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**WATER CONGRESS**  
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## Colorado Water Congress 2024 Federal Priorities\*

### **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