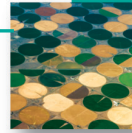


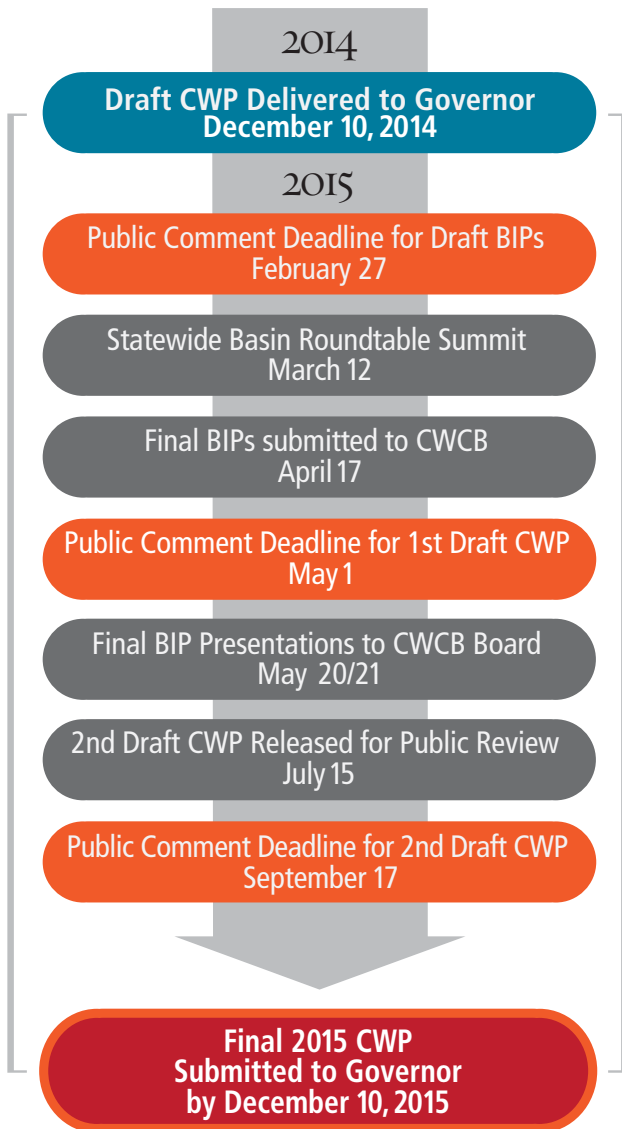


# COLORADO'S WATER PLAN

## NEWS & UPDATES



### COLORADO'S WATER PLAN 2015 TIMELINE



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Colorado's  
Water Plan

**CWCB** =  
Colorado  
Water  
Conservation  
Board

**BIP** =  
Basin  
Implementation  
Plan

**Orange** =  
Public  
Involvement  
Opportunities

### Finalizing the Draft Plan

On December 10, 2014, **Gov. John Hickenlooper** and the Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB) presented the first draft of Colorado's Water Plan, praising the work of hundreds of participants across the state. Colorado's Water Plan currently reflects agreement from water interests statewide on broad, near-term actions needed to secure our water future. These include continued efforts to conserve water; additional reuse and recycling of water; more options to agriculture to avoid the permanent dry-up of our rich farmland; and an efficient and effective path forward for water projects where interests can agree and create benefits for basins that provide water.

Colorado's Water Plan doesn't prescribe specific projects, but outlines how various interests across basins can attain locally driven, collaborative solutions, and how balanced approaches can garner the broad support needed to accelerate environmentally sound projects and shorten the federal regulatory process often associated with water-related actions in Colorado. The plan does not do anything to change the status of water rights as a property right, nor prevent the buying and selling of those rights. Colorado's Water Plan seeks to strengthen the Prior Appropriation Doctrine.

Work on Colorado's Water Plan will continue in 2015 as the public and stakeholders are encouraged to comment upon the draft plan (comments can be submitted at [www.coloradowaterplan.com](http://www.coloradowaterplan.com)) as revisions continue ahead of a finalized version to be submitted to the governor next year. Review the detailed 2015 public comment schedule and timeline on the left. The plan, even when finalized, will be a dynamic document that will be periodically updated as necessary moving forward.

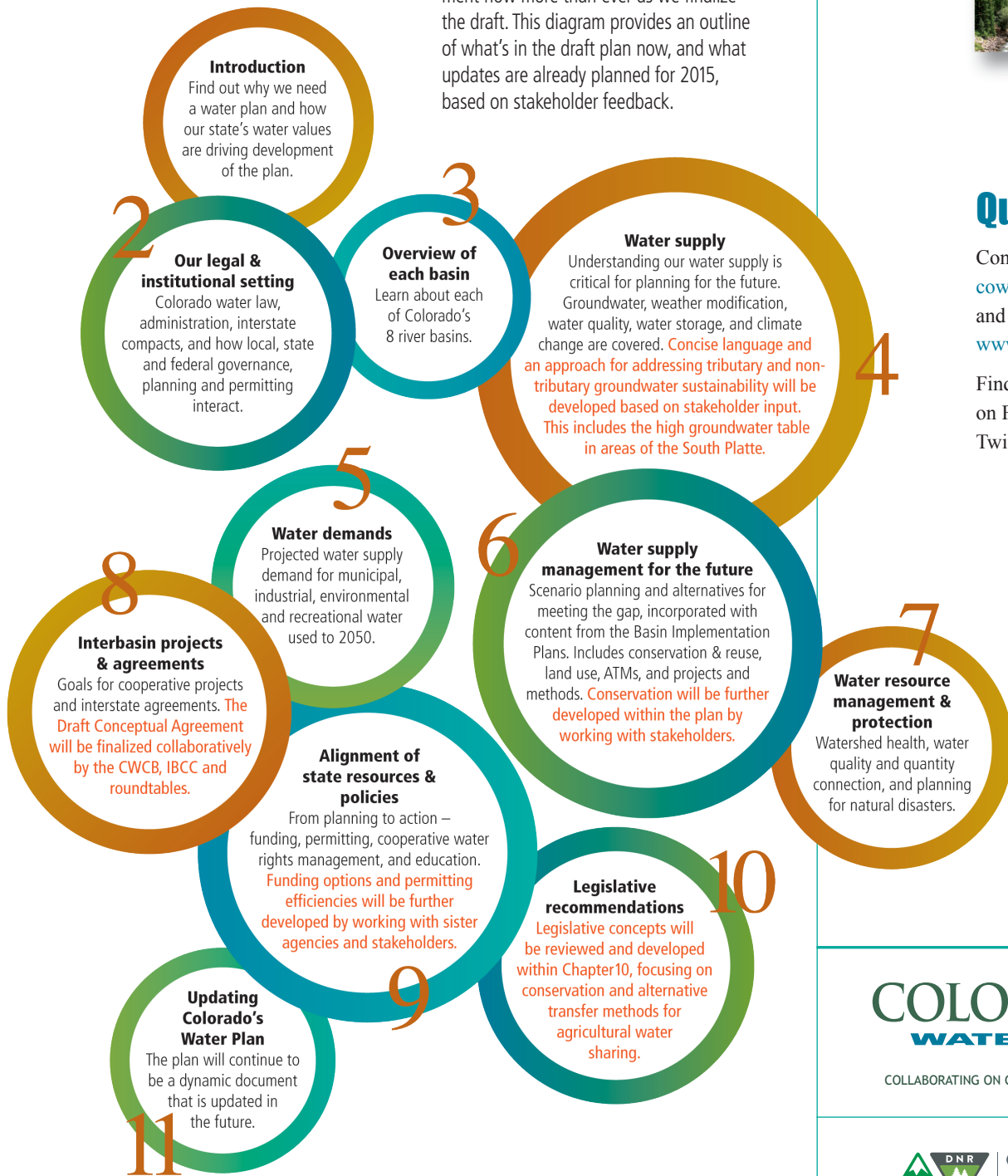
### Get Involved

Communicating with interested stakeholders and keeping them informed throughout the development of Colorado's Water Plan is our priority. Review the draft plan online at [www.coloradowaterplan.com](http://www.coloradowaterplan.com) and then send us your comments through our interactive webform. Engage with members of your basin roundtable as the Basin Implementation Plans are finalized—find more information and a meeting calendar online at [www.coloradowaterplan.com](http://www.coloradowaterplan.com).



## What's in the draft plan? How will it change?

Developing the water plan is an iterative process and we need stakeholder involvement now more than ever as we finalize the draft. This diagram provides an outline of what's in the draft plan now, and what updates are already planned for 2015, based on stakeholder feedback.



## Questions?

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