

Colorado Water Congress 2025 Federal Priorities*



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NWRA Lead

Implementation of Federal Infrastructure Funding and Financing Programs
Implementation of Watershed and Forest Health Funding Programs
Support continued role of hydropower at federal facilities
Authorizing/Funding for Control of Aquatic Nuisance (Invasive) Species
PFAS/PFOA – CERCLA Designation

Collaborate

Farm Bill – Conservation and Forestry Titles
Tax Exemption for Water Conservation Rebates
Regulatory Certainty and NEPA and Permit Streamlining
NRCS Funding for Manual Snow Course Measurement
Staffing Regulatory Agencies

Monitor

Good Samaritan Legislation / Superfund Programmatic Funding for Abandoned Mines
(ex. Gold King)
ESA Rulemakings
Clean Water Act Section 404 Permitting Support Updating of 401 Certification Rule
Clarify Status of Discharges to Groundwater
Federal Deference to State Water Law / Water Rights Protection Act
Waters of the United States Rulemaking

*Please note: The following topics are regional in nature and so NWRA advocacy is limited, but we join with the other states in the region in prioritizing these issues.

- Colorado River Drought Contingency Planning Efforts and Programs Drought Response Operations
- Colorado River Interim Guidelines Negotiations
- Upper Colorado and San Juan River Endangered Fish Recovery Programs Platte River Recovery Program