

Sources of Water Information

WHO PROVIDES WATER INFORMATION IN COLORADO?	WHAT IS THEIR FOCUS?				WHAT IS THEIR FUNCTION?	HOW IS INFORMATION PRESENTED?					WHO ARE THE TARGET GROUPS? Researchers Decisionmakers Rural users Urban users Professionals Trainers Children K-12 (see introduction for a description of groups)	WHAT ISSUES ARE ADDRESSED? Water Quantity Water Quality Irrigation Issues Water Policy Water Law Regulatory	
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Colorado State University													
					see www.cipp.colostate.edu for full spreadsheet								
Agricultural Experiment Sta including ARDEC		x		x	Research in environmental quality , integrated agricultural systems, etc	x	x		x			Researchers, rural users, trainers	
Cooperative Extension		x			Disseminate results of state university research to benefit consumers	x		x	x			Decisionmakers, rural & urban users, professionals	quantity, quality, irrigation, policy, law
Other Bookstore		x			Distribute Extension publications	x	x					"	"
Colorado State Forest Service	x	x			Protect & improve Colorado's public & private forests	x	x		x			Rural & urban users, kids	quality, quantity
CWRRRI		x		x	Develop, implement & coordinate water research programs & disseminate information	x	x	x	x			Researchers, decisionmakers, rural & urban users, professionals,trainers, kids	quantity, quality, irrigation, policy, law
The Water Center (TWC)						x	see CWRRRI		x				
TWC's Colorado Water Knowledge webpage		x			Introductory information on water in Colorado	x						Decisionmakers, rural & urban users, children K-12	quality, quantity, policy, law
Selected departments participating in TWC:													
Dept. of Agricultural and Resource Economics		x		x	Agriculture and resource management	x	x		x			Researchers, rural users, professionals, trainers	quantity, quality, irrigation, policy, law
Dept. of Atmospheric Sciences		x		x	Weather observation, analysis, and modeling	x	x		x	x		Researchers, professionals	quantity
Dept. of Civil Engineering		x		x	Hydrology, environmental engineering, water resources planning and management	x	x		x	x		Researchers, professionals	quantity, quality, irrigation, policy, law
Dept. of Earth Resources		x		x	land-use hydrology, watershed management, modeling, water quality, biogeochemistry, environmental geology, hydrogeology, sedimentology	x			x			Researchers, professionals	quantity, quality, irrigation, policy, law
Dept. of Fishery and Wildlife Biology		x		x	Pond & reservoir ecology, stream- & river ecology, ecotoxicology, management	x	x		x			Researchers, kids, decisionmakers, rural & urban users, professionals, trainers	quantity, quality, irrigation, policy, law

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Dept. of Soil & Crop Sciences Selected programs participating in TWC:		x		x	and the environment; crop water use; soil and water conservation	x	x	x	x		Researchers, trainers, decisionmakers, rural & urban users, professionals	Water Quantity Water Quality Irrigation Issues Water Policy Water Law Regulatory
Integrated Decision Support Group	x	x		x	Develop watershed modeling & assessment tools	x	x		x	x	Researchers, professionals	quantity, quality, irrigation, policy, law
Natural Diversity Information Source		x		x	Provide data on CO's animals, plants, & natural communities for land-use decisions	x	x		x	x	Researchers, trainers, decisionmakers, rural & urban users	quantity, quality, policy, law
Other Universities												
University of Colorado												
Center for Advanced Decision Support, Water and Environmental Systems				x	Interdisciplinary group; research & devel. of DSS	x	x		x	x	Professionals	quantity, law
CIRES (Cooperative Institute for Research in Environmental Science)				x	interdisciplinary study-climate, hydrology, water quality, and effects of human water use	x					Researchers, professionals	quantity, quality
Natural Hazards Research and Applications Information Center				x	Clearinghouse for hazard/disaster research	x	x	x	x		Researchers, professionals, decisionmakers	
Natural Resources Law Center				x	The law of water management and public land policy	x	x	x	x		Researchers, decisionmakers	quantity, quality, law
CO School of Mines												
Center for Environmental Risk Assessment				x	Study environmental contaminants	x	x		x	x	Researchers, professionals	quality
International Ground Water Modeling Center				x	Info, education, & research center for groundwater modeling	x	x		x	x	Researchers, professionals	quality
Institute for Resource and Environmental Geosciences Western State University				x	Interdisciplinary, incl. groundwater modeling, contamination, & transport						Researchers, professionals	quality
Headwaters Project		x		x		x		x	x		Researchers, professionals	policy
State Government												
CO Dept of Ag Div. Of Plant Industry (Ag Chem/ Groundwater Protection Program)	x	x		x	Regulations, education, monitoring, BMP's, Well-A-Syst drinking water well assessment	x	x		x		Rural & urban users	quality
CO Dept of Natural Resources						x		x				

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CO Water Conservation Bd (includes 5 div)	x	x			Protection & development of state waters: interstate compacts, planning & construction, instream flows, floodplain management, decision support system, water conservation	x	x	x	x	x	Decision makers, rural & urban users	quantity, regulatory compliance
Division of Water Resources, State Engineer	x				Administers water rights, monitors stream flow & water use (surface & ground), maintains databases. 7 divisions.	x	x	x		x	Researchers, trainers, decision makers, rural & urban users, professionals	quantity, regulatory compliance
Division Of Wildlife					Protect wetlands & their wildlife by restoration, management, & purchase of easements	x			x	x	Rural users, trainers, children	quantity, quality, regulatory compliance
CO Dept of Public Health and Environment					Protect water quality by permits, monitoring discharge, & grants for wastewater treatment	x	x			x	Researchers, decision makers, rural & urban users, trainers	quality, regulatory compliance
Water Quality Control Division	x											
State-wide Organizations												
CO Water Congress, CO Water Almanac, Water Education Committee					Non-partisan water education for legislators		x	x	x		Decisionmakers, children	quantity, quality, CO & Fed water law
Environmental Organizations												
Colorado Alliance for Environmental Education		x	x		Environmental education information clearinghouse and support network	x		x	x	x	Trainers, children	quantity, quality, policy, law
Colorado Environmental Coalition			x		Protect CO's environment - 55 CO organizations	x		x			Decisionmakers, rural & urban users	quantity, quality
Colorado Riparian Association			x		Promote restoration & proper management of riparian areas of CO through public education & participation in government	x	x	x	x		Decisionmakers, rural & urban users, trainers	quantity, quality, CO water law
Colorado Rivers Alliance			x		river health while promoting inter-organizational cooperation	x					Decisionmakers, rural & urban users, trainers	quantity, quality, policy, law
High Country Citizens Alliance			x	x	Preserve & restore natural systems & biodiversity in Gunnison Basin through public education & activism	x		x		x	Decisionmakers, rural & urban users	quantity, quality, irrigation, CO water law

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Nature Conservancy, Colorado Chapter			x		Preserve biodiversity through nature preserves & easements	x	x	x		x	Decisionmakers, rural & urban users	quantity, quality
Sierra Club - Rocky Mountain Chapter			x		Environmental issues	x	x	x			Decisionmakers, rural & urban users	quantity, quality
Local Government												
Conservation Districts												
Colorado River Water Conservation District	x	x			Water management, protection, and development of water resources; estab by State Legislature	x	x	x	x	x	Decisionmakers, rural & urban users, trainers, kids	quantity, quality, irrigation, policy, law
Rio Grande Water Conservation District	x	x			" "			x	x		Decisionmakers, rural & urban users, trainers, kids	quantity, quality, irrigation, policy, law
Southwestern Water Conservation District & Water Information Program	x	x			" "	x	x	x	x	x	Decisionmakers, rural & urban users, trainers, kids	quantity, quality, irrigation, policy, law
Conservancy Districts												
Animas-La Plata Water Conservancy District (see WIP)	x	x			"	x	x	x	x		rural, urban, trainers	"
Central Colorado Water Conservancy District	x	x			"	x		x	x		rural, urban, trainers, kids	"
Conejos Water Conservancy District	x				"		x		x		rural & urban water users	"
Dolores Water Conservancy District (see WIP)	x	x			"	x	x	x	x	x	rural, urban, trainers, kids	"
Florida Water Conservancy District (see WIP)	x	x			"	x	x	x	x		rural, urban, trainers, kids	"
Jackson County Water Conservancy District	x	x			"				x	x	rural & urban water users	"
Lower South Platte Water Conservancy District	x	x			"		x		x	x	rural, urban, trainers, kids	"
Mancos Water Conservancy District (see WIP)	x	x			"	x	x	x	x		rural, urban, trainers, kids	"
Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District	x	x			"	x		x	x		rural, urban, trainers, kids	"
San Juan Water Conservancy District (see WIP)	x	x			"	x	x	x	x		rural, urban, trainers, kids	"
San Miguel Water Conservancy District (WIP)	x	x			"	x	x	x	x		rural, urban, trainers, kids	"
Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District	x	x			"	x	x	x	x	x	rural, urban, kids	"
Upper Arkansas Water Conservancy District	x				"						rural & urban water users	"
Upper Gunnison River Water Conservancy District					"						rural & urban water users	"
Upper South Platte Water Conservancy District	x				"		x		x		rural, urban, trainers, kids	
Yellow Jacket Water Conservancy District	x				"						rural & urban water users	" (district is inactive)
other districts listed in CO Water Almanac	x				"						rural & urban water users	"
Utilities												
City of Aurora Utilities	x	x			water supply	x	x		x	x	urban, trainers, kids	quantity, quality, policy, law
Denver Water						x	x	x	x		urban, trainers, kids	
Colorado Springs Water Resources page						x			x		urban water users, kids	

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City of Ft. Collins Utilities						x			x		urban water users, trainers	
Local Organizations												
Watershed Organizations		x	x								rural water users	
Water Users Associations	x										rural water users	
Water (Ditch & Irrigation) companies	x				Manage jointly owned irrigation structures						rural water users	quantity, policy, law
Federal Government												
Dept of Agriculture						x						
Agricultural Research Service		x		x	Conduct agricultural research to benefit the state's producers	x	x		x		Researchers, rural, decisionmakers, trainers	quantity, quality, irrigation
Natural Resources Conservation Service	x	x		x	Research and advise consumers on soil and water conservation issues	x	x		x	x	Rural, urban, professionals, trainers	quantity, quality, irrigation
United States Forest Service	x	x		x		x	x		x	x	Rural, urban, kids	quality
Dept of Commerce												
Colorado Basin River Forecast Center/NWS/NOAA	x			x	Forecast Colorado River water supply	x	x				Decisionmakers, professionals	water supply
Dept of Defense												
US Army Corps of Engineers	x				Water supply infrastructure						Rural & urban users	quantity
National Imagery and Mapping Agency				x	Collect and provide data						Researchers, decisionmakers	
Dept of the Interior						x	x					
Bureau of Indian Affairs	x				Manage Indian water rights	x	x				Rural users	
US Bureau of Reclamation	x				Water supply infrastructure and management	x	x			x	Rural & urban users, kids, professionals	quantity, quality
BLM	x	x			Manage federal land	x			x		Rural & urban users	quality
NPS	x				Manage federal lands	x	x				Rural & urban users, kids, professionals	quality
US Fish and Wildlife Service	x				Regulate use, maintain habitat	x	x				Rural & urban users	quality, regulatory
US Geological Survey	x	x		x	Manage resources	x	x		x	x	Rural & urban users, kids, professionals	quantity, quality
Dept of State												
Environmental Protection Agency	x	x		x	Regulate quality	x	x	x	x	x	Decisionmakers, rural & urban users, professionals, trainers, kids	quality, regulatory, law
National and Regional Organizations												
AWRA/Colorado Section		x		x	Promotes interdisciplinary water research	x	x	x	x		Researchers, decisionmakers, professionals, trainers	quality, quantity

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Arkansas River Basin Water Forum		x			Public awareness of Ark River issues	x	x		x		Researchers, decisionmakers, professionals, trainers	quantity, quality, policy, law
Colorado River Water Users Association	x	x			Agencies & individuals - consider basinwide issues	x			x	x	Researchers & decision makers, rural & urban users, water professionals, trainers	quantity, quality, policy, law
Colorado Water Workshop		x			Public awareness of Colorado water issues	x	x		x		Researchers & decision makers, rural & urban users, water professionals, trainers	quantity, quality, irrigation, policy, law
League of Women Voters		x			Public awareness of Colorado water issues	x	x		x		Rural & urban users, trainers	quantity, quality, policy, law
Platte Watershed Program, U. Neb. Lincoln		x			Coordinate research and inform public on issues	x	x	x	x	x	Researchers, decisionmakers, professionals, trainers	quality, quantity, interstate compacts
South Platte Forum		x			Public awareness of South Platte water issues	x	x		x		Researchers & decision makers, rural & urban users, water professionals, trainers	quantity, quality, irrigation, policy, law
Western Water Policy Review Commission	x			x	in w. states which affect the allocation and use of water resources	x	x				Researchers, decisionmakers, professionals	quantity, quality, irrigation, policy, law