me acutely aware of how important it is to conserve and protect our water sources. From chemical spills to oil rigs off the coast, companies took advantage of Ghana in a way that will have a lasting effect on the locals, effects they may not notice until it's much too late. People like me rely on people like you to think of (and act upon) the long-term effect and conservation of our most precious resources. With the recent, extreme changes in weather patterns, water conservation should be at the top of our list of priorities in Colorado. It seems a no-brainer to me. But why should you listen to me? Well, because in my 28 years I have seen a marked difference in Colorado. The thunderstorms I used to watch pass along Pike's Peak, without flooding towns or causing massive hailstorms, are no more. The forest fires I was forced to watch from Africa, wondering if my family was safe, were nothing I had been accustomed to in my childhood. And if I can witness and recognize such change over my lifetime, I can't imagine what 28 more years - without strong, consistent conservation and protection of our water and environment - will do. You must make hard decisions every day and though you may not always receive recognition or appreciation for them, it is your responsibility to lead the way in protecting our wonderful state. Help me honor Colorado - let's start with protecting our water.	The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation and reuse as critical components to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored. These topics are explored in Section 6.3. The CWCB and the Basin Roundtables will be working to support conservation, environment, and recreation in the Basin Implementation Plans and draft of Colorado's Water Plan. Meeting Colorado's nonconsumptive needs is a critical aspect of Colorado's Water Plan. The Water Quality Division of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) regulates water quality issues of this nature in the state. Water Quality has been recognized as critical for Colorado's water future. The CWCB is working closely with the Water Quality Control Division and the Basin Roundtables in order to address Colorado's Water Quality needs. This is further explored in Section 7.3.
211	10/10/2014	Carol Mitchell, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	I am a teacher who is concerned about the environment we are leaving to the next generations! Water is more important than oil since we need both the water to drink and the water to grow our food. Some think that within 50 years there will not be enough water all over the country to farm in the way we farm now, and that certainly concerns Colorado more than most states. We all know that the ground water level has gone down drastically and that is much of the water used by farmers. And now we want fracking in this state, and we all know that fracking uses and destroys a huge amount of water. If we had to pay the real cost (which include the environmental cost) oil obtained this way would be exorbitantly expensive. Please work on a state plan to protect our rivers and conserve our ground water. Thank you for your consideration.	The Water Quality Division of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) regulates water quality issues of this nature in the state. Water Quality has been recognized as critical for Colorado's water future. The CWCB is working closely with the Water Quality Control Division and the Basin Roundtables in order to address Colorado's Water Quality needs. This is further explored in Section 7.3. Fracking currently uses approximately 18,000 acre feet per year, which is a very small proportion of Colorado's overall water use. However, there may be some areas where there are greater regional effects. In addition, power plants that burn natural gas to make energy use less water than traditional power plants. Therefore, from an overall resource management perspective, fracking and the resulting energy production do not consume a significant amount of water compared to current levels. Colorado's Water Plan seeks to work collaboratively to uphold Colorado's water values and does not put a value judgement on any one beneficial use.
212	10/10/2014	Brock Schwartz, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	1] We live in a high plains desert, please take more measures to conserve more water, for example an extra charge to divert water away from blue grass lawns so popular in most Colorado towns. 2] I have lived here since early 1987 and treasure the outdoors experiences that Colorado offers. 3] Please consider very very carefully any future plans for new dams or diversions.	The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation and reuse as critical components to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored. These topics are explored in Section 6.3. Meeting Colorado's nonconsumptive needs is a critical aspect of Colorado's Water Plan, and is explored in Section 6.6.

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213	10/10/2014	Ruby Seastone, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	I write this from "another" perspective. I recently took part in a program in Wyoming with the founder of the Animas Valley Institute, which works tirelessly to educate individuals both nationally and internationally about wilderness rights and ecological issues. During this program I had what I can only call a profound experience of the living reality of a mountain river. So I write this from my heart as much as from my head. Our rivers are part of the earth. They do not belong to us. We urgently need to be their guardians, not their exploiters. Please continue to do everything in your power to protect the rivers of Colorado so that they may continue to flow in a naturally sacred, eternally wild condition.	The CWCB and the Basin Roundtables will be working to support conservation, environment, and recreation in the Basin Implementation Plans and draft of Colorado's Water Plan. Meeting Colorado's nonconsumptive needs is a critical aspect of Colorado's Water Plan. With regard to new transmountain diversion projects, the IBCC provided a draft conceptual agreement which explored innovative ways to address this issue in a balanced manner. Scenario planning indicates that a new transmountain diversion may not be needed in the future, however some futures suggest that new transmountain diversions may be a necessary part of Colorado's water supply portfolio. Colorado's Water Plan will not include any specific transmountain water project, but it will discuss how we can move forward with this option should it be needed, based on the IBCC's work. The Water Quality Division of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) regulates water quality issues of this nature in the state. Water Quality has been recognized as critical for Colorado's water future. The CWCB is working closely with the Water Quality Control Division and the Basin Roundtables in order to address Colorado's Water Quality needs. This is further explored in Section 7.3.
214	10/10/2014	Oliver Young, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	To the Governor and whom it concerns, Please create a comprehensive water plan to conserve our most vital resource. In wetter years it becomes easy to forget that we have had and will have dryer years in which it's vital to have a more comprehensive statewide plan to maintain a stable water supply. This is even more vital in our state who's population is projected to continue growing. Thank you	The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation and reuse as critical components to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored. These topics are explored in Section 6.3. Meeting Colorado's nonconsumptive needs is a critical aspect of Colorado's Water Plan, and is explored in Section 6.6.
215	10/10/2014	Susan Ambrose, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	I am a born again water conservationist! I lived in Colorado during the 50s and remember my Dad saying water would become our one of most important resource concerns. I have a small creek outside my home that has never been dry before the year of the Hayman Fire. It has been dry twice since, the year of the Waldo Canyon Fire and the year of the Black Forest Fire. I don't believe this is coincidence. We are drying out. We need our Cities, towns and their respective HOAs to also recognize their role in conserving water. Private citizens can't do it alone. Huge green of expanses of non-native grasses need to be a thing of the past. There are beautiful alternatives. Please do what you can to move us forward.	The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation and reuse as critical components to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored. These topics are explored in Section 6.3
216	10/10/2014	Peter Blair, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	For me, fishing and floating our local waterways, and hiking and enjoying the limited water we have in our state, make it critical to protect. We need as much protection of our water resources as possible, as well as regulation to improve conservation and reduce demand for this precious resource. Please work towards the most stringent protections for the quantity and quality of our all of our state's water.	The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation and reuse as critical components to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored. These topics are explored in Section 6.3. Meeting Colorado's nonconsumptive needs is a critical aspect of Colorado's Water Plan, and is explored in Section 6.6. The Water Quality Division of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) regulates water quality issues of this nature in the state. Water Quality has been recognized as critical for Colorado's water future. The CWCB is working closely with the Water Quality Control Division and the Basin Roundtables in order to address Colorado's Water Quality needs. This is further explored in Section 7.3.
217	10/10/2014	Carolyn Beavers, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	Hi, My name is Carolyn Beavers and I live in Monument. I have lived in Colorado since 1989 and I love the fresh air & clean flowing rivers here. I work for a company that does Leadership Training for high risk professions like firefighters, policeman, and the Coast Guard. We work in the U.S., Canada & Australia. I am always proud to say that I am from Colorado. I want to say that I care about the rivers in Colorado. When we first visited Colorado from Kansas in 1988, it was the rivers that caught our attention. Never had I felt the icy cold running water like I did that first visit. Our oldest son was so impressed that years later he became a professional kayaker & spent many years kayaking the rivers in our state and others. The rivers of Colorado really affected our family in a good way! I would like to see Colorado's rivers protected as they support wildlife, aquatic life, our agricultural industry and a multi-billion dollar tourism industry. Restoring and protecting rivers needs to be a top priority. New projects should have minimal negative impact on river health and multiple benefits and local input should be required. We cannot run our rivers dry! PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE protect our rivers here in Colorado so that we can provide water for growing communities while protecting our rivers and way of life. This requires improved efficiency and conservation!	The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation and reuse as critical components to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored. These topics are explored in Section 6.3. The CWCB and the Basin Roundtables will be working to support conservation, environment, and recreation in the Basin Implementation Plans and draft of Colorado's Water Plan. Meeting Colorado's nonconsumptive needs is a critical aspect of Colorado's Water Plan. The Water Quality Division of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) regulates water quality issues of this nature in the state. Water Quality has been recognized as critical for Colorado's water future. The CWCB is working closely with the Water Quality Control Division and the Basin Roundtables in order to address Colorado's Water Quality needs. This is further explored in Section 7.3.
218	10/10/2014	John Ross, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	I am a boater and hiker here in Colorado; but, more importantly, I am a living person who know that to stay living I (and all people around the world) need fresh water. This should be a top priority.	The Water Quality Division of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) regulates water quality issues of this nature in the state. Water Quality has been recognized as critical for Colorado's water future. The CWCB is working closely with the Water Quality Control Division and the Basin Roundtables in order to address Colorado's Water Quality needs. This is further explored in Section 7.3.
219	10/10/2014	Nichole Kellerman, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	I love being out doors and mother nature is a hug part of my life. Lets do our best to keep waste down within our colorado rivers.	The Water Quality Division of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) regulates water quality issues of this nature in the state. Water Quality has been recognized as critical for Colorado's water future. The CWCB is working closely with the Water Quality Control Division and the Basin Roundtables in order to address Colorado's Water Quality needs. This is further explored in Section 7.3.
220	10/10/2014	Joseph Panza, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	Coffee, tea, beer all require water. Birds, bees, flowers and humans need water. No water, no food.	The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation and reuse as critical components to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored. These topics are explored in Section 6.3. Meeting Colorado's nonconsumptive needs is a critical aspect of Colorado's Water Plan, and is explored in Section 6.6.
221	10/10/2014	Rebecca Davis, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	Dear Governor Hickenlooper, As a student, Colorado Native, and concerned individual, please protect our rivers. Rivers are the basis for all life, human and animal alike. It should be our number 1 priority to protect them. More water conservation, reduction of water Waste, and outlawing new diversions are necessary for our future. Please make this your priority! We do not want to end up like California or worse!	The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation and reuse as critical components to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored. These topics are explored in Section 6.3. Meeting Colorado's nonconsumptive needs is a critical aspect of Colorado's Water Plan, and is explored in Section 6.6.

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222	10/10/2014	Sonya Yeager-Meeks, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	Thank-you for your efforts in developing a water plan for the state of Colorado. I am a second generation resident of Colorado and I deeply value our pristine water as it provides us sustenance, recreation, and scenic beauty. Water in the west has always been a precious resource and with growing demands and change in climate pressure on our water sources will only increase. Given that, I strongly support greater water conservation across the state and would love to see increased efforts to recycle water and use gray water in our towns and cities. I do not support water diversion or increased building of dams as I believe this wrecks too much damage on our environment and that the evaporation that occurs with dams is too great. Our entire ecosystem is dependent on water and it is our duty to use it wisely and reduce as much water waste as possible.	The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation and reuse as critical components to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored. These topics are explored in Section 6.3. The CWCB and the Basin Roundtables will be working to support conservation, environment, and recreation in the Basin Implementation Plans and draft of Colorado's Water Plan. Meeting Colorado's nonconsumptive needs is a critical aspect of Colorado's Water Plan. The Water Quality Division of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) regulates water quality issues of this nature in the state. Water Quality has been recognized as critical for Colorado's water future. The CWCB is working closely with the Water Quality Control Division and the Basin Roundtables in order to address Colorado's Water Quality needs. This is further explored in Section 7.3. Conservation and reuse, including gray water, are strategies considered in Colorado's Water Plan. The issue of graywater in Colorado is addressed within Subsection 6.3.2 Reuse.
223	10/10/2014	Emily Peters, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	My family just bought land with a river running through it. My family and I plan on using the river for food and water to irrigate our garden and our dogs love to play in it. Colorado needs to protect all of its waterways from all environmental pollutants especially fracking and anything else that is completely preventable for all future generations.	The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation and reuse as critical components to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored. These topics are explored in Section 6.3. Meeting Colorado's nonconsumptive needs is a critical aspect of Colorado's Water Plan, and is explored in Section 6.6. The Water Quality Division of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) regulates water quality issues of this nature in the state. Water Quality has been recognized as critical for Colorado's water future. The CWCB is working closely with the Water Quality Control Division and the Basin Roundtables in order to address Colorado's Water Quality needs. This is further explored in Section 7.3.
224	10/10/2014	Celia Arnold, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	I'm a rancher. It's impossible to grow grass, feed and water horses or other animals, grow a garden, feed people without water! I want an end to fracking. It takes 50 million gallons of water initially. Why shoot ourselves in the foot? Fracking will poison our ground water, get rid of our fish and game. Our community depends on hunters and fishermen, and our outstanding Hot Springs for all our tourism.	The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation and reuse as critical components to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored. These topics are explored in Section 6.3. Fracking currently uses approximately 18,000 acre feet per year, which is a very small proportion of Colorado's overall water use. However, there may be some areas where there are greater regional effects. In addition, power plants that burn natural gas to make energy use less water than traditional power plants. Therefore, from an overall resource management perspective, fracking and the resulting energy production do not consume a significant amount of water compared to current levels. Colorado's Water Plan seeks to work collaboratively to uphold Colorado's water values and does not put a value judgement on any one beneficial use. The Water Quality Division of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) regulates water quality issues of this nature in the state. Water Quality has been recognized as critical for Colorado's water future. The CWCB is working closely with the Water Quality Control Division and the Basin Roundtables in order to address Colorado's Water Quality needs. This is further explored in Section 7.3.
225	10/10/2014	Claudia B Wolfe, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	Dear Governor, Please support water conservation as well as banning fracking which endangers our water supply. Water is our next GOLD - please do not sell it off or sell it short!	The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation and reuse as critical components to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored. These topics are explored in Section 6.3. Fracking currently uses approximately 18,000 acre feet per year, which is a very small proportion of Colorado's overall water use. However, there may be some areas where there are greater regional effects. In addition, power plants that burn natural gas to make energy use less water than traditional power plants. Therefore, from an overall resource management perspective, fracking and the resulting energy production do not consume a significant amount of water compared to current levels. Colorado's Water Plan seeks to work collaboratively to uphold Colorado's water values and does not put a value judgement on any one beneficial use. The Water Quality Division of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) regulates water quality issues of this nature in the state. Water Quality has been recognized as critical for Colorado's water future. The CWCB is working closely with the Water Quality Control Division and the Basin Roundtables in order to address Colorado's Water Quality needs. This is further explored in Section 7.3.
226	10/10/2014	L Yuhasz, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	Good Afternoon. My name is Laura Yuhasz. I am a resident of the Boulder County region of beautiful Colorado. I call upon you, Governor Hickenlooper and the Water Board to add my voice to inspire an active prioritization of conserving, protecting and reversing pollution of Colorado's rivers, streams, lakes, ponds and reservoirs. I believe this is of the greatest importance to Colorado, the United States, and the Earth at large. The State of Colorado, it's People, have been a very influential part of movements that set an example to other parts of the country as to what is necessary to achieve an interactive course with nature to turn around much of the damage we have done and continue to do to our environment. There is a strong foothold of folks that are coming together to innovate, inspire, educate and activate change that will insure clean water to the best of our ability for generations to come. I am not foolish enough to think that there are those who do not care or care not to be inconvenienced in any manner. Although, these are the hearts and minds that need your guidance most. Water is the blood of Colorado, this Nation and the Earth, itself. We must act like it. No more denying the work and attention that needs to be done and given. As human beings we are between 60 and 70% water. We simply cannot survive without it. From corporations to private homes there is much to be implemented. The human mind has already innovated many ways to facilitate cleaner water, now we must implement it. My suggestion would be to aim at corporate changes first, as many are great offenders to this plight that would be given the greatest opportunity for a positive change. A change for even the employees to be proud of and inspired by. Thank you for your time. I am secure that you are now aware of what I hope you do with your attention and action. (PS) Just say NO to hydraulic fracturing!	The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation and reuse as critical components to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored. These topics are explored in Section 6.3. The CWCB and the Basin Roundtables will be working to support conservation, environment, and recreation in the Basin Implementation Plans and draft of Colorado's Water Plan. Meeting Colorado's nonconsumptive needs is a critical aspect of Colorado's Water Plan. The Water Quality Division of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) regulates water quality issues of this nature in the state. Water Quality has been recognized as critical for Colorado's water future. The CWCB is working closely with the Water Quality Control Division and the Basin Roundtables in order to address Colorado's Water Quality needs. This is further explored in Section 7.3. Fracking currently uses approximately 18,000 acre feet per year, which is a very small proportion of Colorado's overall water use. However, there may be some areas where there are greater regional effects. In addition, power plants that burn natural gas to make energy use less water than traditional power plants. Therefore, from an overall resource management perspective, fracking and the resulting energy production do not consume a significant amount of water compared to current levels. Colorado's Water Plan seeks to work collaboratively to uphold Colorado's water values and does not put a value judgement on any one beneficial use.

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227	10/10/2014	Gregory Garduno, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	I'm a Colorado native, a blogger and homeowner. Colorado's rivers mean everything to me. They provide us with the water we drink, the food we eat, and the natural beauty our state is so famous for. The simplest, most cost effective, and most environmentally friendly way to preserve Colorado's rivers is to conserve more than we do now. We still waste far too much water, and government and our people can make sure we do better. I propose the following steps be taken. Promote xeriscapes instead of lawns for new construction and existing homes. Allow homeowners to save rainwater for irrigation. Educate the population and increase fines for water waste.	The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation and reuse as critical components to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored. These topics are explored in Section 6.3. Xeriscape lawns are allowed statewide. Colorado water allocation and governance has always been guided by local users meeting local needs and Colorado's Water Plan will not change that. Rather than diminishing local control or authority over water, Colorado's Water Plan seeks to strengthen local decision-makers' ability to achieve regional and statewide water solutions. To that effect, Colorado's Water Plan will work to encourage, rather than mandate, several of the points presented in the comments.
228	10/10/2014	Raymond Esquibel, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	Hello, I'm a hiker and enjoy the outdoors but Colorado has been looking a little bad over the years at our river, creeks and lakes. We should have more water conservation in cities and town , outlaw new diversions, but most in important reduce water waste!	The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation and reuse as critical components to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored. These topics are explored in Section 6.3. With regard to new transmountain diversion projects, the IBCC provided a draft conceptual agreement which explored innovative ways to address this issue in a balanced manner. Scenario planning indicates that a new transmountain diversion may not be needed in the future, however some futures suggest that new transmountain diversions may be a necessary part of Colorado's water supply portfolio. Colorado's Water Plan will not include any specific transmountain water project, but it will discuss how we can move forward with this option should it be needed, based on the IBCC's work.
229	10/10/2014	S White, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	I am a hiker and nature lover. We need to protect our rivers in order to keep the ecosystem running smoothly. It river runs where it does best. It would be a good idea to outlaw new diversions.	The CWCB and the Basin Roundtables will be working to support conservation, environment, and recreation in the Basin Implementation Plans and draft of Colorado's Water Plan. Meeting Colorado's nonconsumptive needs is a critical aspect of Colorado's Water Plan. The Water Quality Division of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) regulates water quality issues of this nature in the state. Water Quality has been recognized as critical for Colorado's water future. The CWCB is working closely with the Water Quality Control Division and the Basin Roundtables in order to address Colorado's Water Quality needs. This is further explored in Section 7.3. With regard to new transmountain diversion projects, the IBCC provided a draft conceptual agreement which explored innovative ways to address this issue in a balanced manner. Scenario planning indicates that a new transmountain diversion may not be needed in the future, however some futures suggest that new transmountain diversions may be a necessary part of Colorado's water supply portfolio. Colorado's Water Plan will not include any specific transmountain water project, but it will discuss how we can move forward with this option should it be needed, based on the IBCC's work.
230	10/10/2014	Elizabeth Windham, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	Hello! I'm a hiker, outdoorswoman, camper, and overall nature enthusiast. That aside, I'm also fond of having clean water in my urban life as well. Given the current state of the country - which is to say, in the grip of an absolutely awful drought - I feel it necessary to speak up in favor of protecting our rivers. Water is not a resource we can treat as an ever-present and unfailing one anymore. It's not just useful, it's absolutely *vital* to life. Including ours! So please protect our rivers and streams. Even if/when this drought breaks, we should a.) protect them from overuse to ensure availability for the future, b.) safeguard them for environmental purposes, and c.) preserve them for outdoor enjoyment... like I do every summer! IThanks for listening	The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation and reuse as critical components to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored. These topics are explored in Section 6.3. Meeting Colorado's nonconsumptive needs is a critical aspect of Colorado's Water Plan, and is explored in Section 6.6. The Water Quality Division of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) regulates water quality issues of this nature in the state. Water Quality has been recognized as critical for Colorado's water future. The CWCB is working closely with the Water Quality Control Division and the Basin Roundtables in order to address Colorado's Water Quality needs. This is further explored in Section 7.3.
231	10/10/2014	John Domingue, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	The beauty and resources of our state have been taking hit after hit. We have to decide whether convenience and rampant development mean more to us than the integrity of this incredibly beautiful place we live. We can all be asked to conserve water so that generations ahead can enjoy the same things that make us want to live here. When our rivers are dammed and diverted, that will no longer be possible.	The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation and reuse as critical components to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored. These topics are explored in Section 6.3. With regard to new transmountain diversion projects, the IBCC provided a draft conceptual agreement which explored innovative ways to address this issue in a balanced manner. Scenario planning indicates that a new transmountain diversion may not be needed in the future, however some futures suggest that new transmountain diversions may be a necessary part of Colorado's water supply portfolio. Colorado's Water Plan will not include any specific transmountain water project, but it will discuss how we can move forward with this option should it be needed, based on the IBCC's work.
232	10/10/2014	Chrissy Zicarelli, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	I am a 20-something who loves to spend time outdoors and think the rivers are a beautiful and precious natural resource that should be protected!	The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation and reuse as critical components to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored. These topics are explored in Section 6.3. Meeting Colorado's nonconsumptive needs is a critical aspect of Colorado's Water Plan, and is explored in Section 6.6. The Water Quality Division of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) regulates water quality issues of this nature in the state. Water Quality has been recognized as critical for Colorado's water future. The CWCB is working closely with the Water Quality Control Division and the Basin Roundtables in order to address Colorado's Water Quality needs. This is further explored in Section 7.3.

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233	10/10/2014	Taylor Schaefer, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	My name is Taylor Schaefer and I am deeply concerned for our water supply! I am a model and use these beautiful places to do photo shoots at and each time I feel like the level is much lower!! I know if we continue expanding and wasting water we will never live to see another century! Why are we looking for water in space? Obviously someone is worried!	The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation and reuse as critical components to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored. These topics are explored in Section 6.3. Meeting Colorado's nonconsumptive needs is a critical aspect of Colorado's Water Plan, and is explored in Section 6.6. The Water Quality Division of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) regulates water quality issues of this nature in the state. Water Quality has been recognized as critical for Colorado's water future. The CWCB is working closely with the Water Quality Control Division and the Basin Roundtables in order to address Colorado's Water Quality needs. This is further explored in Section 7.3.
234	10/10/2014	Donna Bonetti, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	Clean water is necessary for all living things. It is that important.	The Water Quality Division of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) regulates water quality issues of this nature in the state. Water Quality has been recognized as critical for Colorado's water future. The CWCB is working closely with the Water Quality Control Division and the Basin Roundtables in order to address Colorado's Water Quality needs. This is further explored in Section 7.3.
235	10/10/2014	Jodi Messenich, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	I am a mother,wife and member of the planetary collective deeply concerned about water use. Water is a finite resource and if we as a species continue to abuse our use,without a doubt we will suffer. Conservation is the only way we survive on the planet. no more lawns, golf courses must be artificial turf, factory farming shall give way to a less intensive use of water in the form of plant based diets, households and business alike shall have metered usage of water and if one uses ones allotment for the month,the water goes off to that address. We must prepare now to protect the future,no wait till we are at critical mass problem.	The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation and reuse as critical components to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored. These topics are explored in Section 6.3
236	10/10/2014	Melissa Widdel, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	Our water is our lively hood. Please help us protect ourselves and the future.	The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation and reuse as critical components to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored. These topics are explored in Section 6.3. Meeting Colorado's nonconsumptive needs is a critical aspect of Colorado's Water Plan, and is explored in Section 6.6.
237	10/10/2014	Jesa Bygness, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	If you could please help us save the water in order to make it safe for the people to drink...that would be fantastic. We rely on this drinking water for everything and not everybody can afford to buy bottled water to drink. I have been drinking out of the faucet for years and I would love to continue doing so. Our bodies are a high percentage of water and we definitely need water to survive so please, for me, you, our families and children...lets protect our rivers.	The Water Quality Division of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) regulates water quality issues of this nature in the state. Water Quality has been recognized as critical for Colorado's water future. The CWCB is working closely with the Water Quality Control Division and the Basin Roundtables in order to address Colorado's Water Quality needs. This is further explored in Section 7.3.
238	10/10/2014	Judy Mitchell, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	Please Governor Hickenlooper...protect our precious waters in our beautiful state. We don't want to be hurting as the state of California is.	The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation and reuse as critical components to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored. These topics are explored in Section 6.3. Meeting Colorado's nonconsumptive needs is a critical aspect of Colorado's Water Plan, and is explored in Section 6.6.
239	10/10/2014	Rusty Hosford, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	WE NEED TO STOP CITIES AND STATES FROM DRAINING COLORADO OF OUR WATER RESOURCES..... LAS VEGAS, PHOENIX, SAN DIEGO ALL HAVE UNLIMITED USE OF WATER WHILE WE HAVE WATER RESTRICTION HERE IN COLORADO.....THIS WASTE OF OUR WATER MUST STOP.....DESALINATION MUST BE A PRIORITY FOR THESE PLACES (AND ALL OVER THE WORLD) AS WELL.....PLEASE GO TO BAT FOR THOSE OF US ALREADY AFFECTED BY RESTRICTIONS.	The state is working vigorously with other upper basin states and the Colorado River Basin as a whole to mitigate any risks Colorado may face with regard to compact compliance and other interstate issues.
240	10/10/2014	Gordon James, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	Yes--conservation measures for our waters. Help educate the public. E.g. I'm "horrified" when I am at the Y for a workout then in the locker room when a guy is shaving with the hot water faucet on full blast for MANY minutes. Plus a few guys take an awfully long shower. (Just a few examples). Help save our rivers and for good flow in them.	The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation and reuse as critical components to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored. These topics are explored in Section 6.3
241	10/10/2014	Joel Tyler	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	Please make protecting Colorado water a priority.	The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation and reuse as critical components to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored. These topics are explored in Section 6.3. Meeting Colorado's nonconsumptive needs is a critical aspect of Colorado's Water Plan, and is explored in Section 6.6.
242	10/10/2014	Mara Cooley Colorado Citizen	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	setting great standards is one of our grand state's strong points! build on to that foundation in a leadership role such as this, the precedence of laying the infrastructure of water routing and strategic measures. water is a vital resource for ALL life. i care about conserving water and our rivers because not only do we have to have water for life, but recreational y we value what our planet has to offer us! we are not the kind of population that turns the eye to whatever...!?!...WATCH, take care, plan for the future! i am business owner, developer, grami, and mother!the babies' future is in our heads, hands, and heart!	The CWCB and the Basin Roundtables will be working to support conservation, environment, and recreation in the Basin Implementation Plans and draft of Colorado's Water Plan. Meeting Colorado's nonconsumptive needs is a critical aspect of Colorado's Water Plan. Regarding planning for the future: the technical basis for Colorado's Water Plan takes the uncertainties found in our Water Supply and Demand (Chapters 4 and 5) to plan for a range of potential futures. Chapter 6 explores these concepts.
243	10/10/2014	Rich Pack Colorado Citizen	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	Water is Life! If you don't care about Water, you don't care about Life! If you don't care about Life, why are you here?	The four values driving Colorado's Water Plan recognize the importance of Colorado's water. Those four values are 1) vibrant and sustainable cities, 2) viable and productive agriculture, 3) a robust recreation and tourism industry, and 4) a thriving environment that includes healthy watersheds, rivers, streams, and wildlife.
244	10/10/2014	Anne Harrison Colorado Citizen	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	I personally fear the state's emphasis on oil and business will ultimately leave us with nothing but beer to drink. Kidding aside, I want those who plan or control for use of water will plan for a margin of error. I love the way fall looks here on the flats due to all the varicolored shrubs but we may have to push for more xeriscaping.	Colorado's Water Plan will not favor one beneficial use over another. The technical basis for Colorado's Water Plan takes the uncertainties found in our Water Supply and Demand (Chapters 4 and 5) to plan for a range of potential futures. Chapter 6 explores these concepts.

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245	10/10/2014	Cathleen Krahe Colorado Citizen	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	Please Prioritize water conservation.	The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation as a critical component to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored. These topics are explored in Section 6.3.
246	10/10/2014	Ursula Treves Colorado Citizen	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	There is no other threat to the world than water shortage. Please protect our Colorado rivers.	The four values driving Colorado's Water Plan recognizes the importance of Colorado's rivers. Those four values are 1) vibrant and sustainable cities, 2) viable and productive agriculture, 3) a robust recreation and tourism industry, and 4) a thriving environment that includes healthy watersheds, rivers, streams, and wildlife.
247	10/10/2014	Gloria Berberich Colorado Vacationer	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	I am a wife, mother, teacher, hiker, and conservationist. I love our rivers, as do my husband and adult children. Our free flowing rivers calm us with their esthetic powers, provide our wildlife with water and nutrition sources, as well as providing us with life giving drinking water. We cannot endanger our rivers and our ecosystem by building dams. Dams will endanger our rivers, adversely affect wildlife, negatively impact the beauty, peace and serenity of the area, as well as increasing our water bills. Please save our rivers. DON'T DAM/DAMN THEM. Thank you for protecting our environment.	The four values driving Colorado's Water Plan recognize the importance of Colorado's rivers. Those four values are 1) vibrant and sustainable cities, 2) viable and productive agriculture, 3) a robust recreation and tourism industry, and 4) a thriving environment that includes healthy watersheds, rivers, streams, and wildlife. Colorado's Water Plan will not include any specific water projects. The CWCB would like to encourage multipurpose projects and full mitigation.
248	10/10/2014	Peta Jacobs Colorado Citizen	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	Protect our rivers and water, please.	The four values driving Colorado's Water Plan recognize the importance of Colorado's Rivers. Those four values are 1) vibrant and sustainable cities, 2) viable and productive agriculture, 3) a robust recreation and tourism industry, and 4) a thriving environment that includes healthy watersheds, rivers, streams, and wildlife.
249	10/10/2014	Karen Ausfahl Colorado Citizen	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	Please don't let us become another California! Let's conserve our water NOW. And that includes the use of water for fracking!	The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation as a critical component to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored. These topics are explored in Section 6.3. Fracking currently uses approximately 18,000 acre feet per year, which is a very small proportion of Colorado's overall water use. However, there may be some areas where there are greater regional effects. In addition, power plants that burn natural gas to make energy use less water than traditional power plants. Therefore, from an overall resource management perspective, fracking and the resulting energy production do not consume a significant amount of water compared to current levels. Colorado's Water Plan seeks to work collaboratively to uphold Colorado's water values and does not put a value judgement on any one beneficial use.
250	10/10/2014	Gail Clowser Colorado Citizen	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	REDUCE WATER WASTE, 40+ YR COLORADOAN. INDIVIDUALS S/B ABLE 2 USE/ENJOY WATER IN OUR STATE... IT'S NOT A POLITICAL ISSUE HICKENLOOPER	The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation and reuse as critical components to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored. These topics are explored in Section 6.3.
251	10/10/2014	Janice Monotoya Colorado Citizen	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	Water is necessary for life so protecting our state's waterways from any form of abuse is vital for all forms of life in or state.	The four values driving Colorado's Water Plan recognize the importance of Colorado's waterways. Those four values are 1) vibrant and sustainable cities, 2) viable and productive agriculture, 3) a robust recreation and tourism industry, and 4) a thriving environment that includes healthy watersheds, rivers, streams, and wildlife.
252	10/10/2014	Michael Meister Colorado Citizen	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	I am a human being. I enjoy fresh, cold water. IT is water that helps sustain life, so protect it.	The four values driving Colorado's Water Plan recognize the importance of Colorado's water. Those four values are 1) vibrant and sustainable cities, 2) viable and productive agriculture, 3) a robust recreation and tourism industry, and 4) a thriving environment that includes healthy watersheds, rivers, streams, and wildlife.
253	10/10/2014	Cherry Freeman Colorado Citizen	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	Please, please, please save our water, rivers for our children and grandchild to enjoy!! Too much water is going to other states as it is!! Please make legislation to keep and preserve out lands and water for generations to come!!! A concerned citizen of Colorado!	The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation as a critical component to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored. These topics are explored in Section 6.3. Regarding water going to other states, please read "A Citizen's Guide to Interstate Compacts."
254	10/10/2014	Wid Horner Colorado Citizen	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	Please conserve our water for use in our state. Do not allow us to become like California and their state of drought! We can conserve:we have.	The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation as a critical component to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored. These topics are explored in Section 6.3.
255	10/10/2014	Beth Copanos Colorado Citizen	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	Protect Colorado's rivers!!	The four values driving Colorado's Water Plan recognize the importance of Colorado's Rivers. Those four values are 1) vibrant and sustainable cities, 2) viable and productive agriculture, 3) a robust recreation and tourism industry, and 4) a thriving environment that includes healthy watersheds, rivers, streams, and wildlife.
256	10/10/2014	Martha Hauer Colorado Citizen	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	As a human being, I AM water. Mostly water, with a few other minerals tossed in. The water on our earth, and in our state, is LIFE for all wilderness, and all civilization. It is also sanity, as the negative ions in a forest with a babbling brook running through it, calm our spirits. We must do everything possible to keep the water under our stewardship clean and healthy for all humanity, and all life.	The four values driving Colorado's Water Plan recognize the importance of Colorado's water. Those four values are 1) vibrant and sustainable cities, 2) viable and productive agriculture, 3) a robust recreation and tourism industry, and 4) a thriving environment that includes healthy watersheds, rivers, streams, and wildlife.
257	10/10/2014	Laurel Pace Colorado Citizen	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	No Fracking; are you crazy? Protect our rivers, environment, our planet!	Fracking currently uses approximately 18,000 acre feet per year, which is a very small proportion of Colorado's overall water use. However, there may be some areas where there are greater regional effects. In addition, power plants that burn natural gas to make energy use less water than traditional power plants. Therefore, from an overall resource management perspective, fracking and the resulting energy production do not consume a significant amount of water compared to current levels. Colorado's Water Plan seeks to work collaboratively to uphold Colorado's water values and does not put a value judgement on any one beneficial use.

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258	10/10/2014	Jeff Duran Colorado Citizen	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	We need to protect our waters now while we have the chance. The beauty of this state is what draws people to it. We must protect God's great creations.	The four values driving Colorado's Water Plan recognize the importance of Colorado's waters. Those four values are 1) vibrant and sustainable cities, 2) viable and productive agriculture, 3) a robust recreation and tourism industry, and 4) a thriving environment that includes healthy watersheds, rivers, streams, and wildlife.
259	10/10/2014	Daniel West Colorado Citizen	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	To whom it may concern, Without clean water, we are screwed. I don't understand how people can support practices that pollute the planet with a clear conscience. Maybe money is more important than anything else to them. Eventually everything will look like the Jersey turnpike. My children will only know "hiking" as hiking under the underpass next to piles of plastic bottles and sludge. Sad. - fellow earth dweller	The CWCB and the Basin Roundtables will be working to support conservation, environment, and recreation in the Basin Implementation Plans and draft of Colorado's Water Plan. Meeting Colorado's nonconsumptive needs is a critical aspect of Colorado's Water Plan.
260	10/10/2014	Marilyn Colyer Colorado Citizen	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	I am a woman rancher and have run my 30 cow ranch for over 50 years. I do my own irrigation and am proud to say I produce pasture and hay for my cattle. This of course involves using a reliable source of river and reservoir water. Need I mention that my cattle provide beef for people? In other words my operation is part of our society and part of Americans good health and strength. Naturally I also have some fruit trees and a garden and naturally these also require irrigation water here in southwestern Colorado. Need I mention also that there are many deer and other wildlife here that live along my river and ditches and ponds. LAST ITEM: THERE IS NO WAY THAT THE HUMAN POPULATION CAN CONTINUE TO GROW AT THE CURRENT RATE SO ALL PEOPLE AND ALL GOVERNMENTS NEED TO SLOW THIS DOWN.	The four values driving Colorado's Water Plan align with most of your comments. Those four values are 1) vibrant and sustainable cities, 2) viable and productive agriculture, 3) a robust recreation and tourism industry, and 4) a thriving environment that includes healthy watersheds, rivers, streams, and wildlife. Regarding population growth Colorado's Water Plan and the technical work that supports it includes three growth scenarios: low-growth, mid-growth, high-growth. As water planners, Colorado must prepare for any of these future possibilities as we do not have control over the state's economy and how many people are born or choose to move here. While some communities choose to limit growth, doing so on a broad statewide scale is untenable and unconstitutional. The CWCB is working with each basin on their Basin Implementation Plan and will continue to encourage all interested parties to do the same.
261	10/10/2014	Leigh Covington Colorado Citizen	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	Hi, My name is Leigh, a hiker, a lover of Colorado rivers, an occasional rafter, a mother, a permanent resident for life near as I can tell who loves the state and has adopted it as home and favourite. Please ensure our water plan is balanced and not simply skewed to costly construction projects. Let's implement education and conservation, changes to HOA's to allow more hardscaping. For instance my HOA demands a percentage of turf in front and back. Well what if I want to have less. I have problems getting the plans through if they are excepted at all as we are supposed to have so much percentage turf? Why not have planned raised beds with trees to feed the balance and food crops and less turf. We have lots of greenspace for turf. Why must I personally provide a front yard turf of xx%? Just my personal saw but the point is lets look at how we are using what we are using and tweek that first. Then evaluate other measures. Thank you for protecting our waterways. Respectfully, Leigh Covington	Colorado's Water Plan will not include any specific water projects. The CWCB would like to encourage multipurpose projects and full mitigation. The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation and reuse as critical components to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored. These topics are explored in Section 6.3. Regarding Homeowners' Associations, it is currently illegal for Homeowners' Associations in Colorado to require bluegrass lawns, and xeriscape lawns are allowed statewide. Colorado water allocation and governance has always been guided by local users meeting local needs and Colorado's Water Plan will not change that. Rather than diminishing local control or authority over water, Colorado's Water Plan seeks to strengthen local decision-makers' ability to achieve regional and statewide water solutions. To that effect, Colorado's Water Plan will work to encourage, rather than mandate, several of the points presented in the comments.
262	10/10/2014	Charles Carpenter Colorado Citizen	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	As a third generation Coloradoan I believe we should retain our heritage. Colorado's unique landscape is too precious to allow it to degenerate further. With planning and minimal sacrifice we can have the best of both worlds. Please don't sell Colorados future down the river	The four values driving Colorado's Water Plan recognize the importance of Colorado's natural beauty. Those four values are 1) vibrant and sustainable cities, 2) viable and productive agriculture, 3) a robust recreation and tourism industry, and 4) a thriving environment that includes healthy watersheds, rivers, streams, and wildlife.
263	10/10/2014	Beverly Cole Colorado Citizen	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	I am a mother, grandmother kayaker, fly fishing person and I care about the quality of the water in our state. I believe we need better water conservation policies, to outlaw new diversions, reduce water waste and make sure that all oil and gas drilling complies with the Clean Air and Water Act.	The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation and reuse as critical components to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored. These topics are explored in Section 6.3. Colorado's Water Plan will not include any specific water diversion project, but it will discuss how we can move forward with this option should it be needed, based on the IBCC's work.
264	10/10/2014	Sarah Tiers Colorado Citizen	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	Water is our most important resource. Our bodies depend on it. At age 80, I value my health and good water is essential to that cause. It's important for you to protect our water. Peace and Love, Sarah Tiers	The four values driving Colorado's Water Plan recognize the importance of protecting our water for a myriad of uses. Those four values are 1) vibrant and sustainable cities, 2) viable and productive agriculture, 3) a robust recreation and tourism industry, and 4) a thriving environment that includes healthy watersheds, rivers, streams, and wildlife.
265	10/10/2014	Kathy Taylor Colorado Citizen	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	I have lived in Colorado all my life and seen so much destruction to our beautiful state. Growth is important but at what risk? There's no going back once decisions to divert water are made, please listen to people.	Colorado's Water Plan will not include any specific water projects. The CWCB would like to encourage multipurpose projects and full mitigation.
266	10/10/2014	lynne Cassidy Colorado Citizen	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	I am a resident of Colorado who lives near the Shoshone Dam in Glenwood Springs. I always wonder why the Shoshone dam is there since local residents and municipalities do not benefit from the energy generated from the dam. The majority of electrical energy consumed is currently supplied by the Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska and a small allocation from the Western Area Power Administration. Why are we having to purchase energy from Nebraska? Why aren't local communities beginning served by this local renewable energy source? I don't see the benefit to new dams and diversions on such a small river. The Water Board needs to take a serious look at urban sprawl, building codes & water waste. Conservation needs to be a strong part of the plan. Long-term sustainability needs to be the goal. Colorado rivers are a HUGE part of the magical experience of living and visiting Colorado. Damaging the river systems for the sake of new urban sprawl and growth will not only destroy the unique culture & beauty of our state but will also be detrimental to rural economies and ecosystems.	The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation and reuse as critical components to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored. These topics are explored in Section 6.3. With regard to diversions, Colorado's Water Plan will not include any specific water diversion project, but it will discuss how we can move forward with this option should it be needed, based on the IBCC's work.

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267	10/10/2014	Antonia Salaz-Siania Colorado Citizen	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	I care about our rivers because we need them period. Our water is our lifeblood, without we are nothing, Protect our water!	The four values driving Colorado's Water Plan recognize the importance of Colorado's rivers. Those four values are 1) vibrant and sustainable cities, 2) viable and productive agriculture, 3) a robust recreation and tourism industry, and 4) a thriving environment that includes healthy watersheds, rivers, streams, and wildlife.
268	10/10/2014	Brian Black Colorado Citizen	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	I am a father of 3 children, which were all born in Colorado. I am a big fan of Colorado's water ways, as well as all the natural resources in our great state. One of my favorite things about Colorado is how clean our state is compared to some in the U.S. and how we value our beautiful environment. I want to keep Colorado beautiful for all future generations. I want my children to be able to drink safe, clean water like I have enjoyed. I believe Colorado has a responsibility to keep our headwaters all the way to the state line clean. Colorado can take the lead in water conservation and other pertinent steps in keeping the whole state environmentally clean.	The four values driving Colorado's Water Plan recognize the importance of Colorado's natural beauty. Those four values are 1) vibrant and sustainable cities, 2) viable and productive agriculture, 3) a robust recreation and tourism industry, and 4) a thriving environment that includes healthy watersheds, rivers, streams, and wildlife.
269	10/10/2014	Dulce Bell-Bulley Colorado Citizen	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	Please be mindful and prudent in protecting our water! My husband and I are tax payers and avid nature lovers. We spend many happy days on rivers and look for birds and wildlife. We are also keen gardeners and are very careful with our water usage. This is a very important time in human history. We absolutely have to protect our water. It is a FINITE resource. Thank you for your service and PLEASE remember how important this is. This is the BASE of all life. No one can drink money.	The four values driving Colorado's Water Plan recognize the importance of Colorado's rivers and wildlife. Those four values are 1) vibrant and sustainable cities, 2) viable and productive agriculture, 3) a robust recreation and tourism industry, and 4) a thriving environment that includes healthy watersheds, rivers, streams, and wildlife.
270	10/10/2014	Erin Brennan	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	I am a 4th generation Native of Colorado & I believe it is time to protect the rivers & water ways here in Colorado. You can start with more water conservation in cities and towns, outlaw new diversions, reduce water waste, etc. I see alot of waste in Englewood CO this makes me sad when South Denver neighborhoods are trying to conserve. Step up and keep COLORADO's clean water.	The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation and reuse as critical components to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored. These topics are explored in Section 6.3. With regard to diversions, Colorado's Water Plan will not include any specific water diversion project, but it will discuss how we can move forward with this option should it be needed, based on the IBCC's work. Regarding clean water, water quality has been recognized as critical for Colorado's water future. The CWCB is working closely with the Water Quality Control Division and the Basin Roundtables in order to address Colorado's water quality needs. This is further explored in Section 7.3.
271	10/10/2014	Dr. Laurie Cassidy Colorado Citizen	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	I am a fisher woman and worry so much about our water--but moreover I live in DOuglas county in an area very fire prone--seeing the way people waste water, seeing our ground water disapear makes me angry that our precious resources will be gone! We must ACT NOW!!!!	Your comments are aligned with the four values driving Colorado's Water Plan. Those four values are 1) vibrant and sustainable cities, 2) viable and productive agriculture, 3) a robust recreation and tourism industry, and 4) a thriving environment that includes healthy watersheds, rivers, streams, and wildlife.
272	10/10/2014	Bailey Hosier Colorado Citizen	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	I am a Colorado native, born and raised. I raft, kayak, hike, photograph and spend therapeutic time outdoors. The (un diverted) rivers of Colorado are crucial to the maintenance of a healthy Ecosystem, not to mention tourism and to further people's impetus to preserve the environment because of rivers' beauty and energetic draw. Please uphold values that preserve and protect the most precious commodity to all life by regulating water usage on lawns, golf-courses, and other non-crucial uses. Please consider banning fracking. It utilizes clean drinking water mixed with poisonous chemicals pumped into the ground, often contaminating nearby water sources for humans and animals. The process is absurdly costly on life as we know it and is not viable for the longterm. Also, the animal agriculture industry uses massive amounts of water. Maybe consider limiting their usage to encourage more fruit and vegetable farming to feed our future generations. Lastly, here are some films that shed light on the interconnected issues that we are facing today and may help in your decision making processes: "Cowspiracy", "Dear Governor Hickenlooper" and "GMO-OMG". The last one is significant to the water issue in that the water used in GMO's is contaminated with chemicals such as Round-Up, so maybe we shouldn't be providing water that will just run off with poisons in the end. (The movie states that Round-Up has been detected in human urine samples.) Thank you for making the important decisions and considering this point of view.	The CWCB and the Basin Roundtables will be working to support conservation, environment, and recreation in the Basin Implementation Plans and draft of Colorado's Water Plan. Meeting Colorado's nonconsumptive needs is a critical aspect of Colorado's Water Plan. Regarding fracking, it currently uses approximately 18,000 acre feet per year, which is a very small proportion of Colorado's overall water use. However, there may be some areas where there are greater regional effects. In addition, power plants that burn natural gas to make energy use less water than traditional power plants. Therefore, from an overall resource management perspective, fracking and the resulting energy production do not consume a significant amount of water compared to current levels. Colorado's Water Plan seeks to work collaboratively to uphold Colorado's water values and does not put a value judgement on any one beneficial use. Agricultural water sharing and modernizing agricultural efficiencies are aspects of Colorado's Water Plan and included in Section 6.4 and Subsection 6.3.4
273	10/10/2014	Dale Nichols	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	Clean Water & Water Rights in Colorado are the First Priority for without it we will Die! These Sacred Resources Should Be Respected By All! It's up to Us Now to Preserve these Sacred Resources & Create Laws that Will Be Upheld for Future Generations!	The Water Quality Division of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) regulates water quality issues of this nature in the state. Water Quality has been recognized as critical for Colorado's water future. The CWCB is working closely with the Water Quality Control Division and the Basin Roundtables in order to address Colorado's Water Quality needs. This is further explored in Section 7.3. Colorado's Water Plan will not undermine or change Colorado's Doctrine of Prior Appropriation.
274	10/10/2014	Karen Jensen-Merchant Colorado Citizen	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	It is incumbent that you act immediately to protect the waters throughout the state of Colorado. History will judge your administration it is your choice how it is written. Thank you	The four values driving Colorado's Water Plan recognize the importance of our waters. Those four values are 1) vibrant and sustainable cities, 2) viable and productive agriculture, 3) a robust recreation and tourism industry, and 4) a thriving environment that includes healthy watersheds, rivers, streams, and wildlife.
275	10/10/2014	Rhonda Burkay Colorado Citizen	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	Colorado should outlaw new diversions and protect our water for ourselves and the environment. and make sure it is not polluted by industry!	Colorado's Water Plan will not include any specific water projects. The CWCB would like to encourage multipurpose projects and full mitigation.
276	10/10/2014	Tina LaBrie Colorado Citizen	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	I care about Colorado's water because without access to clean, abundant, life-supporting water - we will die, plain and simple. So I urge you to plan for the future, our future. Plan for life. Conserve and protect our state's water before it's too late. Thank you.	The four values driving Colorado's Water Plan recognize the importance of Colorado's water. Those four values are 1) vibrant and sustainable cities, 2) viable and productive agriculture, 3) a robust recreation and tourism industry, and 4) a thriving environment that includes healthy watersheds, rivers, streams, and wildlife.

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277	10/10/2014	Dr. John Marion	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	Water and air the life source of all that is natural on Earth. Without water, life will become extinct. The protection of water, locally and globally is essential. It is critical that water is protected from any political or corporate force that would seek profit, yet not be held accountable for the impact on water resources because of these activities. It is essential that a plan is put in place to assure the best use of our precious resource. John M. Marion Ed.D.	Your comments are aligned with the four values driving Colorado's Water Plan. Those four values are 1) vibrant and sustainable cities, 2) viable and productive agriculture, 3) a robust recreation and tourism industry, and 4) a thriving environment that includes healthy watersheds, rivers, streams, and wildlife.
278	10/10/2014	John Eckler Colorado Citizen	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	Please protect our water supplies and help with conserving them. Thank You John Eckler	The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation as a critical component to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored. These topics are explored in Section 6.3.
279	10/10/2014	Dan Raabe Colorado Citizen	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	Please protect our rivers through conservation measures that will insure we have clean water, and a preserved supply of water for now and for the future of our children. Water is a precious resource and without it no one rich or poor will be able to live in this state. There is no life without water. Sincerely, Dan Raabe	The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation as a critical component to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored. These topics are explored in Section 6.3.
280	10/10/2014	Travis Scott	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	Our Rivers here in Colorado are our life blood ! They keep us alive with drinking water, nourish our crops and offer boundless enjoyment for us residents and millions of visiting tourists ! Keep Colorado alive by preserving our rivers !!!!!	Your comments are aligned with the four values driving Colorado's Water Plan. Those four values are 1) vibrant and sustainable cities, 2) viable and productive agriculture, 3) a robust recreation and tourism industry, and 4) a thriving environment that includes healthy watersheds, rivers, streams, and wildlife.
281	10/10/2014	Marilyn Colyer Colorado Citizen	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	I AM A RANCHER AND WORK HARD TO IRRIGATE MY LAND TO RAISE PASTURE FOR MY CATTLE AND ALSO RAISE HAY. THEN OTHERS, OF COURSE, ENJOY EATING SOME OF THE BEEF THAT I RASIE. SO LEAVE MY WATER RIGHTS RIGHT WHERE THEY HAVE BEEN FOR OVER A HUNDRED YEARS: LEAVE THIS WATER WHERE THE RAIN AND SNOW FELL.	Colorado's Water Plan will not fundamentally change Colorado's Water Rights System.
282	10/10/2014	Virginia Waldron Colorado Citizen	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	I come from WI originally...Water was abundant! Both of "my " states are so beautiful and able to thrive as I and all of us commit to be caretakers of Mother Earth. Using her resources and beauty for replenishing her AND us is our birthright AND responsibility. We know what to do. Let's do it... together. V. Waldron	The four values driving Colorado's Water Plan recognize the importance of Colorado's water. Those four values are 1) vibrant and sustainable cities, 2) viable and productive agriculture, 3) a robust recreation and tourism industry, and 4) a thriving environment that includes healthy watersheds, rivers, streams, and wildlife.
283	10/10/2014	Jeremy Davis Colorado Citizen	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	Please lay-off. We are not merely cannon fodder. We are people with lives,dreams, and families. Leave our water alone. Allow us the opportunity to be.	Colorado water allocation and governance has always been guided by local users meeting local needs and Colorado's Water Plan will not change that. Rather than diminishing local control or authority over water, Colorado's Water Plan seeks to strengthen local decision-makers' ability to achieve regional and statewide water solutions. To that effect, Colorado's Water Plan will work to encourage, rather than mandate, water management strategies for the future.
284	10/10/2014	Linda Richardson Colorado Citizen	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	i am a hiker and a bicyclist. I moved because of the beauty which is incredible.i believe in more conservation, outlawing new diversions and working on stopping all the water waste.	The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation and reuse as critical components to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored. These topics are explored in Section 6.3. Regarding new diversions, Colorado's Water Plan will not include any specific water projects. The CWCB would like to encourage multipurpose projects and full mitigation.
285	10/10/2014	Steve Flack Colorado Citizen	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	I love Colorado. These resources cannot be replaced if they are lost. Please help us preserve them. Thank you.	Your comment aligns with the four values driving Colorado's Water Plan recognize the importance of. Those four values are 1) vibrant and sustainable cities, 2) viable and productive agriculture, 3) a robust recreation and tourism industry, and 4) a thriving environment that includes healthy watersheds, rivers, streams, and wildlife.
286	10/10/2014	Halldis Kelly Colorado Citizen	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	Please Water Board: Prioritize water conservation in our cities and towns	The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation as a critical component to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored. These topics are explored in Section 6.3.
287	10/10/2014	Michael Golembeski Colorado Citizen	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	Semi-retired nonprofit executive director Its way overdue to care about all Colorado's waterways. Cut all the waste in a semi-arid state, or allowing the use of "fracking" to waste water.	The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation and reuse as critical components to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored. These topics are explored in Section 6.3. Regarding fracking, it currently uses approximately 18,000 acre feet per year, which is a very small proportion of Colorado's overall water use. However, there may be some areas where there are greater regional effects. In addition, power plants that burn natural gas to make energy use less water than traditional power plants. Therefore, from an overall resource management perspective, fracking and the resulting energy production do not consume a significant amount of water compared to current levels. Colorado's Water Plan seeks to work collaboratively to uphold Colorado's water values and does not put a value judgement on any one beneficial use.
288	10/10/2014	Mary Millard Colorado Citizen	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	I am just a person who lives in Colorado. I want clean drinking water for myself and future generations. I do NOT want fracking to contaminate our rivers, drinking water, aquifers or any source of water with their chemicals. Accidents will happen and our water will be contaminated. The damage may not be immediate but our water will be poisoned. We only have a finite amount of clean drinking water. We cannot waste any of it for the sake of oil and gas. Let's get renewal wind and solar energy going instead.	Water Quality has been recongnized as critical for Colorado's water future. The CWCB is wokring closely with the Water Quality Control Division and the Basin Roundtables in order to address Colorado's Water Quality needs. This is further explroed in Section 7.3.

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289	10/10/2014	Barbara Satorious Colorado Citizen	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	<p>1. Less diversion of water to mining interests including oil and gas</p> <p>2. Work with ranchers and farmers to maximize water conservation without reduction in production</p> <p>3. Require developers to reduce water usage using conservation practices, to search for sources of water other than currently known, maybe build own reservoirs or catchment systems, to use desert landscaping instead of blue grass and other inappropriate landscaping, to build only energy-efficient buildings with systems to re-use gray water as appropriate</p> <p>4. Continue and expand incentives to residents and property owners to reduce water usage and waste- toilets, washers, yards, faucets, etc.</p> <p>5. Teach everyone how to be good water conservationists at school, churches, social clubs, etc using TV and other mass media.</p> <p>A Senior Citizen who has cut water usage, but still wants to do more.</p>	<p>1. The water plan will not favor one beneficial use over another.</p> <p>2/3/4. The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation and reuse as critical components to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored. Ag conservation and reuse is explored in 6.3.4, and municipal conservation and reuse is explored in Section 6.3.1.</p> <p>5. The Water Plan will incorporate Education, outreach, and public engagement in Section 9.5.</p>
290	10/10/2014	K Brown Colorado Citizen	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	<p>I'm a third generation native of Colorado and I want my children's children's children to be able to enjoy all of the beauty that Colorado has to offer including our lakes, reservoirs and especially our rivers. As a family we love to fish. There's nothing better than just enjoying the beautiful sights and sounds of a river in the mountains</p>	<p>Your comments are aligned with the four values driving Colorado's Water Plan. Those four values are 1) vibrant and sustainable cities, 2) viable and productive agriculture, 3) a robust recreation and tourism industry, and 4) a thriving environment that includes healthy watersheds, rivers, streams, and wildlife.</p>
291	10/10/2014	Cindy Ditrick Colorado Citizen	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	<p>I'm an avid hiker along the Colorado River during all seasons. Our river is truly beautiful. I'm also an avid water consumer. I drink it, bathe in it, swim in it. On a personal level I do my best to exercise conservation practices. My actions affect many. We should treat our waters like the treasures they are. I think we could really help ourselves if got truly serious about what the gas and oil industry is doing to our natural resources. We have so much sun in Colorado there really is no excuse for not using solar technologies. And think what that would do for our water.</p>	<p>The four values driving Colorado's Water Plan recognize the importance of Colorado's natural beauty. Those four values are 1) vibrant and sustainable cities, 2) viable and productive agriculture, 3) a robust recreation and tourism industry, and 4) a thriving environment that includes healthy watersheds, rivers, streams, and wildlife. Regarding oil and gas, fracking currently uses approximately 18,000 acre feet per year, which is a very small proportion of Colorado's overall water use. However, there may be some areas where there are greater regional effects. In addition, power plants that burn natural gas to make energy use less water than traditional power plants. Therefore, from an overall resource management perspective, fracking and the resulting energy production do not consume a significant amount of water compared to current levels. Colorado's Water Plan seeks to work collaboratively to uphold Colorado's water values and does not put a value judgement on any one beneficial use.</p>
292	10/10/2014	Kelly Fitzpatrick Colorado Citizen	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	<p>I have lived in Colorado most of my life. I also hold a B.S. in Land Use from Metropolitan State University and focused my studies on Water Resources, Wetlands, Water Law and Water Quality Management. Freshwater is in short supply in the arid western states at the same time we are seeing a huge influx in immigration from other countries and other states. We need to protect our most precious natural resource. This should be done by careful planning, conservation, and by reducing diversions from our rivers and streams. If these measures are not put in place in advance, we will encounter severe shortages in the near future especially during times of drought.</p> <p>K. Fitzpatrick</p>	<p>The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation and reuse as critical components to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored. These topics are explored in Section 6.3.</p>
293	10/10/2014	Alecia Jensen Colorado Citizen	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	<p>Rather than using financial resources to fund programs for dams that could be risky if they fail causing flood is that I would like to see programs towards providing for education and the allowance for individuals to use rain water systems to collect for use in garden systems and even reuse in the house, the drinking methods of purification could be a means of conservancy that would help to meet the needs of long range growth.</p>	<p>Colorado's Water Plan will not include any specific water projects. The CWCB would like to encourage multipurpose projects and full mitigation. Rainwater harvesting does have some limitations within current Colorado water law. The Prior Appropriation Doctrine, which is in Colorado's Constitution, typically dictates that rainwater is used by a downstream user. However, the CWCB maintains a rainwater harvesting pilot program to explore how rainwater harvesting can be used. This is further discussed in Subsection 6.3.1.</p>
294	10/10/2014	Sabina Gilbert Colorado Citizen	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	<p>I am a grandmother with 2 grandchildren and the rivers are needed to sustain our wildlife and the beauty of our wilderness. Water conservation reducing water waste and outlawing new diversions would be a great help.</p>	<p>The CWCB and the Basin Roundtables will be working to support conservation, environment, and recreation in the Basin Implementation Plans and draft of Colorado's Water Plan. Meeting Colorado's nonconsumptive needs is a critical aspect of Colorado's Water Plan.</p>
295	10/10/2014	John Domingue Colorado Citizen	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	<p>The beauty and resources of our state have been taking hit after hit. We have to decide whether convenience and rampant development mean more to us than the integrity of this incredibly beautiful place we live. We can all be asked to conserve water so that generations ahead can enjoy the same things that make us want to live here. When our rivers are dammed and diverted, that will no longer be possible.</p> <p>Please. Take the long view.</p>	<p>The four values driving Colorado's Water Plan recognize the importance of Colorado's beauty. Those four values are 1) vibrant and sustainable cities, 2) viable and productive agriculture, 3) a robust recreation and tourism industry, and 4) a thriving environment that includes healthy watersheds, rivers, streams, and wildlife.</p>
296	10/10/2014	Nadyne Orloff Colorado Citizen	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	<p>As a retired public school teacher, I am very concerned about the sustainability of our precious water resources for now and future generations. Water conservation on the local level is the most practical and environmentally safe way to preserve our rivers and water supplies.</p> <p>Please do what you can as our leaders to ensure this is the route to go.</p> <p>Thank you for listening.</p>	<p>The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation as a critical component to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored. These topics are explored in Section 6.3.</p>
297	10/10/2014	Skylar Fly-Wilson Colorado Citizen	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	<p>I am a student, hiker, born coloradan and nature lover. I know that the rivers of this and all other states are of extreme importance to the locals and wildlife that reside nearby or travel to the rivers. We need to protect these resources so that even our great great great grand children can enjoy the diverse ecosystems that rely on the rivers. We need the rivers to be protected from dams and pollution by state and county legislation that provide the ecological safety we require.</p>	<p>The four values driving Colorado's Water Plan recognize the importance of Colorado's rivers. Those four values are 1) vibrant and sustainable cities, 2) viable and productive agriculture, 3) a robust recreation and tourism industry, and 4) a thriving environment that includes healthy watersheds, rivers, streams, and wildlife.</p>
298	10/10/2014	Sandra Kuark Colorado Citizen	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	<p>Hello,</p> <p>My name is Sandy Kuark. We must protect our natural resources. Water is life itself. Wildlife, aquatic life, need clean water to live and thrive. Humans need clean water also. Keep our rivers pure and do not contaminate them by building dams. We can find other ways to use less water.</p>	<p>The four values driving Colorado's Water Plan recognize the importance of Colorado's natural resources. Those four values are 1) vibrant and sustainable cities, 2) viable and productive agriculture, 3) a robust recreation and tourism industry, and 4) a thriving environment that includes healthy watersheds, rivers, streams, and wildlife.</p>

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299	10/10/2014	Lucia Kern Colorado Citizen	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	My family and I moved here from Michigan because we want to live in Colorado's stunningly beautiful outdoors. I urge you to promote more water conservation in our beautiful new home state. A very concerned mom.	The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation as a critical component to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored. These topics are explored in Section 6.3.
300	10/10/2014	Margaret Chong Colorado Citizen	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	I moved to Colorado in 1998 somewhat reluctantly since I do not like semi-arid climates. I marvel at how some have such lush lawns and landscaping, etc in this climate. Water conservation should really be more prevalent here. Instead of undertaking costly new diversions harming the environment even more, don't be afraid to raise costs for water especially for the high utilizers on a sliding scale.	The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation as a critical component to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored. These topics are explored in Section 6.3. The vast majority of water providers currently operate with tiered water rates. As the commenter suggests, this is an effective means for conserving water. If recent legislation, such as the "Fixtures Bill" and "Turf Bill", become law, they will allow for further efforts for both indoor and outdoor conservation.
301	10/10/2014	Doug Randolph Colorado Citizen	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	I am a third generation Colorado native, a kayaker, a hiker, a camper and a father of two girls. I care about the beauty and recreational quality of our rivers. Our water resources need to be sustainably managed through conservation and wise use in cities and towns, NOT through new diversions and dams.	The CWCB and the Basin Roundtables will be working to support conservation, environment, and recreation in the Basin Implementation Plans and draft of Colorado's Water Plan. Meeting Colorado's nonconsumptive needs is a critical aspect of Colorado's Water Plan.
302	10/10/2014	Mari Heart Colorado Citizen	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	Hello. I am a human being a representative of one of the multitude of species living here in this great state. I feel living in a homeland that is as sacred as Colorado is a great privilege. I do not take caring for my property lightly. I am mindful of the water I use. I have restored once barren soil to rich humus that bears fruits and beauty for many creatures to enjoy. I eat from my land. Bees come here. This is what humans have a right to create. We have a right to honor the sacred gifts of Life our homeland is generous enough to offer and to co-create rightly with all of Nature. The gifts we have can only be sustained if we are mindful stewards of water. We must reduce water waste, redesign public spaces using well thought out permaculture practices, institute wise water practices in all sectors of our economy, wasting none of this precious resource, and ensure clean water will be available for the benefit the next seven generations. Let us demonstrate our humble gratitude for this precious gift of Life, Water, that Nature lovingly bestows. Please, plan wisely. Without clean air and water, where will my children and grandchildren live and create right livelihood? Thank You!	The CWCB and the Basin Roundtables will be working to support conservation, environment, and recreation in the Basin Implementation Plans and draft of Colorado's Water Plan. Meeting Colorado's nonconsumptive needs is a critical aspect of Colorado's Water Plan.
303	10/10/2014	Ruth A Burrell Colorado Citizen	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	Dear Governor Hickenlooper, I'm a mom & nurse, & I'm asking you to vote for increased water conservation in our cities & towns & to reduce water waste, as well as to vote against further diversions of this precious limited resource to help preserve our state's natural beauty, ability to produce crops & the enjoyment of our state's rivers for future generations. Thank you, Amelia Burrell	Your comments are aligned with the four values driving Colorado's Water Plan. Those four values are 1) vibrant and sustainable cities, 2) viable and productive agriculture, 3) a robust recreation and tourism industry, and 4) a thriving environment that incl
304	10/10/2014	Pamela Wright Colorado Citizen	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	I'm a new resident of Colorado but living in Pueblo just a little while has showed me that Colorado really needs to save and protect it's water. My husband is an avid fisherman and hunter, while I am into gardening. but to preserve water I am turning off the sprinklers and do a rock scape. And a few planters for some garden. We need to conserve as much as possible and reduce waste in a big way. Ending fracking might help too, I understand it not only uses lots of water but the water left is bad and ruins ground water. thanks for reading this from a new Coloradoan	Your efforts align with the Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan incorporation of conservation as a critical component to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored. These topics are further explored in Section 6.3. Regarding fracking, it currently uses approximately 18,000 acre feet per year, which is a very small proportion of Colorado's overall water use. However, there may be some areas where there are greater regional effects. In addition, power plants that burn natural gas to make energy use less water than traditional power plants. Therefore, from an overall resource management perspective, fracking and the resulting energy production do not consume a significant amount of water compared to current levels. Colorado's Water Plan seeks to work collaboratively to uphold Colorado's water values and does not put a value judgement on any one beneficial use.
305	10/10/2014	Candy Powers Colorado Citizen	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	We need all the clean, clear rivers that we have. Colorado is already Fracking, which, will be major problems in the future. Colorado's tourism depends on fly-fishing, boating, rafting, hiking, camping, All of our wild animals depend on us to provide for them safe, abundant clean-clear water. The human population and everything in this world, depends on water. Water is the most important thing there is, and, we need to conserve it and save and make it safe for all.	Water Quality has been recognized as critical for Colorado's water future. The CWCB is working closely with the Water Quality Control Division and the Basin Roundtables in order to address Colorado's water quality needs. This is further explored in Section 7.3. Regarding fracking, it currently uses approximately 18,000 acre feet per year, which is a very small proportion of Colorado's overall water use. However, there may be some areas where there are greater regional effects. In addition, power plants that burn natural gas to make energy use less water than traditional power plants. Therefore, from an overall resource management perspective, fracking and the resulting energy production do not consume a significant amount of water compared to current levels. Colorado's Water Plan seeks to work collaboratively to uphold Colorado's water values and does not put a value judgement on any one beneficial use. Finally, the CWCB and the Basin Roundtables will be working to support conservation, environment, and recreation in the Basin Implementation Plans and draft of Colorado's Water Plan. Meeting Colorado's nonconsumptive needs is a critical aspect of Colorado's Water Plan.
306	10/10/2014	Jan Frick Colorado Citizen	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	No Content Found -- Please specify some content As a canoist, kayaker, water drinker, water enthusiast, and Coloradoan, we need to do everything we can to save the River. Keep it clean and usable, and in our state.	All current Draft Chapters and available for download at coloradowaterplan.com . The four values driving Colorado's Water Plan recognize the importance of Colorado's rivers. Those four values are 1) vibrant and sustainable cities, 2) viable and productive agriculture, 3) a robust recreation and tourism industry, and 4) a thriving environment that includes healthy watersheds, rivers, streams, and wildlife.
307	10/10/2014	Richard Galdieri Colorado Citizen	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	Please prioritize conservation. I have a neighbor who is still watering his lawn. I haven't had my sprinklers on since mid August and my lawn is just as green as his. It's shameful.	The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation as a critical component to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored. These topics are explored in Section 6.3.

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308	10/10/2014	Patty Morgan Colorado Citizen	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	It's very important for us, for our children and for their children, reduce waste.. Conserve water. It's a quality of life issue.	The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation as a critical component to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored. These topics are explored in Section 6.3.
309	10/10/2014	Alison Ensey Colorado Citizen	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	Hi I am a mother of 3 and I feel that we need to protect our water supply so that future generations have fresh clean water. We need to do anything necessary to protect our rivers and water shed area. We need to have real water conservation and less waste and pollution .	The four values driving Colorado's Water Plan recognize the importance of healthy rivers and watersheds. Those four values are 1) vibrant and sustainable cities, 2) viable and productive agriculture, 3) a robust recreation and tourism industry, and 4) a thriving environment that includes healthy watersheds, rivers, streams, and wildlife.
310	10/10/2014	James McVey Colorado Citizen	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	As an author, outdoors, professor, and 27 year resident of Colorado, I URGE you to make water conservation in cities and towns a top priority. I invite you to read the river essays in my book, The Way Home, to understand the depth of my love for rivers. Water quality and conservation right now are crucial as we go forward into an uncertain future.	The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation as a critical component to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored. These topics are explored in Section 6.3.
311	10/10/2014	Victoria Stephens Colorado Citizen	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	Water is essential to life, and it's becoming more and more wasted, diverted and polluted. It's time to get serious about conservation and prioritizing uses for water, especially in our dry state. And why is Colorado River water going to water golf courses in AZ and CA? Crazy. Strict measures and education need to be put into place. Please help now.	The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation as a critical component to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored. These topics are explored in Section 6.3. Please also read "A Citizen's Guide to Interstate Compacts" regarding comments about AZ and CA. Educations and outreach efforts are explored in Section 9.5.
312	10/10/2014	Mark Rolofson Colorado Citizen	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	We need to stop wasting water on Fracking in Colorado. The proposed gross reservoir canyon threatens a beautiful canyon upstream. Save our rivers and use water.	Fracking currently uses approximately 18,000 acre feet per year, which is a very small proportion of Colorado's overall water use. However, there may be some areas where there are greater regional effects. In addition, power plants that burn natural gas to make energy use less water than traditional power plants. Therefore, from an overall resource management perspective, fracking and the resulting energy production do not consume a significant amount of water compared to current levels. Colorado's Water Plan seeks to work collaboratively to uphold Colorado's water values and does not put a value judgement on any one beneficial use.
313	10/10/2014	John Eckler Colorado Citizen	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	Please protect our water and their sources so we will have the clean water we need in the future. Thank You, John Eckler	Your comment is aligned with the four values driving Colorado's Water Plan. Those four values are 1) vibrant and sustainable cities, 2) viable and productive agriculture, 3) a robust recreation and tourism industry, and 4) a thriving environment that includes healthy watersheds, rivers, streams, and wildlife.
314	10/10/2014	Dennis Bronner Colorado Citizen	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	Protect our water!	Your comment is aligned with the four values driving Colorado's Water Plan. Those four values are 1) vibrant and sustainable cities, 2) viable and productive agriculture, 3) a robust recreation and tourism industry, and 4) a thriving environment that includes healthy watersheds, rivers, streams, and wildlife.
315	10/10/2014	Elizabeth Clancy Colorado Citizen	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	I am a mom of 5, who moved to Colorado specifically for it's beautiful open spaces and the appreciation we have for our environment. The rivers provide us with the peaceful respite so desperately needed from our hectic day to day. The wildlife supported by these waterways are invaluable to enriching our commune with nature and our ability to find balance in our lives. The state needs to outlaw new diversions and reduce water waste, as well as allow citizens to collect their own rainwater for use in watering our lawns and gardens.	Colorado's Water Plan will not include any specific water projects. The CWCB would like to encourage multipurpose projects and full mitigation. The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation and reuse as critical components to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored. These topics are explored in Section 6.3. Rainwater harvesting does have some limitations within current Colorado water law. However, CWCB maintains a pilot program to explore how rainwater harvesting can be used. This is further discussed in Subsection 6.3.1
316	10/10/2014	Claire Wells Colorado Citizen	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	I'm a retired senior living in Boulder, I've been in love with Colorado and it's rivers for over 40 years. I care about Colorado rivers because they sustain life for the people, animals and environment; if they die or become unsustainable we all suffer. Prioritize, Protect and Conserve. Make policies that reflect zero tolerance for neglect and/or abuse of this vital recourse.	The four values driving Colorado's Water Plan recognize the importance of Colorado's rivers. Those four values are 1) vibrant and sustainable cities, 2) viable and productive agriculture, 3) a robust recreation and tourism industry, and 4) a thriving environment that includes healthy watersheds, rivers, streams, and wildlife.
317	10/10/2014	Susan Rose Colorado Citizen	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	Fresh water, like fresh air, is one of our most precious natural resources. Colorado's rivers support a diverse mix of flora and fauna that depend on these waters for their very survival. Without a proper water conservation plan in place, our rivers are vulnerable to pollution, diversion, and waste. Please prioritize water conservation in our state. Your plan should not only include water conservation in cities and towns, but should also address the use of fresh water in the hydraulic fracturing process and how that will affect fresh water supplies in the future.	The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan incorporation of conservation as a critical component to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone might not be enough to meet Colorado's future water needs. Additional balanced options need to be explored. These topics are further explored in Section 6.3. Fracking currently uses approximately 18,000 acre feet per year, which is a very small proportion of Colorado's overall water use. However, there may be some areas where there are greater regional effects. In addition, power plants that burn natural gas to make energy use less water than traditional power plants. Therefore, from an overall resource management perspective, fracking and the resulting energy production do not consume a significant amount of water compared to current levels. Colorado's Water Plan seeks to work collaboratively to uphold Colorado's water values and does not put a value judgement on any one beneficial use.
318	10/10/2014	Adam Roth Colorado Citizen	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	Dear sir or madam: Temperature drops bringing snow flakes that cover mountain tops. They stay all winter long waiting for more sun to melt and run to the rivers and valleys making for an economy of white water fun before they reach the fields where it feeds the soil moisture so that food can grow to feed all that live along the rivers that flow. Every year water is a gift in this state, with out it all life struggles. Perhaps we should consider that before any other business operation.	Meeting Colorado's nonconsumptive needs is a critical aspect of Colorado's Water Plan, and is explored in Section 6.6.
319	10/10/2014	Den Harris Colorado Citizen	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	We live here. We add to the economy. We use OUR waters. STOP BARGAINING off OUR WATER RIGHTS to other municipalities and states. Keep our water resources H O M E !	CWCB will work with the basin roundtables to firm our compact entitlements. Staff recommends the commenter read "Citizen's Guide to Interstate Compact," and "Citizen's Guide to Colorado Water Law," by the Colorado Foundation for Water Education.

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320	10/10/2014	Reed Dils Arkansas Roundtable Member Former CWCB Member	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	I am a Arkansas Basin Round Table member and past CWCB member and while I believe most of what we are doing is going well there is one area that doesn't get talked about. That is the need to minimize the increase in population, both by reducing fertility rates and reducing immigration. I don't just meant illegal immigration but legitimate immigration from other states and legal immigration from other countries. The world, the Country, and Colorado cannot sustain current population growth. We have far surpassed the carrying capacity of the earth and we are just kicking the can down the road. We are already under going a mass extinction of animals and it will just get worse if we don't control population growth and we won't be able to feed ourselves if we have to convert large amounts of ag. water to municipal and industrial uses. If you don't believe me, have CWCB staff look into the following: The Environmental Argument for reducing Immigration to the U.S. Backgrounder, Center for Immigration Studies, June 2009 by Philip Cafaro(CSU Professor) and Winthrop Staples, III.	Colorado's Water Plan and the technical work that supports it includes three growth scenarios: low-growth, mid-growth, high-growth. As water planners, Colorado must prepare for any of these future possibilities as we do not have control over the state's economy and how many people are born or choose to move here. While some communities choose to limit growth, doing so on a broad statewide scale is untenable and unconstitutional. The CWCB is working with each basin on their Basin Implementation Plan and will continue to encourage all interested parties to do the same.