



Colorado Water Congress 2026 Federal Priorities*

Support and collaborate on robust funding for Bureau of Reclamation, NRCS programs (PL 566, RCPP, EQIP, etc.),
EPA SRFs, Army Corps, USFS

Support improved programs and funding for watershed health and wildfire

Support federal funding partnerships to manage invasive species

Support efforts to streamline and reform permitting and environmental compliance regulations

Advocate for tax package on water issues

Support agency staff and advocate for staffing capacity to meet needs

Monitor agency reorganizations

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Support continued role of hydropower at federal facilities

PFAS/PFOA – CERCLA Designation

Farm Bill – Conservation and Forestry Titles

Tax Exemption for Water Conservation Rebates

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