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**Colorado Water  
Conservation Board**

Department of Natural Resources

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# WHO WE ARE

- Created in 1937
- The Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB) provides policy direction on water.
- There are many agencies and groups we work with on policy and projects – we do not build projects.

## MISSION:

*“To conserve,  
develop, protect  
and manage  
Colorado’s water  
for present and  
future generations.”*



# ONE AGENCY OF MANY



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ARE  
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### Colorado Water Conservation Board

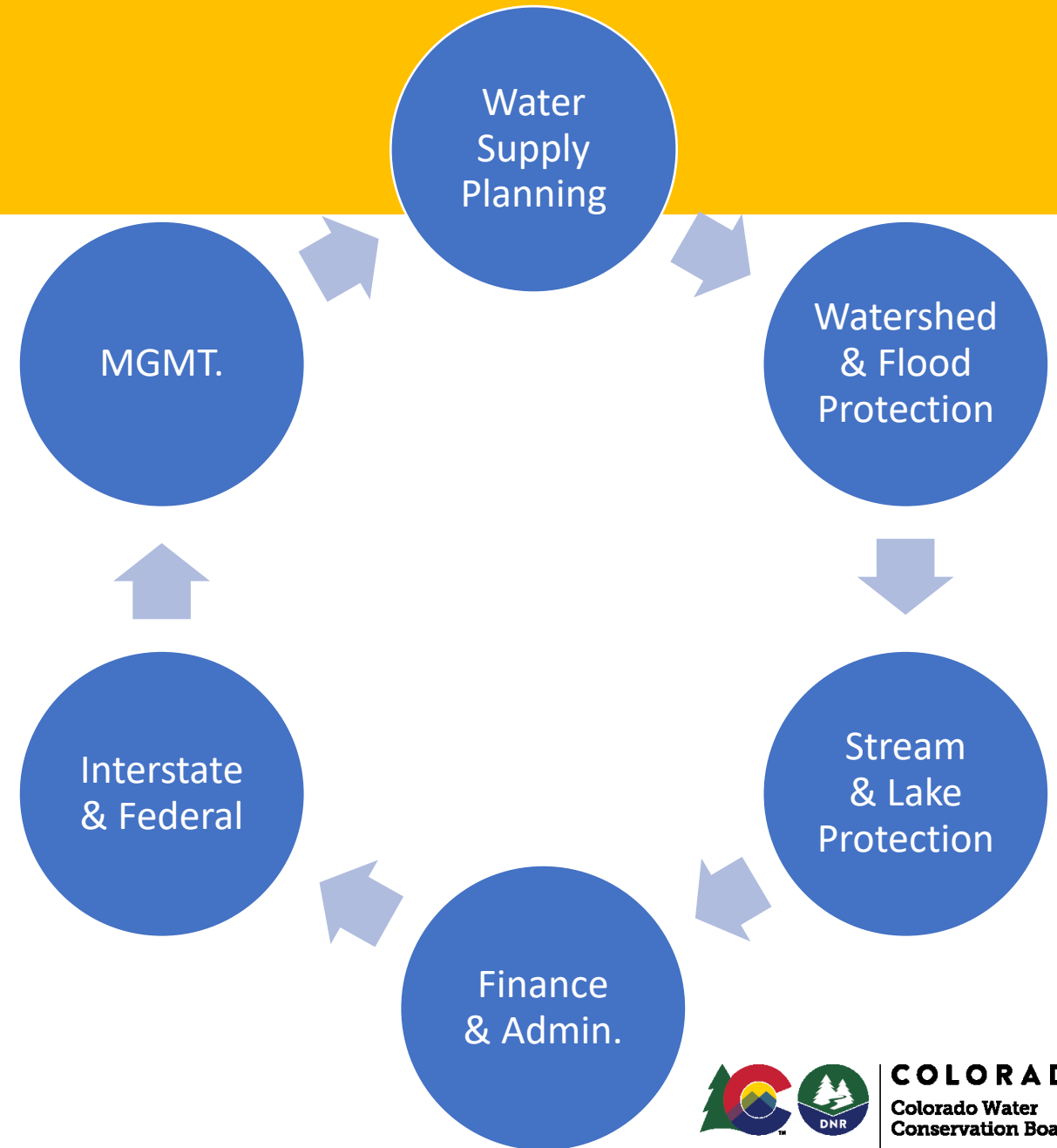
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# CWCB Structure

15 Board Members  
appointed by the Governor

- **10 Voting Members with diverse backgrounds and party affiliation**
  - 8 = Basin representatives
  - 1 = Denver Metro area
  - 1 = Director of Dept. of Natural Resources
- **5 Non-voting members**
  - Director of the CWCB
  - State Engineer
  - Attorney General
  - Director of Parks & Wildfire
  - Commissioner of Agriculture



# What Does CWCB Do?

## Fund projects

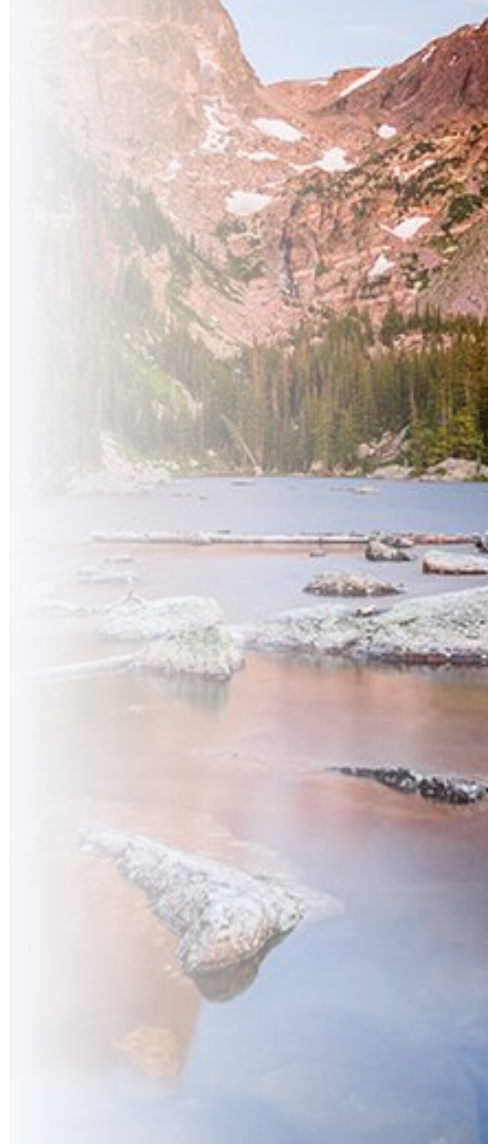
- Water plan grants, technical assistance, loans

## Convene and collaborate

- Basin Roundtables, task forces, special events

## Support and develop tools

- Planning frameworks, data mapping



# FUNDING PROGRAMS



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## GRANTS AND LOANS

- Loan Program
- Water Supply Reserve Fund Grants
- Water Plan Grants
- Colorado Watershed Restoration Grants
- Federal Technical Assistance Grants

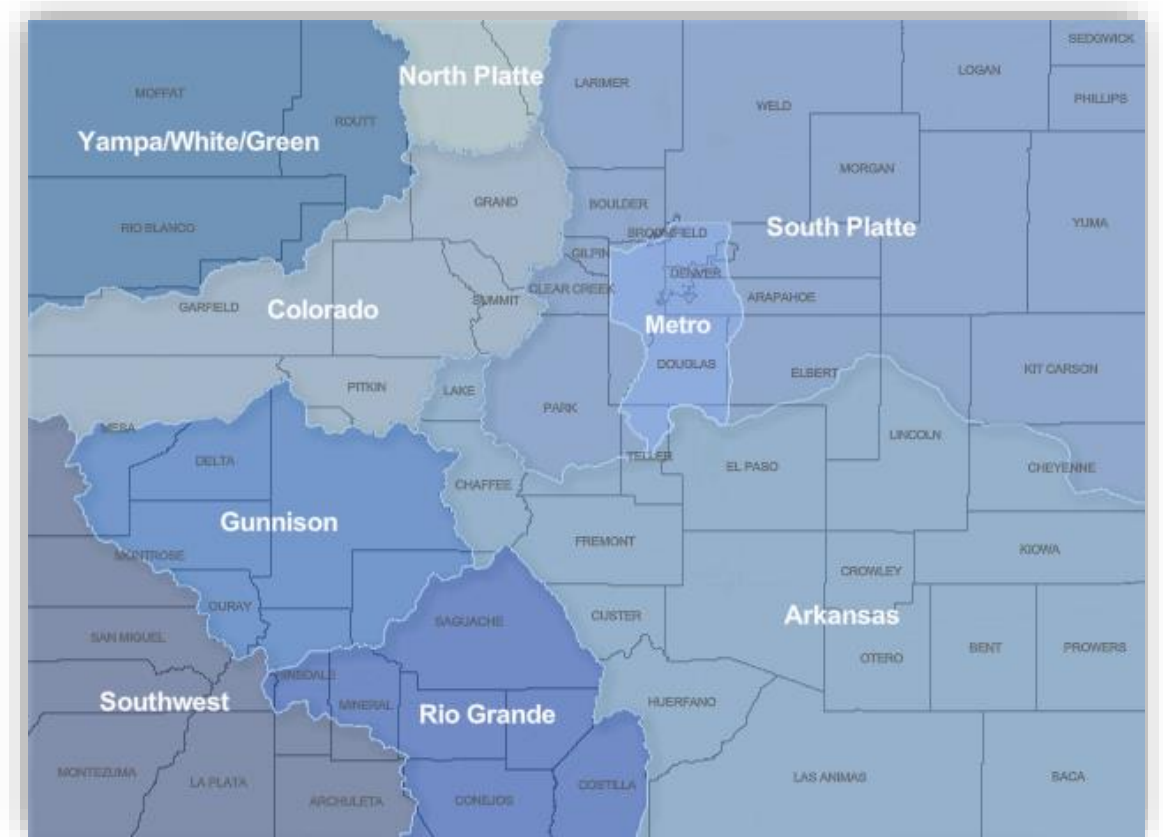
\* CWCB Loan Program can be used as match for most grants

\* Applicants are encouraged to choose 1 CWCB grant program per project



# WATER FOR THE 21<sup>st</sup> CENTURY ACT

- Creates 9 basin roundtables from 8 major river basins.
- Establishes the Interbasin Compact Committee (IBCC)
- CWCB coordinates with both groups







AGRICULTURE



WATERSHED



EDUCATION



SUPPLY



LAND USE



STORAGE



FUNDING



CONSERVATION



ADDITIONAL



“Every day, the CWCB is focused on implementing the Colorado Water Plan.

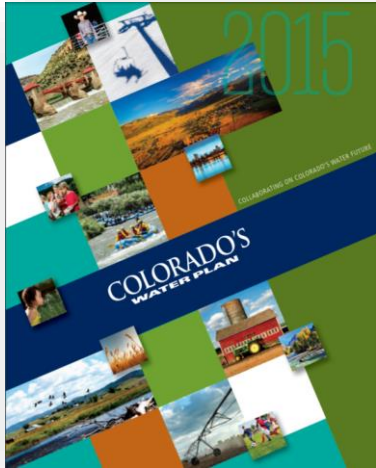
Implementation, though, is a statewide effort and we marvel at the actions, great and small, that water stakeholders have accomplished since the Water Plan was issued.

-BECKY MITCHELL  
CWCB DIRECTOR

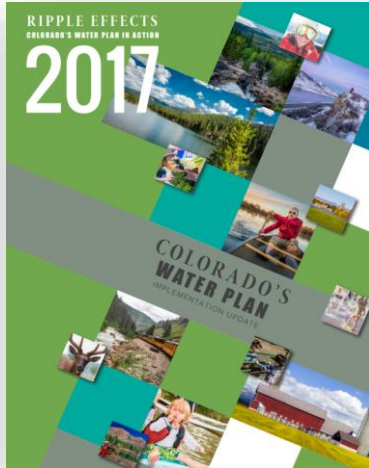


# ITERATIVE PLANNING AND INPUT

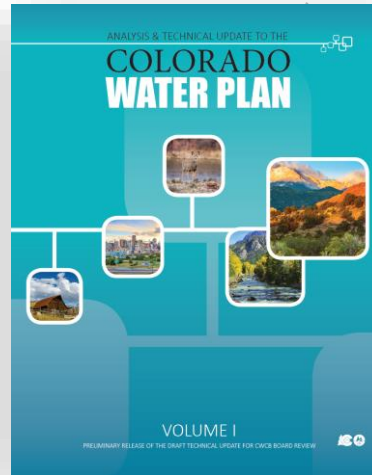
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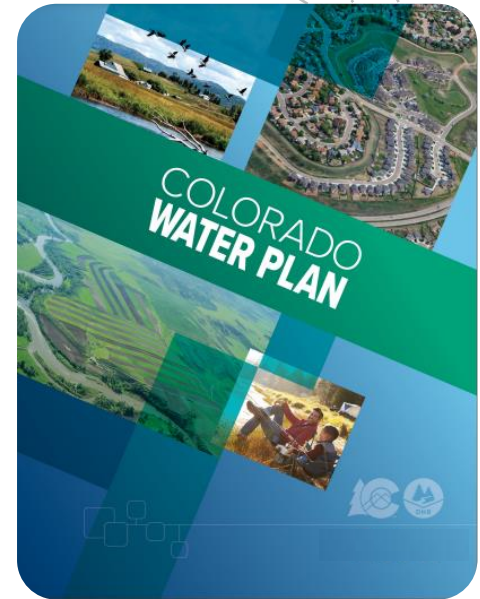
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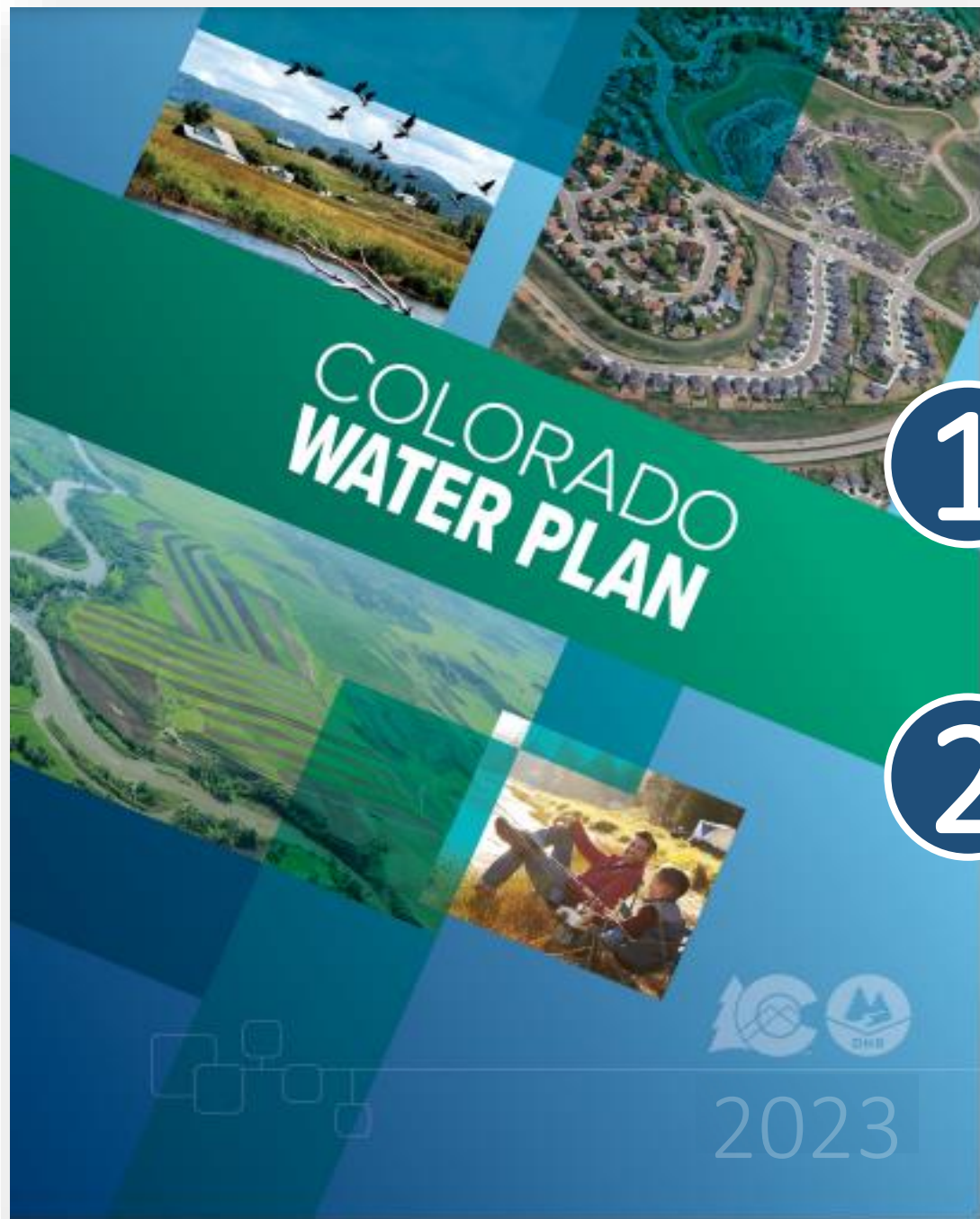
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- TECHNICAL ADVISORY GROUPS
- IMPLEMENTATION WORKING GROUP
- WATER PLAN SCOPING WORKSHOPS
- WATER EQUITY TASK FORCE
- PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD



## WHAT IS THE WATER PLAN?

1

### AN OPPORTUNITY TO PARTNER

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

2

### A STRATEGY FOR CWCB

- A CWCB planning document
- Highlights agency opportunities for leadership

# ORGANIZED INTO FOUR AREAS



**VIBRANT** COMMUNITIES  
municipalities, utilities, industry, cities, towns, and  
small urban and rural communities



**THRIVING** WATERSHEDS  
environment and recreation, river health,  
watershed health, forest health, aquatic species



**ROBUST** AGRICULTURE  
established cash crop farms, local food, orchards,  
ranching, Acequias, ditch companies



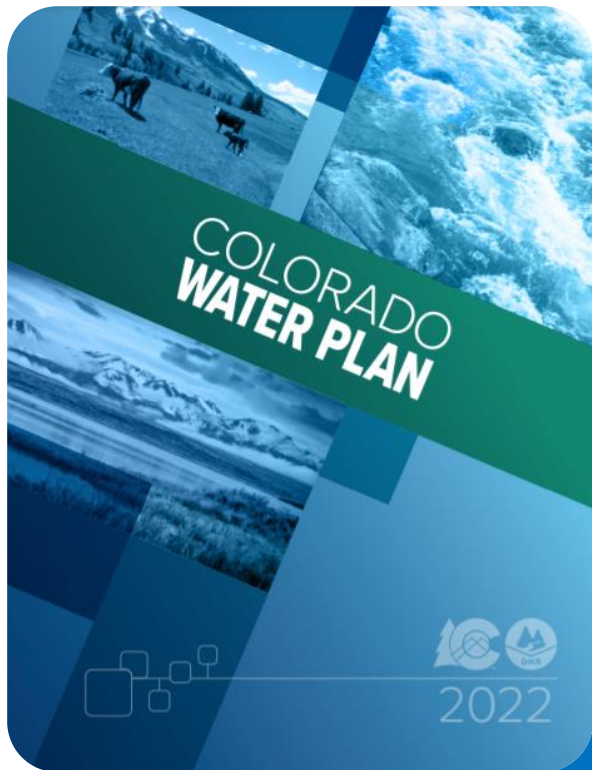
**RESILIENT** PLANNING  
climate adaptation, climate extremes, equity,  
inclusivity, supportive government, education

GOAL: CATALYZE LOCAL ACTION AROUND WATER CONSERVATION  
& THE WISE DEVELOPMENT OF WATER RESOURCES.



# 50 AGENCY ACTIONS

AGENCY ACTIONS CWCB + SUPPORTING AGENCIES WILL TAKE



# ~ 50 PARTNER ACTIONS

EXAMPLES OF LOCAL WATER PROJECTS & INITIATIVES

# WHAT CAN YOU DO AND HOW DO WE HELP?

- We need local communities, individuals and organizations to implement.
- We can help with grants, loans, tools, studies and other support.
- “The magic happens at the local level.”
  - Greg Felt, Chaffee County Commissioner, CWCB Board Director & Fly Fishing Guide



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# Thank you!



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