

# THE COLORADO WATER PLAN

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Colorado Water  
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# WHERE WE'VE BEEN

- October '21 presentation noted Water Plan changes and outreach plans.
- Highlighted 2020-2022 efforts to get early input which yielded ~200 pages of comments.
- Spoke to CWCB's mission, its work to provide policy direction, support tools and local project funding.
- Noted the 90-day public comment period starting 6/30/22, and offered the opportunity to participate in events.

## CWCB MISSION:

*"To conserve, develop, protect and manage Colorado's water for present and future generations."*

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## Catch Us Around the State

### CATCH US AROUND THE STATE






We've been traveling across state since May to talk with stakeholders about the Water Plan. To accompany the June 30 - September 30, 2022 public comment period, we'll be out in even more communities (see *Key Dates*, right). We are also hosting four virtual public listening sessions. Each will focus on a different action area of the plan but anyone is welcome to attend any or all sessions. All Colorado Water Plan Listening sessions will run from 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. and will be held via Zoom (online).

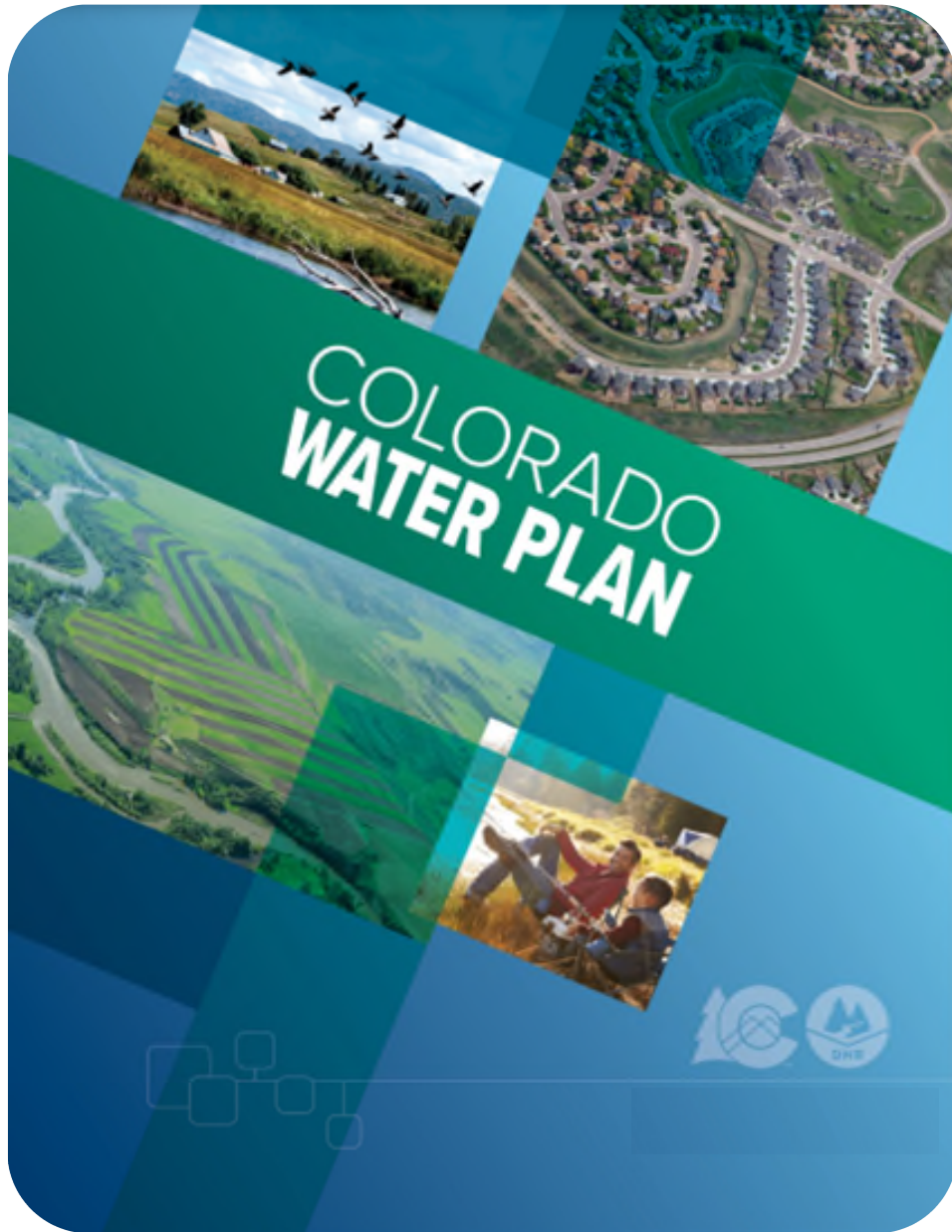
- Listening Session focused on Thriving Watersheds - [Wednesday, July 27](#)
- Listening Session focused on Resilient Planning - [Wednesday, August 10](#)
- Listening Session focused on Vibrant Communities - [Thursday, September 1](#)
- Listening Session focused on Robust Agriculture - [Wednesday, September 28](#)

### Want us to consider joining an event you're hosting?

*If you have an event you're hosting between now and September 30, 2022 and would like CWCB to attend please contact [Elizabeth Schoder](#). Staff have many commitments but we will do our best to work with request we receive.*

### Key Dates

-  Lower Gunnison State of the River  
May 16 2022
-  Congreso De Acequias - San Luis, CO  
May 21 2022
-  Colorado Energy Office - Climate Listening Sessions  
Workshop - Pueblo, CO  
May 25 2022
-  Colorado Counties, Inc. Summer Conference - Vail, CO  
June 01 2022
-  Red Rocks Community College - Presentation for  
Teachers - Lakewood, CO  
June 02 2022



**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD  
JUNE 30 – SEPTEMBER 30**

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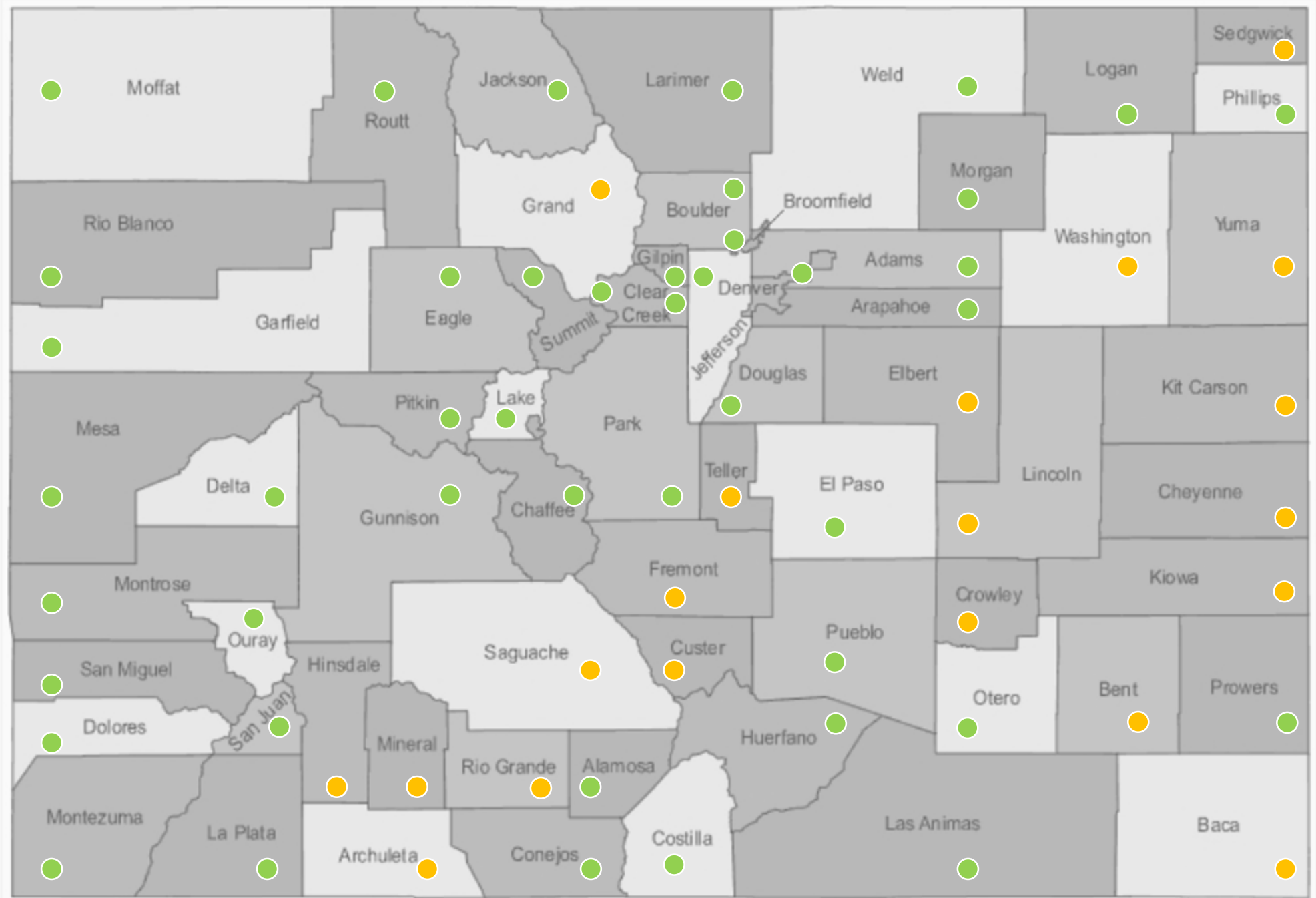
**FINAL IN JANUARY 2023**



**EVENTS  
HELD IN  
44/64  
COUNTIES.**

**OVER 100  
EVENTS  
TO DATE.**

**PLANS TO  
HIT ALL  
COUNTIES.**



# LISTENING SESSIONS

- July 27 – Thriving Watersheds, 4:00 – 6:00
- August 10 – Resilient Planning, 4:00 – 6:00
- September 1 – Vibrant Communities, 4:00 – 6:00
- September 28 – Robust Agriculture, 4:00 – 6:00

# OTHER WAYS WE'RE INCREASING ACCESS

- Copies to every county seat library
- CWCB podcast on the Water Plan
- Press Release
- Contract support (TV and radio)
- Translating materials
- Water '22 campaign
- Support from Collaborating Agencies

## Youth Job Training Through Water Conservation in Homes Across the Front Range

by Mile High Youth Corps, 8 days ago

Mile High Youth Corps' Energy & Water Conservation program trains young adults, called Corpsmembers, to provide in-home conservation services to income-qualifying households. During home service visits, Corpsmembers conduct an audit to determine ways the resident can improve their energy and water consumption while also coaching them on conservation behavior. Based on the home's needs, Corpsmembers install energy and water efficiency upgrades that same day. Thanks to CWCB funding, since September of 2021 Corpsmembers have conducted 387 audits and installed 465 ultra-high efficiency toilets, 176 low-flow showerheads, and 285 faucet aerators. This program not only allows Colorado residents to save money...

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## Cuidar el agua es muy fácil

by Sophia Hernandez, 23 days ago



Mi nombre es Sophia, tengo 6 años y mi historia de conservación de agua que quiero compartirlas es muy sencilla y fácil de hacer:

Yo siempre cierro la llave del lavabo cuando no la estoy usando para que no se desperdicie ni una gota. También reúso el agua que se quedó en un vaso de agua y nadie se lo tomó y la pongo en un florero con bellas flores. Por último, cuando visitamos el mar, nunca tiro basura en el por qué si se contamina el agua, entonces los peces morirían y el mar se

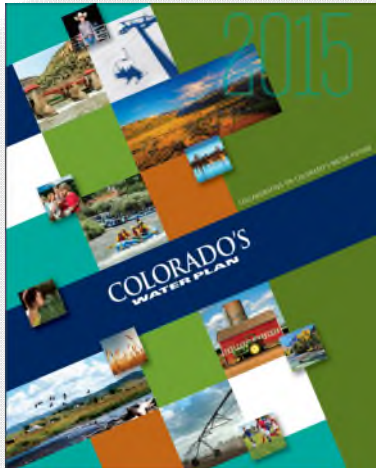
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# ITERATIVE PLANNING AND INPUT

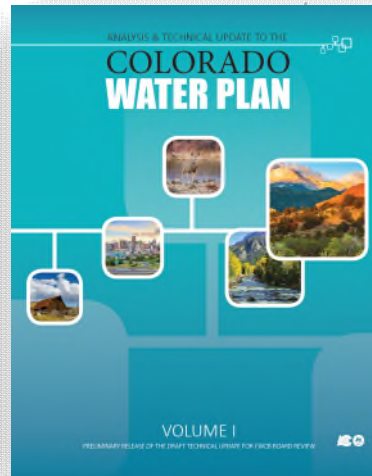
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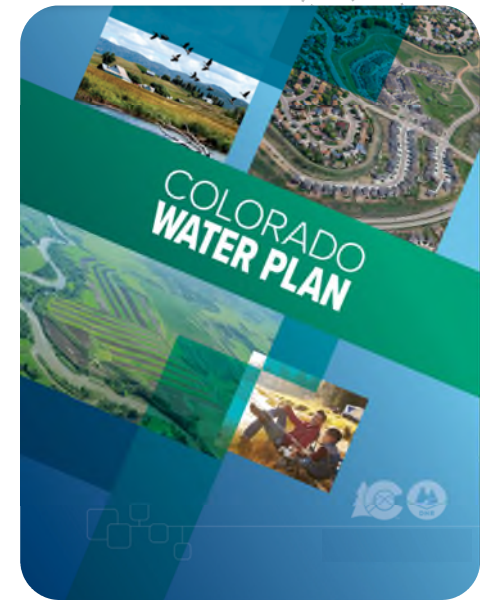
2019



2020-2022



2020-2023



- TECHNICAL ADVISORY GROUPS

- IMPLEMENTATION WORKING GROUP

- WATER PLAN SCOPING WORKSHOPS

- WATER EQUITY TASK FORCE

- PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD



# BUILT BY COLLABORATION + ONGOING FEEDBACK

INFORMED BY BRINGING TOGETHER INPUT FROM

**1200** STAKEHOLDERS ACROSS COLORADO

**200** PAGES OF MEETING NOTES

**20** CWCB STAFF MEMBERS

**15** BOARD MEMBERS

**15** WORKSHOPS

**9** ROUNDTABLES

**1** TASK FORCE



A graphic collage on the left side of the slide. It features several overlapping images: a landscape with birds flying over a field, an aerial view of a residential development with a central green space, a large green banner with the text 'COLORADO WATER PLAN', a river flowing through a valley, and a group of people sitting on a field. At the bottom of the collage, there are faint icons of a water drop and a recycling symbol, and the number '3055' is visible.

## WHAT IS THE WATER PLAN?

1

### **AN OPPORTUNITY TO PARTNER**

- Sets the stage for collaboration, resilience 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



A graphic for the Colorado Water Plan. It features a collage of images: a river with birds, a suburban neighborhood, a large green field, and a group of people. The text 'COLORADO WATER PLAN' is written in white on a green diagonal banner. Below the banner are icons for water, a recycling symbol, and a leaf. At the bottom, there is a faint background image of a water drop and the number '5055' with a recycling symbol.

# COLORADO VISION

1

## PARTNER ACTIONS

- Grants for local projects; local collaboration, individual action

2

## AGENCY ACTIONS

- CWCB actions and/or collaborative state actions

# 50 PARTNER ACTIONS

EXAMPLES OF LOCAL WATER PROJECTS & INITIATIVES



CONSERVATION & LAND USE



WATERSHED HEALTH & RECREATION



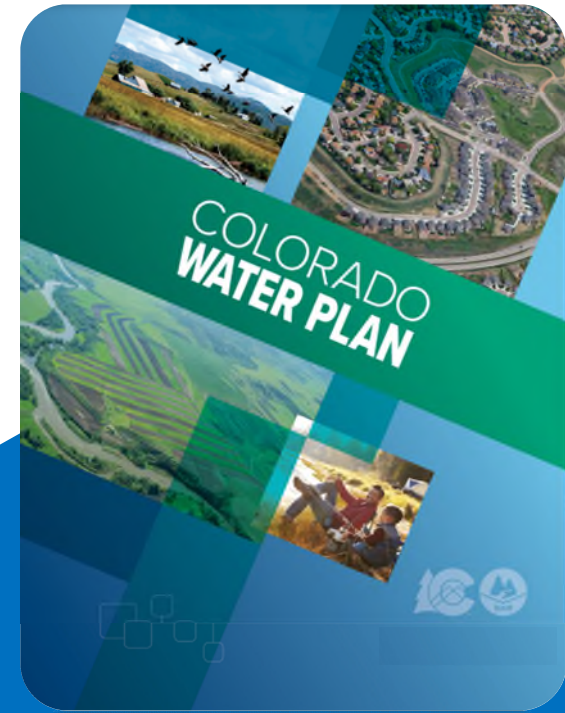
ENGAGEMENT & INNOVATION



WATER STORAGE & SUPPLY



AGRICULTURE



# 50 AGENCY ACTIONS

AGENCY ACTIONS CWCB + SUPPORTING AGENCIES WILL TAKE



# COLORADO'S WATER VALUES

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

**2** An efficient and effective water infrastructure system.

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

**4** An informed public with creative, forward-thinking solutions that are sustainable and resilient to changing conditions and result in strong, equitable communities that can adapt to and thrive in the face of adversity.

# OUR VALUES DRIVE US TO A.C.T

## ACTION AREAS



## COLORADO VISION

### VIBRANT COMMUNITIES

municipalities, utilities, industry, cities, towns, and small urban and rural communities

### ROBUST AGRICULTURE

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

### THRIVING WATERSHEDS

environment and recreation, river health, watershed health, forest health, aquatic species

### RESILIENT PLANNING

climate adaptation, climate extremes, equity, inclusivity, supportive government, education

## TOOLS FOR ACTION



Public outreach and education



Funding



Policy and regulatory changes



Collaboration groups



Watershed planning



Climate adaptation



Innovation



Equity



Endangered species recovery programs



Natural hazard planning



Land and water use planning integration



Data collection and sharing



Water storage



Conveyance infrastructure



Water efficiency and conservation programs



Water reuse



Collaborative water sharing agreements



Stream/watershed restoration and enhancement



Flow enhancement and maintenance



# LOCAL CONTROL & STATE SUPPORT

- We need local communities, individuals and organizations to implement.
- We can help with grants, loans, tools, studies and other support.
- Legislative support has helped fund water plan grants, WSRF and more.



CONSERVATION  
& LAND USE



WATER STORAGE  
& SUPPLY



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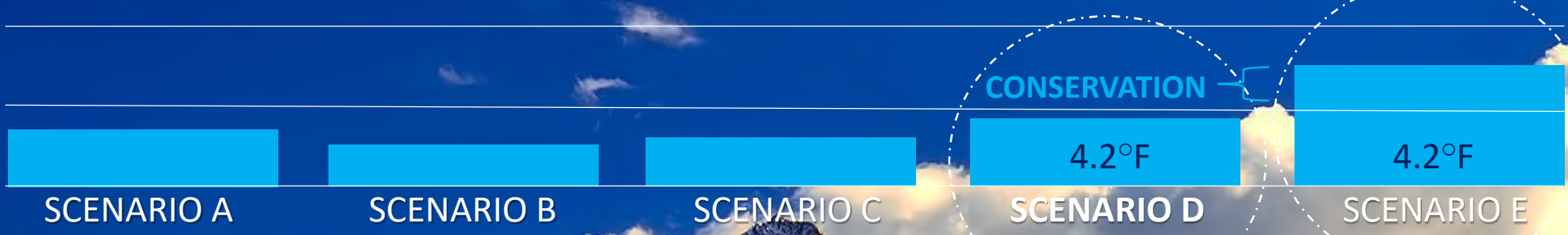
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FUTURE RISK

1,000,000  
500,000  
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There is up to a 740,000 AF gap by 2050.

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

- Brad Udall



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