

**Colorado's Water Plan - Input Received
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1	8/25/2014	Pikes Peak Regional Water Authority	Webform	9.4	Letter from Pikes Peak Regional Water Authority regarding Colorado's Water Plan Section 9.4.	Letter	The comments were largely incorporated into the new draft of Section 9.4. CWCB will continue to work on this issue in 2015.
2	8/26/2014	Bureau of Reclamation Eastern Colorado Area Office in consultation with the Western Colorado Area Office and Albuquerque Area Office via James VanShaar	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	1, 7.1, 7.2	Comments from the Bureau of Reclamation including a transmittal letter and comments for the Framework Documents draft of Chapter 1 and Sections 5.1 and 5.2.	Transmittal letter and document	Regarding comments related to the draft of Chapter 1, that chapter was completely revised and re-released in the November CWCB Board packet. Regarding your comments related to Section 7.1 Watershed Health and Management, no further incorporation is needed because your comment has already been considered or addressed. Regarding the comments related to Section 7.2 Natural Disasters, the comments were addressed where appropriate in the revised draft chapter.
3	8/26/2014	HDR via Sean Cronin	Email to Sean Cronin, forwarded to cwaterplan@co.state.us.	9.5	Letter from HDR, consultant for the South Platte and Metro Basin Roundtables, regarding Section 9.5.	Word Document including Redline of Section	HDR's comments helped CWCB further refine Section 9.5. Organizations were named with a caveat that others are doing great work as well. CWCB will seek to add specifics for how to fund education and outreach. Additional concepts are explored in Section 9.2.
4	9/2/2014	Henry Rivera, General Public	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	7.1	CO Water Plan-Forest suggestion: A simple way to increase the amount of available water is to improve forest watershed health. A mature pine tree transpires 50-100 gallons of water a day over the course of a summer season. Proper thinning and maintenance could allow for this water to become more available for groundwater and surface water use. It would also decrease the potential of fire and improve overall forest health.	N/A	Thank you for your comments, however the ideas presented are not always true. There are practical limitations and some forests are water short and new growth associated with understory and seedlings will consumptively used the new available water.
5	9/5/2014	Dale Widner	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	6.5	New off-stream water storage concept: This is being sent out to all to inform you of a new off-stream water storage reservoir concept near the Colorado-Utah border. The "Border Lake" proposal would create a very large lake (surface area = 7,500 acres, storage volume up to 750,000 acre-feet) with water warm enough for swimming. Perhaps this concept is something that would work with your new state water plan. The water for this lake would come from Colorado via Government Highline Canal in Mesa County while the actual reservoir is just across the border into Utah. Other conveyance options are also possible. Both Utah and Colorado officials have been informed of this concept. Please open and review the attached files with a write up and map of the concept. I am looking for your comments and suggestions on how to make it better and move this forward.	2 documents	Regarding your comments related to Section 6.5: Thank you for your input. This first iteration of Colorado's Water Plan will not identify specific projects. CWCB suggests that you bring to the western slope roundtables for consideration and inclusion in their Basin Implementation Plans.
6	9/11/2014	Fountain Valley Authority	Webform	6.3, 8, 9.4	Initial comments on Colorado's Water Plan submitted on behalf of the Fountain Valley Authority (FVA).	Letter	Regarding your comments related to Section 6.3 Conservation and Reuse - thank you for your comment, however no further incorporation is needed because your comment has already been considered or addressed. Some of the more technical aspects of your comments such as the wider socio-economic costs and customer costs for water conservation and the effects of conservation on reuse can be examined in SWSI 2016. Regarding your comments related to Chapter 8, these comments and others with similar sentiment have been reflected in the November update of this draft chapter. Regarding comments related to permitting, the comments were largely incorporated into the new draft of Section 9.4. CWCB will continue to work on this issue in 2015.
7	9/14/2014	Steve Malers	Webform	N/A	The www.coloradowaterplan.com website is nearly impossible to reference because following links does not result in the URL changing. The only way to help people find something is to tell them which links to follow, which will get worse as more content is added. This has become more problematic as I try to help various stakeholders review documents and provide input. For suggested reading, see: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Permalink	N/A	Thank you for your comment. The issue is related to the capabilities currently offered by the agency that hosts the water plan website. We will work with them to address the issues.
8	9/15/2014	Associated Governments of Northwest Colorado	Letter sent to Governor's Office, email scan sent to cwaterplan@state.co.us on 9/15	8	Letter from the Associated Governments of Northwest Colorado regarding elements included in draft Chapter 8.	Letter	Thank you for your comments. These comments and others with similar sentiment have been reflected in the November update of this draft chapter.
9	9/16/2014	Drew Beckwith, Western Resource Advocates	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	5	Written documentation of Chapter 5 comments provided by Drew Beckwith at the September 11, 2014 CWCB Board Meeting.	1 document	Regarding your comments related to Chapter 5 - CWCB added additional conservation information and materials to the draft chapter and rephrased the sentence of concern noted in the comment.

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10	9/16/2014	Steve Harris, Southwestern Water Conservation District	Webform	4, 4.1, 4.2, 5, 6.2.1, 6.2.3, 6.5, 6.6, 7.1, 9.2	Comments from the Southwestern Water Conservation District submitted by Steve Harris.	1 email document	Regarding your comments related to Chapter 4 - many of these recommendations (a-c) have been addressed in the reorganization of Chapter 4. Your comment "D" is addressed further in the water management section. Regarding comments related to Section 6.2.1 - The November 7th draft adds draft criteria for state support in the permitting section. Regarding comments related to Chapter 5 - all basins had the opportunity to participate, some participated more than others. Regarding Section 6.2.3. - The no and low regrets goal for low to medium conservation levels is a measurable minimum goal of 170,000 acre-feet of active conservation, which can also be measured by the percent of utilities and population affected by specific best practices. Regarding Section 6.2.3 - 170,000 acre-feet assumes a demand reduction that is based off medium population levels. The scenarios have low, medium, and high population and demand levels, and the same best practices would yield different values under different population estimates. This variability will be further explored in SWSI 2016, as it is not necessary to go into such detail for Colorado's Water Plan. Regarding Section 6.5 - Conservation goals and actions will be addressed in Section 6.3. Comments related to Section 6.6 were incorporated into the revised draft section. Regarding comments related to Section 9.2 "Economics and Funding", in the amended draft there are a number of funding options presented that provided a variety of different revenues streams that could assist in providing repayment assistance. These funding streams could be in the form of standard grants/loans, security/repayment guarantees, exchange for equity, etc. With regard to funding various components of multipurpose projects as suggested in the comment, in the amended draft there are a number of funding options presented that provided a variety of different revenues streams that could be directed to funding agricultural, recreation, environmental, and watershed/stream management efforts. Type of project, priority, benefit, would all be considered. With regard to expanding how Water & Power Authority loans can be used if repayment stream available, more information is needed from the commenter in order to adequately address the question.
11	9/17/2014	Eric Hecox, SMWSA	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	6.2, 9.2	SMWSA Comments on sections 6.2 and 9.1 of Colorado's Water Plan	2 documents	With regard to comments related to Sections 6.2 and 9.2 - Staff incorporated many of the comments into the revised draft sections.
12	9/17/2014	Eric Hecox, SMWSA	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	6.3	SMWSA Comments on Colorado's Water Plan related to Rain Water Harvesting	1 document	Regarding your comments related to Section 6.3 - Thank you for your comment, no further incorporation is needed because your comment has already been considered or addressed within the draft section.
13	9/19/2014	Town of Georgetown, CO	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	South Platte BIP	Comment letter from the Town of Georgetown, CO on the South Platte BIP.	Letter	CWCB Staff will pass these comments to the South Platte Basin Roundtable.
14	9/19/2014	Request from Northglenn HS	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	9.5	I am the STEM Coordinator at Northglenn HS and our students are given authentic problems to solve. They need to present their solutions to a panel of experts. Date: October 3, 2014 Morning Session: 7:15 - 8:15 am Afternoon Session: 1:00 - 3:00 pm (we need 6 experts from 1:00 - 3:00 pm) Location: Northglenn HS STEM Description: Water Management - Students will present their solutions to the question, "How should Colorado deal with the management and use of water in the state." Background: Sophomore World History students are currently studying Ancient and Classical civilizations and their struggles with urban planning and water solutions within their realms. The major issues that these peoples experienced then are similar problems with water rights, irrigation, droughts, floods and competition for water still exist today. Students will be researching and ultimately presenting their solutions to the following problem: How should Colorado deal with the management and use of water in the state? In teams of 4, the students will assume the expert roles of historian, engineer, environmentalist, and politician/legal. Panelists will be asked to evaluate these proposals in a cafe style venue at our STEM facility on Friday, October 3rd from 7:15 to 3:00pm. (Two sessions are listed above). If you or one of your colleagues might be interested, please let me know. Thank you in advance for your consideration!	N/A	Three CWCB staff members visited Northglenn High School on October 3, 2014 to participate in this event.

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15	9/22/2014	Greg Heiden	Webform	General	Before any study, review and recommendations all existing Colorado Water Rights should be considered as operating. This is especially true for unexercised Water Rights. Minimum stream, and, recreational flows are highly dependent upon water presently not being put to beneficial use. In scenarios such as the drought continuing, it is well within the realm of possibility that entities might soon be making use of water that hasn't been used for years. Its not to say that Aurora, and, or Denver Water might not start leaning harder on East Slope supplies for internal consumption. This in turn would free up West Slope water that could be allowed to flow out of State for municipal consumption in the Southwest.	N/A	Conditional water rights far exceed the amount of flows available. This is why Colorado's Water Plan uses a scenario planning water demands approach.
16	9/23/2014	Steve Malers	Email to Jacob Bornstein, forwarded to cwaterplan@state.co.us.	1, 2, 4	I'm going to be bold and directly send you some comments on the CWP (attached). The CWP draft does not clearly explain how various efforts (SWSI, BIP, CWP) fit together. Also, the introduction focuses on agencies involved with project permitting, but an understanding of planning from local to state level is lacking. There is a lot of information, but the planning framework is not explained. I recommend you add figures if possible. I do not feel that there is a cohesive story in the South Platte/Metro BIP. Actually there are lots of stories and information, but it is overwhelming to the point of throwing up hands and saying "so is planning ad hoc?". I hope with more time that we can greatly improve the BIP, at least I'll try to do what I can working with Laurel Stadjuhar. I must admit that when I worked through slide 5 in the attached, I had a hard time figuring out why the BIP comes before the CWP. Maybe the "implementation" in BIP is throwing me off.	PowerPoint presentation	Regarding comments related to Chapter 3, your concerns were addressed in the draft released at the November CWCB Board meeting . Regarding your comments related to Section 7.1- no further incorporation is needed because your comment has already been considered or addressed.
17	9/23/2014	Hannah Holm	Email to Kevin Reidy, forwarded to cwaterplan@state.co.us.	6	· I think it would be useful to include some data tables that show per capita water use across the state, with bonus points for adding comparisons to cities in other dry states & countries. I know we're not supposed to have a standard goal, but just showing the differences would speak volumes. · It would also be useful to show some figures on the breakdown between indoor and outdoor water use. · Stats on the results of some conservation measures already implemented by various localities would also help show the potential of these measures more concretely. · On the issue of ag water conservation – people always bring up that reduced return flows from efficiencies could potentially injure downstream users, but less often mentioned is the fact that reduced diversions due to efficiencies can also have the benefit of keeping calls off the river, as well as leaving water in reservoirs for late-season use.	N/A	Regarding your comments related to Sections 6.3.1 and 6.3.2 - Thank you for your comment, no further incorporation is needed because your comment has already been considered or addressed. Staff added savings potential in two tables from SWSI 2010 to the narrative to help get at this as well as a pie chart of water uses in Chapter 5.
18	9/23/2014	Drew Beckwith, Western Resource Advocates	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	6.3.5	Please find attached an updated version of our research related to future power generation-related water demands in Colorado for the state plan. Basic message, thermoelectric-related water use will likely decline in the future.	1 document	Thank you for your comments. Energy is discussed in Section 6.3.5 and this section will continue to evolve in 2015.
19	9/24/2014	Colorado Springs Utilities via Patrick Wells	Webform	6.3, 6.4, 6.6, 9.4	Please find attached Colorado Springs Utilities' initial comments on the Draft Colorado Water Plan and Basin Implementation Plans.	1 document	Regarding comments related to Section 6.3 - Thank you for your comment, no further incorporation is needed because your comment has already been considered or addressed. The question of the wider socio-economic costs and customer costs for water conservation will be looked at in SWSI 2016. Regarding comments related to Section 6.6 - We have partially incorporated your comments into 6.6.1, 6.6.2 and 6.6.3. For 6.4 - we have generally addressed these comments, however the anti-speculation issue involves an on-going discussion that may be better suited at the legislative level. Regarding comments related to permitting, the comments were largely incorporated into the new draft of Section 9.4. CWCB will continue to work on this issue in 2015.
20	9/26/2014	Audubon Rockies	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	General, 6.6	Audubon Rockies comments to CWCB at Rangely Meeting	1 document	Thank you for your comments. CWCB added language about stream management plans in the revised draft Section 6.6. Regarding the other comments, no further incorporation is necessary because your comments have already been considered or addressed.

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21	9/29/2014	Treonna Villasenor	Webform	6.3	Thank you for seeking public input and thank you for making a plan to address the extremely important and growing issue of water. Also thank you for making board meetings available online for interested parties that cannot make the meeting. I want to address a couple of issues that came up for me last meeting and add a few ideas. Before I moved to Glenwood Springs this past year I have lived in cities, Aurora being one of them. I understand that people like green lawns and golf courses, but the reality is that Colorado is a semi arid climate and there is not enough water to continue the way we have. This is the whole point of a water plan and this process. If living in an area with green lawns and golf courses is important to home owners we might suggest they buy homes in a more humid, wet climate where available water matches the "reasonable residential experience" and landscape they're looking for. In the West and in Colorado we have to insure water levels are maintained to support all types of life. As we know without water there is no life and without life do we need pretty lawns? I also would encourage a new way of thinking about agriculture and how we can grow our food using less water. Can the state encourage research and education in urban agriculture. Instead of a green lawn how about a green garden that provides food and can take some pressure off of drought affected agriculture. Can we look to people already practicing urban agriculture, such as the GrowHaus in Denver and give some state wide attention to these types of agricultural options. Can the state research and educate on permaculture, growing food with less space and less water. I think this is a big enough and important enough issue that we will all need to change our priorities and our definition of what a "healthy landscape" looks like in Colorado based on our climate. And while quality of life is absolutely important in mountain and urban communities, we can change what we think of as "quality" to something that actually matches the native vegetation and can be sustained for future generations.	N/A	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. 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.
22	9/30/2014	Mr. Longenbaugh	Email to Sean Cronin, forwarded to cwaterplan@co.state.us.	4, 6.5	Comments from Mr. Longenbaugh on the South Platte Basin Implementation Plan and Colorado's Water Plan.	4 documents	Regarding your comments related to Section 6.5 - Thank you for your comment, no further incorporation is needed because your comment has already been considered or addressed. These comments were also sent directly to the South Platte Basin Roundtable.
23	9/30/2014	Theresa Conley, Conservation Colorado	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	6.3, 6.4, 9.2, BIPs	Comments regarding Colorado's Water Plan. These comments were made publicly at the September 17, 2014 CWCB Board meeting; however, the commenter attached additional documents she thought CWCB may find helpful and in further support of her verbal comments.	1 doc	Thank you for your comments, they have largely been considered or addressed in the revised draft sections.
24	10/2/2014	Bureau of Reclamation Eastern Colorado Area Office in consultation with the Western Colorado Area Office and Albuquerque Area Office via James VanShaar	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	3, 6.3, 6.4, 7.3, 9.4	Please see the attached documents: a transmittal letter and our comments for the Framework Documents draft of Chapter 2 and Sections 5.4, 5.6, 5.7 and 5.10.	2 documents	The comments on Chapter 3 are mostly addressed in other sections, especially TMDs, groundwater, and wildfires. Collaborative partnerships are addressed in section 8. Regarding 6.3 - Thank you for your comment, no further incorporation is needed because your comment has already been considered or addressed. Staff will try to accommodate more project examples into future drafts. For 6.4 - suggested corrections to the text were completed. Thank you for the helpful notes. Regarding comments related to Section 7.3, the comments were incorporated into the revised section. Regarding Section 9.4 permitting, the comments were largely incorporated into the new draft of Section 9.4. CWCB will continue to work on this issue in 2015.
25	10/2/2014	San Juan Water Conservancy District	Letter sent to Governor's Office, email scan sent to cwaterplan@state.co.us on 10/2	Southwest BIP	Comment letter from the San Juan Water Conservancy District.	Letter	Staff is working with the CWCB Board on a potential solution to the issues presented in the comment by restructuring PAWSD debt and allowing the project time to evolve. CWCB will pass along the comments to the Southwest Basin Roundtable.
26	10/3/2014	Joe Stibrich, Aurora Water	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	6.4	Aurora Water Comments on Colorado's Water Plan regarding Alternative Agricultural-To-Urban Transfer Methods.	3 documents	Thank you for the very helpful comments related to Section 6.4. Staff worked to incorporate examples and suggestions to the fullest extent possible in the draft section released in November 2014.
27	10/3/2014	Frank Lilly, General Public	Webform	6.6	I am writing to stress the importance of recreational use when planning for Colorado Water. This includes, but is not limited to Whitewater boating, fishing, and boating on reservoirs. I would like to stress the economic importance of recreational use, adding millions of dollars to the Colorado economy every year. I would also like to stress the non consumptive nature of recreational use, allowing for water which is allotted to recreational use to be used for other purposes (agriculture, municipal, etc) at a later date.	N/A	Meeting Colorado's nonconsumptive needs is a critical aspect of Colorado's Water Plan, and is explored in Section 6.6. The four values driving Colorado's Water Plan recognize the importance of recreation. 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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28	10/5/2014	Ralf Topper, Colorado Ground-Water Association	Webform	4	I am very disappointed in the superficial consideration of Colorado's groundwater resources, both tributary and nontributary, in the Water Plan. Over 20% of the state's water supplies are provided by groundwater. Tens of millions of acre-feet of water exist in storage throughout Colorado's varied aquifer systems (Colorado Geological Survey, 2004). The constituency of the Basin Roundtables that form the basis of the Water Plan are dominated by surface water users, who do not fully understand or utilize the groundwater resources in their basins. The 1969 Water Rights Determination and Administration Act stated that it is the policy of the State of Colorado to conjunctively utilize both ground and surface water resources to their maximum extent. This policy has never been fully implemented due to the institutional bias inherited through development of Colorado's water supply and associated history of water rights. Colorado's energy development industry today wouldn't develop a future energy plan without consideration of tight sands and shale gas plays that weren't part of their portfolio twenty years ago, yet Colorado's Water Plan continues to rely on the same water management practices and policies in existence for decades without consideration of the full resource. The same policies and practices that have not adequately addressed the looming gap between future supply and demands. The lack of informed consideration, incorporation, and implementation of the groundwater resources in a fully functional conjunctive use strategy is a serious shortcoming of the Colorado Water Plan. A plan for the future water sustainability for Colorado should consider all of the resources available.	1 document	The CWCB and Colorado's Water Plan support water supply management strategies that will allow the state to better conjunctively use groundwater within currently existing legal constraints. SWSI 2010 found that unappropriated water in the South Platte, Arkansas, and Rio Grande Basins is extremely limited, and reliance on nonrenewable, nontributary groundwater as a permanent water supply creates reliability and sustainability concerns, particularly along the Front Range. In anticipation of HB 1278 recommendations related to groundwater monitoring and modeling, the CWCB is requesting \$500,000 under the 2014 Projects Bill that would allow the CWCB to further evaluate the causes of high groundwater levels within the South Platte River Basin. The CWCB and DWR also maintain Decision Support Systems (DSS) tools that could serve as useful resources to be used in groundwater modeling in the future. The South Platte/Metro BIP states: "The South Platte Basin Roundtable is addressing these concerns through a Groundwater Subcommittee comprised of BRT members and other interested parties and, together with the Metro BRT has formally adopted a process to address these concerns (including potential strategies related to water rights administration) that will extend well beyond the publication of the draft South Platte BIP in July 2014. This process will offer opportunities to build on the work done in response to House Bill 1278 and help determine the degree to which this resource may be effectively, reliably and legally put to some greater level of use."
29	10/6/2014	Victoria Cornell, General Public	Webform	6.3	Conservation should be the first consideration. We should live within our means=no more dams or containments. With water shortages there is a water quality issue so there must be plans to work harder on keeping the waterways, including small streams and creeks, clean/cleaner. I volunteer for Denver Parks and I clean up trash in Sanderson Gluch. I cleaned over a ton of trash last year in about 80 hours of volunteer work. I'd volunteer to work on water quality issues in the watershed if asked.	N/A	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 are not 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. 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 is 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.
30	10/7/2014	Ditch and Reservoir Company Alliance (DARCA) via John McKenzie	Webform and email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	6.1, 6.4, 6.3.4, 9.2	DARCA's comments related to Sections 6.1, 6.3.4, 6.4, and 9.1.	Letter	Regarding comments related to Section 6.1 - The thoughtful comments about doing a technical analysis across the state will be considered as part of the Statewide Water Supply Initiative 2016. This could be further advanced by the development of Colorado Decision Support System tools throughout Colorado. Completing these for the whole state is now one of the actions in Section 6.1. DARCA suggests two recommendations that warrant further discussion and consideration for the second draft of Colorado's Water Plan: Create baselines for ditch and reservoir companies, support ditch and reservoir company long-term planning (including how to manage for the potential impacts of climate change). Regarding comments related to Section 6.3.4 - The comment suggests that irrigation ditches help provide aesthetic and riparian values. Section 6.3.4 of the plan acknowledges that ag return flows and losses can incidentally support riparian vegetation and habitat. The comment also stresses the importance of vibrant ag, which the plan emphasizes throughout. Further the comment requests both technical assistance to ditches to modernize infrastructure and suggests that public and private incentives be provided to increase ditch company efforts to conserve water. As 6.3.4 observes in certain site specific locations ag efficiency changes can provide local instream benefits or salvaged water that could be made available to other uses, and incentives may be appropriate to encourage those efforts. Legal and administrative costs may offset the benefits, and therefore careful site specific analysis must be done to ensure the potential benefits outweigh those costs. Regarding comments related to Section 6.4 - Additional ATM examples have been included, along with a discussion of HB-1248 as suggested. Remainder of ATM enhancements were generally captured in the "action items" section. Education issues are addressed in Section 9.5. Additional funding options are explored in the revised Section 9.2.
31	10/8/2014	WateReuse Association	Webform	6.3.3, 9.3, 9.5	Comments from WaterReuse Colorado.	Letter and document	Regarding comments related to Section 6.3 -Thank you for your comments, no further incorporation is needed because your comments have already been considered or addressed. Many of your thoughts were incorporated into the latest version. CWCB appreciates the offer to assist with providing research and educational resources. Section 9.5 explores education opportunities in detail.

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32	10/8/2014	Comments from Workshop at Sustaining Colorado's Watersheds Conference	Notes from verbal comments at workshop	6	Notes from workshop on Colorado's Water Plan at Sustaining Colorado's Watersheds conference on 10/8/14 in Avon, Colorado. Notes prepared by Colorado Foundation for Water Education.	1 document	Thank you to those individuals that participated in the workshop. The comments were addressed in revised draft sections.
33	10/8/2014	National Young Farmers Coalition	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	6.3.4, 6.5	Attached please find comments from the National Young Farmers Coalition on the latest draft of the Colorado Water Plan. The attached comments recap my testimony before the CWCB Board meeting on September 11, 2014 and include additional comments on the latest draft. In summation, our comments reflect the following: the Colorado Water Plan needs to go much farther in promoting stewardship values and practices as primary and essential solutions to meeting our states' water needs while protecting and enhancing agriculture in the state. Farmers and ranchers across Colorado are saving water and enhancing their productivity by re-prioritizing the health of their soils. Such dynamic, integrated approaches benefit all Coloradans and can be melded with other multi-purpose solutions. My attached comments explain this summary in greater depth. I have also attached a copy of NYFC's report "Sustaining Farming in the Arid West: stories of young farmers, water and resilience," which was distributed to CWCB Board members, as reference.	2 documents	Regarding comments related to Section 6.5 - Thank you for your comments. The inclusion of stewardship practices is definitely worth discussion at the roundtable level and is further discussed in Section 6.3.4, along with an example. Work on conservation easements will be appearing in the final Arkansas BIP, for one. Agricultural stewardship is also addressed in other sections of Colorado's Water Plan, 6.3.4 Regarding comments related to 6.5.4 - Climate change is addressed throughout the draft Plan, but in the November draft more attention is given, specifically in the water supply and introduction sections.
34	10/9/2014	Tamarisk Coalition	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	1, 2, 6.2, 6.6, 7.1, 9.1, 9.5	Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments. Our comments are mostly related to the Environment and Recreation sections, however, we have provided general comments as well. Please see our attached letter.	Letter	Regarding comments related to Section 6.2 - the comments were incorporated in the revised November 2014 draft of the section. Regarding comments related to Section 6.6 - Thank you for your comments. Staff has refined the numbers in the "basin at a glance" boxes to more accurately reflect the projects and methods in the BIPs. We will be working with the basin roundtables to make sure that the final draft of CWP reflects the most up to date work and helpfully informative work of the BIPs. Also, staff has partially incorporated your comment on 6.6.3 into #11 of 6.6.7. Regarding Section 7.1.4- CWCB incorporated your comments into the relevant sections/chapters. Thank you for your comments related to Section 9.5. CWCB will seek to add specifics for how to fund education and outreach. Additional concepts are explored in Section 9.2.
35	10/9/2014	Save the Poudre	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	South Platte BIP	Save The Poudre input to Legislature about South Platte BIP and Colorado Water Plan.	1 document	CWCB Staff will work with the BRTs and pass these comments along to the South Platte Basin Roundtable.
36	10/9/2014	American Rivers	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	6.6, 9.2	Attached please find additional comments on the draft Colorado Water Plan from American Rivers.	1 document	Regarding comments related to Section 6.6 - Thank you for your comments. No further incorporation is needed because your comment has already been considered or addressed. Regarding comments related to Section 9.2, the points made are well taken, the revised section was expanded and additional funding options were provided.
37	10/9/2014	City of Fort Collins	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	South Platte BIP	City of Fort Collins Comments regarding Colorado's Water Plan.	1 document	CWCB Staff will pass these comments along to the South Platte Basin Roundtable.
38	10/9/2014	Dennis Saffell, Coldwell Banker Mountain Properties, Winter Park, CO	Webform	5	Comments related to Chapter 5.	Letter	A sentence was added to Chapter 5 to address concerns mentioned in the comments.
39	10/9/2014	John Jennings, General Public	Webform	7.1	The preservation of river systems needs to be a top priority along with increasing efficiency of use.	N/A	The four values driving Colorado's Water Plan recognize the importance of healthy 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. 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.
40	10/9/2014	Rebecca Strelitz	Webform	6.3.4	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. State studies have shown that water providers could reduce today's water use levels 35% by 2050. We can achieve this by expanding conservation incentives, increasing indoor and outdoor efficiency, and by developing and financially supporting water recycling programs. The state should both support voluntary, compensated, flexible water-sharing agreements between agricultural producers and growing communities while respecting existing water rights, as well as incentives to improve agricultural infrastructure that benefit operations and healthy river flows. Trans-mountain projects that drain water from West Slope rivers to supply growing Front Range demands are controversial and don't solve the problem affecting the health of all our rivers. Conservation and efficiency are less expensive, less contentious and more effective.	N/A	Thank you for your 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 current draft sections already discuss actions for increasing conservation such as expanding conservation incentives, increasing indoor and outdoor efficiency, and by developing and financially supporting water recycling programs.

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41	10/9/2014	Kevin Lusk	Webform	6.3, 6.4, 8	Comments from Kevin Lusk, who is an employee of Colorado Springs Utilities, a voting member of South Platte Basin Roundtable, the Board President of Twin Lakes Reservoir and Canal Company, Colorado Canal Company, Lake Meredith Reservoir Company, and The Lake Henry Reservoir Company, and a member of Front Range Water Council.	1 document	Thank you for your comments. Regarding your comments related to conservation and reuse, no further incorporation is needed because they have already been considered or addressed. Regarding your comments related to agricultural to urban transfers, the CWCB has elected for now to retain the phrase "buy and dry" based on previous comments and common usage in the water industry. The remainder of the suggestions have been included to the fullest extent possible within Section 6.4. Regarding your comments related to Chapter 8 Interbasin Projects and Agreements, these comments and others with similar sentiment have been reflected in the November update of this draft chapter.
42	10/9/2014	Steamboat Springs Chamber Resort Association	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	Yampa / White / Green BIP	Input letter from Steamboat Springs Chamber Resort Association regarding the Yampa River Basin.	Letter	CWCB Staff will work with the BRTs and pass these comments along to the Yampa White Green Basin Roundtable. The four values driving Colorado's Water Plan 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.
43	10/9/2014	Senator Gail Schwartz	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	6.1, 6.6, 9.2	Letter from Senator Gail Schwartz related to Colorado's Water Plan.	Letter	Thank you for your comments, and for your long commitment to Colorado water. Your comments have largely been incorporated. Work on the IBCC Conceptual Agreement is still underway. Regarding comments related to Section 9.2, within the revised draft section additional emphasis was placed on multi-beneficial, shared projects to balance public versus private funding to meet future water needs.
44	10/10/2014	New Belgium Brewing Company	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	4, 4.1, 4.2, 5, 6.2.1, 6.2.3, 6.5, 9.1, 9.2	Letter from New Belgium Brewing Company regarding Colorado's Water Plan	1 document	The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation and reuse as critical components to meet future water needs, however those strategies alone are not 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 encourages multipurpose projects and full mitigation. The four values driving development of Colorado's Water Plan 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.
45	10/10/2014	Northwest Colorado Council of Governments Water Quality / Quantity Committee	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	4, 5, 6.2, 6.5, 6.6, 7.1, 8, 9.1	Northwest Colorado Council of Governments Water Quality/Quantity Committee comments on the September 2014 Draft Sections of the Colorado Water Plan.	Letter	Regarding the comments related to Chapter 5 Water Demand by Sector, they were addressed within the section where appropriate. Regarding comments related to Section 6.2, the table showing some key differences between the western slope and eastern slope basin roundtables is helpful. A new table was added within Chapter 8 to discuss differences in BIP statements concerning compact and transmountain diversion issues. Regarding Section 6.5, due to the different processes that each roundtable employed in identifying and prioritizing projects and methods, an apples to apples comparison is definitely a challenge. As the roundtables move forward to their final BIPs, the CWCB will work closely with the various groups to encourage more detail on identified projects and methods, which the CWCB hopes will lead to a better and more helpful comparison of projects across basins. At this point the CWCB is providing the "At A Glance" boxes just as a quick and rough glimpse of the work of the roundtable, showing that project and methods with costs and benefits are being identified, and basins are in the process of prioritizing and fleshing out solutions to basin goals and measurable outcomes. Criteria for state support of projects will be upcoming in later versions of CWP, and CWCB believes that basins will begin to prioritize projects as they move forward in refining their lists of projects and methods. Regarding Section 6.6, the CWCB has incorporated most of your comments into sections 6.6.1, 6.6.2, 6.6.3 and 6.6.7. For more information on watershed master plans, please see section 7.1. Regarding your comment related to Section 7.1, due to the complexity of your comment, the CWCB will address it in the second draft of Colorado's Water Plan in 2015. Regarding Chapter 8, your comments and others with similar sentiment have been reflected in the November update of this draft chapter.
46	10/10/2014	Colorado River District	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	3, 8	Comments on Colorado's Water Plan regarding Chapters 3 and 8 from the Colorado River District.	Letter	Thank you for your comments. Regarding comments related to Chapter 3, staff has updated the chapter with material from BIP executive summaries to give an overview of basin policies, concerns, and ongoing planning efforts. Regarding Chapter 8, the comments and others with similar sentiment have been reflected in the November update of this draft chapter.
47	10/10/2014	Mesa County, Colorado	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	Colorado and Gunnison BIPs	Letter from Board of County Commissioners of Mesa County, Colorado regarding the Colorado and Gunnison Basin Implementation Plans.	Letter	CWCB Staff will work with the BRTs and pass these comments along to the Colorado and Gunnison Basin Roundtables.
48	10/10/2014	Club 20	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	6.3, 8, 9.1	Letter from Club20 related to Colorado's Water Plan.	Letter	Thank you for your comments, the issues presented were broadly addressed within the related revised draft sections.

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49	10/10/2014	Conservation Colorado	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	6.5, 6.6, 9.1, 9.4	Formal comments submitted by Conservation Colorado regarding draft chapters 6.5 and 6.6.	3 documents	Regarding comments related to Section 6.5 - Thank you for your comments. At this point the projects and methods identification by basins is still an ongoing process. While some basins have moved forward with prioritization, others are still in the process. Funding of new and emerging projects and methods will be discussed more in Chapter 9. Section 9.4 discussed a path forward for state endorsement and considered your criteria when developing the draft criteria included in the plan. Regarding comments related to Section 6.6 - Thank you for your comments. No further incorporation is needed because your comments have already been considered or addressed.
50	10/10/2014	Northern Water	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	9.4	Letter from Northern Water related to Colorado's Water Plan.	Letter	The comments were largely incorporated into the new draft of Section 9.4. CWCB will continue to work on this issue in 2015.
51	10/10/2014	Trout Unlimited	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	6.3.4	1) Cover letter-Introduction to the "Our Colorado River" program and the "Core Values". 2) List of "Core Value" supporters and their comments. 3) Scanned "Core Value" signature pages presented in lieu of generic signature lines evident in the list of supporters.	3 documents	Thank you for your comments. CWCB incorporated most of your comments into sections 6.6.1, 6.6.2, and 6.6.3.
52	10/10/2014	Upper CO Private Boaters Association	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	6.3, 6.6	Comments from Upper Colorado Private Boaters Association on Colorado's Water Plan.	Letter	The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan will incorporate conservation and reuse as critical components to meet future water needs, however those strategies alone are not 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. The four values driving development of Colorado's Water Plan 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 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.
53	10/10/2014	Colorado State Representative Randy Fischer, House District 53	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	6.3.1, 6.6, 9.5	Comment letter provided by Representative Randy Fischer.	Letter	Thank you for your comments, and for your long commitment to Colorado water. CWCB will consider adding the recommendations of HB12-1278 study of the South Platte alluvial aquifer after consideration of the South Platte Basin roundtable, which is currently considering those recommendations in a process they have developed. The South Platte/Metro BIP states: "The South Platte Basin Roundtable is addressing these concerns through a Groundwater Subcommittee comprised of BRT members and other interested parties and, together with the Metro BRT has formally adopted a process to address these concerns (including potential strategies related to water rights administration) that will extend well beyond the publication of the draft South Platte BIP in July 2014. This process will offer opportunities to build on the work done in response to House Bill 1278 and help determine the degree to which this resource may be effectively, reliably and legally put to some greater level of use." Regarding comment related to Section 6.3 -Thank you for your comment, however no further incorporation is needed because your comment has already been considered or addressed. There is a good discussion of land use and water use with action items for moving the discussion forward. The 170,000 acre feet active savings by 2050 is based on the IBCC no and low regrets action plan. This is a minimum of what is being considered and water providers are not constrained to keep their own goals at that level. Regarding comments related to Section 6.6 - Thank you for your comments, most of which we have addressed in Section 6.6.7. Regarding review of the public comments received as part of the SB115 process, CWCB reviewed and prepared responses to each one of the comments received. Those responses are included in the November 2014 CWCB Board packet and also posted online. 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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54	10/10/2014	Trout Unlimited	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	6.2, 6.6, 8, Gunnison BIP, South Platte BIP, Arkansas BIP, Southwest BIP	Trout Unlimited's official comments for the first draft of Colorado's Water Plan. The comments represent Trout Unlimited's 28 staff, 24 chapters and 11,000+ members in Colorado. Trout Unlimited looks forward to speaking with CWCB staff on November 30th in more detail about Trout Unlimited's efforts to provide comments to the water plan.	1 document	Regarding comments relative to Section 6.2 - The strategies to address the municipal water supply gap are balanced. Further refinements to the gap are being considered as part of the Basin Implementation Plans, and may be part of SWSI 2016. CWCB will forward your basin specific comments to the appropriate basin roundtables. Regarding comments relating to Chapter 8, these comments and others with similar sentiment have been reflected in the November update of this draft chapter.
55	10/10/2014	Harris Water Engineering, Basin Implementation Plan Consultants for the Southwest Basin Roundtable	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	3, 6.2, 6.5, 6.6	Letter from Harris Water Engineering regarding Colorado's Water Plan.	Letter	Regarding comments related to Chapter 3, concerns were addressed in the revised November draft. Regarding comments related to Section 6.2 - CWCB modified the draft section based on the detailed comments provided. Regarding comments related to 6.5 - Collaboration and multipurpose projects are encouraged and identified by the basins as key to the path forward. Regarding comments related to Section 6.6 - CWCB incorporated your comments into sections 6.6.1, 6.6.2, 6.6.3, and 6.6.5.
56	10/10/2014	Denver Water	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	4, 6.2, 6.3.1, 6.3.2, 6.3.3, 6.3.4, 6.4, 6.5, 7.1, 7.2, 7.3, 8, 9.3	Comments from Denver Water on Colorado's Water Plan.	2 docs	Regarding comments related to Section 6.1 - CWCB added language to the actions to encourage basin level scenario planning as part of the BIPs. Regarding Section 6.2 - Chapters 4 and 5 now have larger sections on climate change. A brief discussion of the implications of climate change to the gap is now included in Section 6.2. Regarding comments related to Sections 6.3.1-6.3.3, many of your comments and revisions have already been incorporated since the chapter was drafted. Regarding Section 6.3.4 - Denver Water asks for more specific examples of ag conservation opportunities. CWCB believes the section is sufficient as written but this comment can be further addressed in 2015. For the next version of the plan CWCB suggests the use of side bars to discuss in detail specific questions or to provide examples without having to embed them in re-written text. Regarding comments related to Section 6.5 - Collaboration and multipurpose projects are encouraged and identified by the basins as key to the path forward. For 6.4 - ATM suggestions have been incorporated either as a new sub-section or as suggested action items. Legal impediments have been mentioned as a general topic without specific issues being raised. Regarding comments related to 7.1, "Source Water Protection" was added to the section. Regarding Chapter 8, the comments and others with similar sentiment are reflected in the November update of this draft chapter. Regarding comments related to permitting, the comments were largely incorporated into the new draft of Section 9.4. CWCB will continue to work on this issue in 2015.
57	10/10/2014	Western Landowners Alliance	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	Various	Letter from Western Landowners Alliance regarding Colorado's Water Plan.	Letter	Thank you for your comments, they were considered in the revised drafts of the related sections.
58	10/10/2014	Bureau of Reclamation Eastern Colorado Area Office in consultation with the Albuquerque Area Office	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	2.2, 4, 5, 6.2, 6.5, 6.6, 7.1, 8, 9.2, 9.5	Please see the attached documents: a transmittal letter and our comments for the Framework Documents and Draft Section 2.2, Chapters 4 and 5, Sections 6.2, 6.5, 6.6, 7.1, Chapter 8, Sections 9.2, and 9.5.	1 document	Regarding comments related to Chapter 2, the comments will be addressed in the 2015 draft of Colorado's Water Plan. Regarding comments related to Chapter 4, the comments were addressed to the extent feasible in this draft. Regarding comments related to Chapter 5, the comments were addressed where appropriate. Regarding Section 6.5 - Thank you for your comment, however no further incorporation is needed because your comment has already been considered or addressed. Regarding Section 6.6 - Thank you for your comment, no further incorporation is needed because your comment has already been considered or addressed. Section 7.3 addresses your comments regarding water quality issues. Regarding comments related to Section 7.1 - CWCB incorporated your comments into the relevant sections/chapters. Regarding Chapter 8, Thank you for your comments. These comments and others with similar sentiment have been reflected in the November update of this draft chapter. Regarding comments related to Section 9.2, in terms of listing potential options, federal agencies will be better emphasized in the revised November 2014 draft section. Additionally, CWCB will be refining costs and priorities relative to BIPs in 2015. Regarding Section 9.5 - 1)The agency name has been corrected. 2) A personal connection is key to making an education tool something that engages the audience. As the CWCB develops and executes its action steps, it will emphasize engagement. CWCB will explore opportunities in K-12 education while evaluating existing state resources. 3) Great idea! CWCB will do some research on opportunities for federal funding and incorporate those in 2015. 4) CWCB has been using #COWaterPlan.
59	10/10/2014	South Platte and Metro Basin Roundtables, via Sean Cronin and Mark Koleber	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	6.2, 6.5, 8, 9.3	Letter from Sean Kronin and Mark Koleber on behalf of the South Platte and Metro Basin Roundtables.	1 document	Thank you for your comments, they were considered and addressed in the revised drafts of the related sections.

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60	10/10/2014	Delta County, CO	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	8, Gunnison BIP	Comments from Delta County, CO on Colorado's Water Plan.	Letter	The Prior Appropriation Doctrine and the status of water as a private property right is fundamental to Colorado water administration and law and Colorado's Water Plan requires these principles to succeed. Additionally, Colorado's Water Plan will not include any specific water projects. The CWCB would like to encourage multipurpose projects and full mitigation. Delta County's letter of support was also sent directly to the Gunnison Basin Roundtable.
61	10/10/2014	American Whitewater	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	6.6	Comments from American Whitewater related to Section 6.6.	1 document	Regarding comments related to Section 6.6 - Thank you for your comments; no further incorporation is needed because your comments have already been considered or addressed.
62	10/10/2014	Aurora Water	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6.3, 6.4, 6.5, 6.6, 7.1, 7.2, 8, 9.2, 9.4, 9.5	Comments from Aurora Water on Colorado's Water Plan	1 document	Regarding Chapter 3, the concerns are addressed in the revised November 2014 draft. Regarding Chapter 4, the comments are addressed to the extent feasible in the November 2014 draft. Regarding Chapter 5, the comments were addressed. Regarding Section 6.3 - Thank you for your comments, no further incorporation is needed in this section because the comments were already considered or addressed. Regarding Section 6.3.1, the IBCC Actions comment was addressed in Chapter 5 Water Demands. Regarding Section 6.3.2, CWCB added language to the Prairie Waters description. Regarding Section 6.3.2, WISE language was added. Regarding Section 6.5, the related comments were addressed. TMD discussion are discussed in Chapter 8. Regarding Section 6.4, the comments were incorporated into the revised draft section. Regarding Section 6.6 - the comments were reviewed and considered. CWCB added language to the RICD section in response to similar comments received. Regarding the UCCRRIP and nonnative species control, Colorado is engaged in discussions about a must-kill policy. CWCB is incorporating your comments into the relevant sections/chapters - 7.1. Regarding Section 7.1 Next Steps, due to the complexity of your comment, CWCB will address it in the second draft of Colorado's Water Plan in 2015. Regarding Section 7.2, the comment was addressed where appropriate. Regarding Chapter 8, Thank you for your comments. These comments and others with similar sentiment have been reflected in the November update of this draft chapter. Regarding comments related to funding, the general funding philosophy and conceptual recommendations by Aurora have been accounted for in the revised draft November 2014 section. Regarding comments related to permitting, the comments were largely incorporated into the new draft of Section 9.4. CWCB will continue to work on this issue in 2015. Regarding Section 9.5 - We included language on Aurora Water's Water Conservation Program.
63	10/10/2014	The Nature Conservancy	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	6.3.3, 6.5, 6.6, 8, 9.1	Comments from The Nature Conservancy on Colorado's Water Plan.	3 documents	Regarding comments related to Section 6.3.2 - Thank you for your comments. Relating to the white paper authored by Peter Binney: The South Platte River Concept for Increasing the Reuse Potential is a very good concept, however may be better suited to being further developed in SWSI 2016 or the South Platte and Metro BIPS. Regarding Section 6.6 - Thank you for your comments, which we have addressed in sections 6.6.3 and 6.6.7. Regarding Chapter 8, Thank you for your comments. These comments and others with similar sentiment have been reflected in the November update of this draft chapter. Regarding Section 9.2 - the section was amended to provide multiple funding options related to the items presented in the comments. CWCB will pass these comments to the South Platte and Metro BIP teams.
64	10/10/2014	Ann Riley - letters from the General Public for CWCB	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	Various	Document containing 322 unique comment letters submitted by Colorado citizens.	1 document with 322 comment letters	CWCB responded to each of the 322 comment letters. The comments and responses were included in the November 2014 Board packet, following this spreadsheet as an attachment.
65	10/10/2014	Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, Inc.	Webform	6.3.5, 10	Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, Inc. (Tri-State) appreciates the opportunity to provide draft comments on the State Water Plan. Tri-State is a not-for-profit wholesale electric power supply cooperative providing power to 44 member distribution systems serving customers throughout 250,000 square miles in Colorado, Nebraska, New Mexico and Wyoming. Tri-State provides electricity to members based on a diverse mix of generation sources including coal, natural gas, hydroelectric, solar and wind power. Tri-State has water interests in the Arkansas, Colorado, Gunnison, South Platte, Southwest and Yampa river basins. We are active participants in the Yampa River Basin Roundtable and serve on the Yampa Basin Implementation Plan sub-committee. In addition, we closely monitor other Basin Roundtables, IBCC and CWCB State Water Plan efforts. Our understanding is that for public comments to be considered for the first draft of the State Water Plan, they must be submitted by October 10, 2014. Tri-State has anticipated the release of a complete Chapter 6.3.5 (Self-Supplied Industrial Conservation and Reuse) and Chapter 10 (Legislative Recommendations). Unfortunately, these will not be available for review until past the first public comment deadline. We look forward to providing the CWCB with comments on the State Water Plan once a complete Chapter 6.3.5 and Chapter 10 Policy are provided to the public.	N/A	CWCB received the comments from Tri-State in 2015 and the comments were incorporated into the November 2014 draft.

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66	10/10/2014	Keneth Parsons, General Public	Webform	6.3, 8	Interbasin transfers should only be considered for limited volumes and truly critical demands. Such transfers, especially during times of climate change, exacerbate the upset of established ecological and environmental equilibrium within the basins. Transfers to promote and support population growth are not critical uses. Colorado needs to modernize and develop water storage within its basins to maximize its ability to preserve the character and ecology of each basin while providing for efficient and effective use of water for human benefit within each basin. Municipal reuse and conservation must be promoted and required as a key element of this efficient and effective use.	N/A	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. With regard to 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. 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.
67	10/10/2014	Andrew Morris, General Public	Webform	6.6, 8	Please keep maximum flows in the Colorado river. Please no more trans mountain diversions. Recreation is as valuable asset to our economy as anything else. Please maintain the flows as nature intended.	N/A	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. 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.
68	10/10/2014	Jennifer Barrow, General Public	Webform	6.3	As you can see from the majority of citizen comments on the Colorado SWP, conservation is of utmost concern among Coloradans. The CWCB has said that it is addressing conservation in the SWP, but I'm left wondering if it goes far enough. When we compare ourselves to other regions of the world that are dealing with challenging water issues, such as the high culture of conservation in the Murray-Darling Basin of Australia or Israel's technological achievements in Ag irrigation, we fall short. I believe we must first exhaust all conservation strategies, whether in Ag or in M&I, before we consider new supply and storage projects. Many utilities are concerned about increased conservation and I understand that utilities must be able to function as well, but tiered water rates could solve problems utilities have with increased conservation. Rate increases due to conservation are actually much smaller than rate increases necessary to account for population growth without conservation. I am a resident of the Front Range. My basin is expecting the highest population growth and uses the most water. I think we should set an example for future residents of the Front Range of Colorado. Are we going to stick with the status quo or are we going to realize that with population growth and climate change, conservation needs to be a bigger part of the conversation and a huge part of the SWP's strategy.	N/A	The current course Colorado is heading down leads to several of the results that the commenter mentions. For instance, without action, up to 35% of Colorado's farms in the South Platte could be dried up. This is one impetus for why Colorado is pursuing the development of a water plan. Colorado's Water Plan will yield better results through support of conservation, reuse, sharing agreements between farmers and municipalities, incentive-based of water-smart land use, and the development of multi-purpose projects and methods. 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 tiered rate structures, the vast majority of water providers currently operate with tiered water rates.
69	10/10/2014	Several Conservation Organizations via Bart Miller	Webform	All	Over-arching comment letter, signed by (and submitted on behalf of) several conservation organizations.	Letter	Thank you for your comments.
70	10/10/2014	Western Resource Advocates	Webform	6.6, 9.1, 9.4	Please see the attached comment letter from WRA on "Economics and Funding"	1 document	These comments were largely incorporated into the funding section and Section 6.6. In addition, comments were taken into account when adding criteria into the permitting section, 9.4. CWCB will work with the basin roundtables to refine and prioritize projects from which funding options developed will be investigated and directed towards appropriate needs such as those mentioned in the comments.
71	10/10/2014	Western Resource Advocates	Webform	9.3	Please see the attached comment on "State Water Rights & Alignment"	1 document	Thank you for your comments. CWCB incorporated a variation of the second bullet presented in the document into the revised November 2014 version of Section 9.3. The third bullet presented in the document will be considered in 2015.

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72	10/10/2014	Western Resource Advocates	Webform	6.3.4, 6.4	Comments on agricultural water use, signed by (and submitted on behalf of) Environmental Defense Fund, The Nature Conservancy, and Western Resource Advocates.	1 document	Regarding comments related to Section 6.3.4 - Thank you for your comments. Your points regarding agricultural conservation are consistent with the section as written. Regarding Section 6.4 - Most of the topics have been generally addressed in the latest revision of the section. The idea of direct payments will need a more comprehensive evaluation and may be included as the final document is developed in 2015.
73	10/10/2014	Western Resource Advocates	Webform	6.3.2	Comments from Western Resource Advocates on Re-Use.	1 document	Regarding comments related to Section 6.3.3 - Thank you for your comments. The concept of a Reuse Planning Process is a very good one. At present, the draft chapter contains all elements that Western Resource Advocates identifies as those that would be contained in the planning process. Staff suggests that as reuse is discussed over the next year of water plan development and is studied in the SWSI 2016 process, we could revisit this concept.
74	10/10/2014	Western Resource Advocates	Webform	6.3.5	Please see the attached document from WRA on water use by the energy generation sector state-wide, created for Colorado's Water Plan and Basin Implementation Plans.	1 document	These comments were taken into account when developing Section 6.3.5.
75	10/10/2014	Western Resource Advocates	Webform	6.3, 6.3.3, 6.4, 7.3, 9.2, 9.3, 9.4	Please see the attached comment from WRA -- a Response to comments submitted by the Front Range Water Council in August	1 document	Regarding comments related to Section 6.3, thank you for your comments. For 6.3.1, each BRT has set its own goals within its BIP as this is a grassroots effort. Chapter 6.3.1. has a goal of 170,000 acre feet active savings by 2050. This is a minimum that should be achieved but there is nothing that stops water providers from achieving higher. The actions indicated in this chapter aim to increase water conservation statewide. Regarding Section 6.3.2, the section lays out several actions that will investigate reuse potential, promote reuse options through education, incentives and partnerships. For 6.4, CWCB included a new section to discuss barriers to ATM success. Some specific action items are also included at the end of this section. Further work on proposed resolutions is on-going and could be addressed for the final document in 2015. Other comments regarding WRA's concerns are largely addressed in the revised draft sections/chapters.
76	10/10/2014	Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment - Water Quality Control Division	Webform	6.6, 7.1	Comments from CDPHE - WQCD on Sections 6.6 and 7.1.	1 document	Regarding comments related to Section 6.6 - Thank you for your comment. More information on source water protection plans, and how those may be included in BIPs has been added to section 7.3. Regarding comments related to Section 7.1 - Due to the complexity of your comment, we will address it in the second draft of Colorado's Water Plan in 2015.
77	10/10/2014	City of Thornton	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	6.3.1, 6.4, 9.3, 9.5	Comments from the City of Thornton on Colorado's Water Plan.	1 document	Regarding comments related to Section 6.3.1-Thank you for your comments. Many of your suggestions have already been addressed or incorporated into the draft. ALCC was added to green industry partners. Best Practice language was modified to read better. CWCB changed reclaimed water language to reuse where appropriate. Regarding Section 9.2 - CWCB added the suggested language regarding the State Engineer/Div. of Water Resources. Regarding Section 9.5 - Review of existing surveys will be included in the Water Education Task Force Report update.
78	10/10/2014	Colorado Water Innovation Cluster	Email to James Eklund, forwarded to cwaterplan@state.co.us	9.2	The Colorado Water Innovation Cluster (CWIC) would like to submit this response to both Senate Bill 115 Hearings Concerning the Colorado Water Plan as well as the requests for public input. Attached is the CWIC response to the Colorado State Water Plan for your review. We appreciate the opportunity to provide input and hope that CWIC can be more involved in both the planning and execution of this important plan. Please let me know how CWIC can partner with CWCB.	Letter	CWCB appreciates the comments from Colorado Water Innovation Cluster. CWCB has worked with over 100 organizations over the past year on water issues related to Colorado's Water Plan. Funding opportunities are discussed in Section 9.2 of the revised draft for November 2014. CWCB would be happy to meet with CWIC in 2015.
79	10/10/2014	Joe Frank	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	4, 6.3.2, 6.4	Comments from Joe Frank on Colorado's Water Plan.	1 document	Regarding comments related to Chapter 4 - the comments were addressed as appropriate within the revised November 2014 chapter. The first comment related to Section 6.4 ATMs was addressed within the revised draft November 2014 section so that the wording is now consistent with the M&I conservation section. Regarding the second comment on the ATM section, Section 6.4, the comment was addressed within the revised draft section.
80	10/10/2014	Rio Grande Basin Roundtable	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	6.2, 6.5, 6.6, 7.1	Attached are preliminary comments on Sections 6.2, 6.5, 6.6 and 7.2. The RGBRT will have additional comments as it proceeds with the next phase its Basin Plan. Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments.	4 documents	CWCB incorporated your comments into the relevant sections/chapters.
81	10/10/2014	Senate Bill 115 Comments	Email to cwaterplan@state.co.us	All	Preliminary report submitted on October 9, 2014, which summarizes the public comments received during our SB 14-115 outreach efforts; and final report summarizing the Committee's activities around the State pursuant to Senate Bill 14-115, on behalf of the members of the 2014 Interim Water Resources Review Committee (Committee) and its staff.	3 documents	Staff responses to each public comment received as part of the Senate Bill 115 process are included in a separate spreadsheet attachment within the November CWCB Board packet and also posted online at www.coloradowaterplan.com . Staff appreciates the efforts of the Interim Water Resources Review Committee in further involving the public in the development of Colorado's Water Plan.

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82		Conservation Colorado - 121 Handwritten Comments - Issue #1	121 handwritten comment pages, separated out by 5 key bullet points in their cover letter	6.6	Conservation Colorado submitted 121 handwritten, unique, personal comments regarding Colorado's Water Plan. The following key occurring point appeared in 52 of those comments: The CWCB must provide funding for stream restoration, mitigation and quantitative understanding of the flows needed to preserve environmental and recreation attributes.	121 handwritten comment pages, separated out by 5 key bullet points in their cover letter	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.
83		Conservation Colorado - 121 Handwritten Comments - Issue #2	121 handwritten comment pages, separated out by 5 key bullet points in their cover letter	6.3	Conservation Colorado submitted 121 handwritten, unique, personal comments regarding Colorado's Water Plan. The following key occurring point appeared in 81 of those comments: We need to establish and commit to a statewide high conservation goal of a 1% reduction per year to be met by all Basins. By setting a goal and not a method, we still promote local solutions to achieving necessary reductions in water use.	121 handwritten comment pages, separated out by 5 key bullet points in their cover letter	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.
84		Conservation Colorado - 121 Handwritten Comments - Issue #3	121 handwritten comment pages, separated out by 5 key bullet points in their cover letter	6.5	Conservation Colorado submitted 121 handwritten, unique, personal comments regarding Colorado's Water Plan. The following key occurring point appeared in 27 of those comments: "New Supply" via transmountain diversions is not a long-term solution to meeting our water demands and is detrimental to Colorado's rivers. Maintaining healthy rivers is tantamount to protecting the high quality of life valued by Coloradans across the state.	121 handwritten comment pages, separated out by 5 key bullet points in their cover letter	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.
85		Conservation Colorado - 121 Handwritten Comments - Issue #4	121 handwritten comment pages, separated out by 5 key bullet points in their cover letter	6.3	Conservation Colorado submitted 121 handwritten, unique, personal comments regarding Colorado's Water Plan. The following key occurring point appeared in 27 of those comments: Desire to see a stronger commitment to / expansion of reuse and recycled water.	121 handwritten comment pages, separated out by 5 key bullet points in their cover letter	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.
86		Conservation Colorado - 121 Handwritten Comments - Issue #5	121 handwritten comment pages, separated out by 5 key bullet points in their cover letter		Conservation Colorado submitted 121 handwritten, unique, personal comments regarding Colorado's Water Plan. The following key occurring point appeared in 16 of those comments: The agricultural economy should be preserved and we should stop the unfettered ag buy and dry. Want to see increased ag efficiency and short term sharing with other users.	121 handwritten comment pages, separated out by 5 key bullet points in their cover letter	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
87	10/10/2014	Save the River Campaign	407 Printed Postcards, hand delivered to CWCB Office	6.3	All 407 postcards read: "You have said that "every conversation about water should begin with conservation," and I could not agree more. I urge you and the Colorado Water Conservation Board to protect Colorado's future and safeguard our rivers by increasing conservation. Colorado's Water Plan must require urban water providers to meet high conservation targets. By increasing water conservation in our cities and towns we can avoid costly and unnecessary diversions that drain our Western Rivers. I am counting on your leadership to protect Colorado's rivers."	407 printed pages, signed by supporters	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.
88	8/20/14 - 10/10/2014	Form Letters: Support conservation, not dams and diversion, in the Colorado Water Plan	22 Form letters sent by email	6.3, 6.5, 7.1	Dear Governor Hickenlooper, In your State of the State address, you have said that "every discussion about water should start with conservation." I could not agree more -- now it's time to put your words into action! Many of Colorado's rivers -- including the Colorado River itself, which flows from Colorado to Los Angeles and Mexico -- are already drained and depleted. Further, climate change is a new and bigger threat that will likely decrease the water flowing in our rivers. Despite this, some Colorado cities are trying to build more dams and diversions to take even more water out of our rivers. This is the wrong path forward! We need to protect and restore the rivers in Colorado so that people in the Southwest can have safe, clean, drinking water and healthy rivers flowing throughout our region of the U.S. As you and your staff formulate Colorado's Water Plan, please provide leadership in three key areas: 1. Push for water conservation, reuse, and recycling as key steps in securing our future water needs. 2. Do not support new dams and diversions from Colorado's rivers. 3. Start focusing on river restoration. I urge you and Colorado's Water Conservation Board to protect Colorado's future by safeguarding our rivers for future generations.	N/A	The Basin Implementation Plans and Colorado's Water Plan incorporate conservation and reuse as critical components to helping meet future water needs, however those strategies alone are not 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. 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 four values driving Colorado's Water Plan recognize the importance of watershed health. 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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89	8/20/14 - 10/10/2014	Form Letters: Protect Colorado's Rivers	565 Form letters sent by email	6.3, 6.6, 7.1	Colorado Water Conservation Board: Gov. Hickenlooper has said that "every discussion about water should begin with conservation," and I could not agree more. Water is our most precious natural resource and we must take steps now to protect and preserve it in a way that will benefit Colorado's rivers, wildlife, recreation, agriculture, businesses and residents. As you oversee the creation of a plan to meet our future water needs, I urge you to prioritize the following goals: 1. Keep Colorado's rivers healthy and flowing. Colorado's rivers are an integral part of our unique heritage and way of life. Rivers support our wildlife, agriculture, and a multi-billion dollar tourism industry. Protecting and restoring our rivers must be a top priority. 2. Increase and prioritize efficiency and conservation. Finding ways to reduce our water usage is crucial to our ability to meet our growing water needs. State studies have shown that water providers will need to reduce current water use by 35% by 2050 in order to meet our future demands. Expand conservation incentives, increase indoor and outdoor efficiency and support recycling programs. 3. Modernize agricultural and water sharing practices. The state should support voluntary, compensated, and flexible water-sharing agreements between agricultural producers and growing communities while respecting their water rights, as well as incentives to improve agricultural infrastructure that benefits operations and rivers. 4. Avoid new, large, trans-mountain water diversion projects. Trans-mountain diversion projects that drain water from West Slope rivers to supply growing Front Range demands are controversial, costly and damaging. Prioritize conservation and reuse so we can make every drop count and avoid the need for these projects. Thank you for helping to keep these four goals at the forefront of Colorado's water plan drafting process.	N/A	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. The four values driving Colorado's Water Plan recognize the importance of watershed health. 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. 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. 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 encourages multipurpose projects and full mitigation. 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.
90	9/12/2014 - 10/10/2014	Form Letters: Input on Poudre and South Platte Water Plan	66 Form letters sent by email	6.3, 7.1	Dear Governor Hickenlooper, The Colorado Water Plan process for the Poudre and South Platte Rivers is going the wrong direction because no river protection organizations like Save The Poudre were allowed to help write it. Your Colorado Water Conservation Board needs to fix this problem so that the Plan represents the diversity of Coloradans and protects our rivers. Here's three things the Colorado Water Plan for the Poudre and South Platte Rivers should do: 1. The Plan should not endorse any dam/reservoir schemes, especially the billion-dollar boondoggle Northern Integrated Supply Project and its Glade Reservoir. 2. The Plan should focus on alternatives to new dams and reservoirs, including water conservation, efficiency, recycling, and water-sharing agreements with farmers. 3. The Plan should focus on restoring our rivers -- we need to put more water back in the Poudre River, not take more water out. Thank you for your attention.	N/A	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. The four values driving Colorado's Water Plan recognize the importance of watershed health. 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. 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. 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. 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.
91	8/20/14 - 10/10/2014	Form Letters: Put urban water conservation in Colorado's water plan	16 Form letters sent by email	6.3	Dear Director Colorado State Water Conservation Board, As a citizen of Colorado, I want to thank you for your leadership as you draft our state's first ever water plan. And I want you to know that I support prioritizing water conservation in both cities and rural areas. Delay in conservation during times of growth requires that there be additional supplies that the state could allocate to those making political demands. There are no such supplies. Reallocation to some favored party requires that water be taken from a disfavored one. In an election year just who would that be? Is it not better to encourage every consumer to conserve and to provide both instruction and incentives to facilitate the effort. Some may fear that Colorado would be documented as putting less water to beneficial use and required to send more downstream. Since water is limited, conservation could make more production possible for the same water. In any case, both wildlife conservation and our recreation industry would benefit from additional downstream flows. Thank you for your leadership, and for protecting the future of Colorado's rivers.	N/A	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. The four values driving Colorado's Water Plan recognize the importance of watershed health. 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. 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. 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. 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.

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92	10/1/2014 - 10/10/2014	Form Letters: Sportsmen want a water plan that preserves our sporting heritage	31 Form letters sent by email	6.3, 6.4, 7.1	<p>Dear Governor Hickenlooper and Director Eklund:</p> <p>Thank you for initiating our state's first-ever water plan. As a Coloradan and a sportsman, I ask that you include in the final plan strong conservation values that preserve our proud hunting and fishing heritage, a \$1.3 billion economic industry each year in Colorado.</p> <p>Colorado's incredible outdoor legacy has been built upon the spectacular landscapes and clean waters that our state's fish and wildlife call home. Any plan for the use of our precious water resources must prioritize efforts that will keep this legacy intact for generations. Specifically, I ask that the final water plan will:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Keep Colorado's rivers healthy and flowing; 2. Increase water efficiency and conservation in our cities and towns; 3. Modernize agriculture and water-sharing practices; and 4. Avoid large new trans-mountain diversion projects. <p>Thank you for your leadership and for protecting the future of Colorado's waters and sporting heritage.</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. The four values driving Colorado's Water Plan recognize the importance of watershed health. 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. 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. 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. 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.
93	10/9/14 - 10/10/14	Form Letters: Please fund Stream Flow Management Plans	62 Form letters sent by email	7.1	<p>Thank you for creating the first state water plan. As we hear about water crises around the West, we know it's time for a plan to protect Colorado's water. I am writing to express my concern that the plan prioritize keeping our rivers healthy and flowing. For decades we have treated our rivers like workhorses, diverting them until they are dry. We must change the status quo in order to preserve our environment and river based economy for the future.</p> <p>A healthy river is like a healthy circulatory system. Just as cardiovascular activity flushes out toxins; healthy flushing flows can move sediment, support ecosystems, and create recreational opportunities.</p> <p>That's why we need stream flow management plans to quantify the flows needed to preserve the environmental and recreational attributes, identified by basins, within specific river stretches, and commit to stream flow protections going forward. These basin-level stream management plans should be a top tier priority within the basin plans and the state plan.</p>		The four values driving Colorado's Water Plan recognize the importance of watershed health. 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.
94	10/9/14 - 10/10/14	Form Letters: Avoid Diversions, Protect Our Rivers	70	6.5	<p>I am writing in support of your efforts to create Colorado's Water Plan and urge you to look to means other than transmountain diversions to secure our water future.</p> <p>We must make the choice now, while we still can, to move away from new diversions and look to conservation, efficiency, and water sharing practices to meet our water needs. With the Colorado River already oversubscribed, we cannot use water as though Colorado's rivers still have more to give.</p> <p>What's right for our rivers is right for Coloradans. We need an innovative state water plan that turns away from the status quo of diverting water across the state and instead looks to pragmatic solutions of the future. As said by the state, "our current statewide water trajectory is neither desirable nor sustainable." Keep new transmountain diversions out of the Colorado Water Plan, we are counting on your leadership.</p>		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.
95	10/9/14 - 10/10/14	Form Letters: Taking the Lead on Conservation	94	6.3	<p>I am writing in support of your efforts to create Colorado's Water Plan and urge you to include a high statewide conservation goal in the Plan.</p> <p>Conservation is a sure step in securing our water future without damaging rivers or diminishing agriculture. Water conservation is effective, cost efficient and has bipartisan support-- a recent poll shows that 78% of Coloradans support investment in finding new ways to use current water supplies more wisely.</p> <p>Colorado is counting on your leadership to protect the resources that make our state great and maintain our quality of life. Conservation is a commonsense approach to smart water management. By including a statewide conservation goal in the plan, we have a shared commitment to using water wisely and the freedom to decide how to best reduce use.</p> <p>Please make sure we have a state plan that turns to conservation first, our rivers, rural communities, local economies and concerned Coloradans will thank you for it.</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. The four values driving Colorado's Water Plan recognize the importance of watershed health. 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.