

Blue River Watershed Regional Water Efficiency Plans Fact Sheet

Four Summit County water providers (Copper Metropolitan District and the Towns of Breckenridge, Dillon and Frisco), in partnership with the High Country Conservation Center, are updating their 2018 Water Efficiency Plans. Here is what you need to know about the planning process, including opportunities for your participation.

Project Background

Summit County lies at the center of the Blue River Watershed, a critical headwater area for the Colorado River Basin. The watershed is influenced by many complex factors, including rising summer temperatures and increasingly shorter winters. These conditions have resulted in reduced winter snowpack, earlier spring runoff, and drier summer soils, all of which can strain water supply, underling the importance of water conservation.

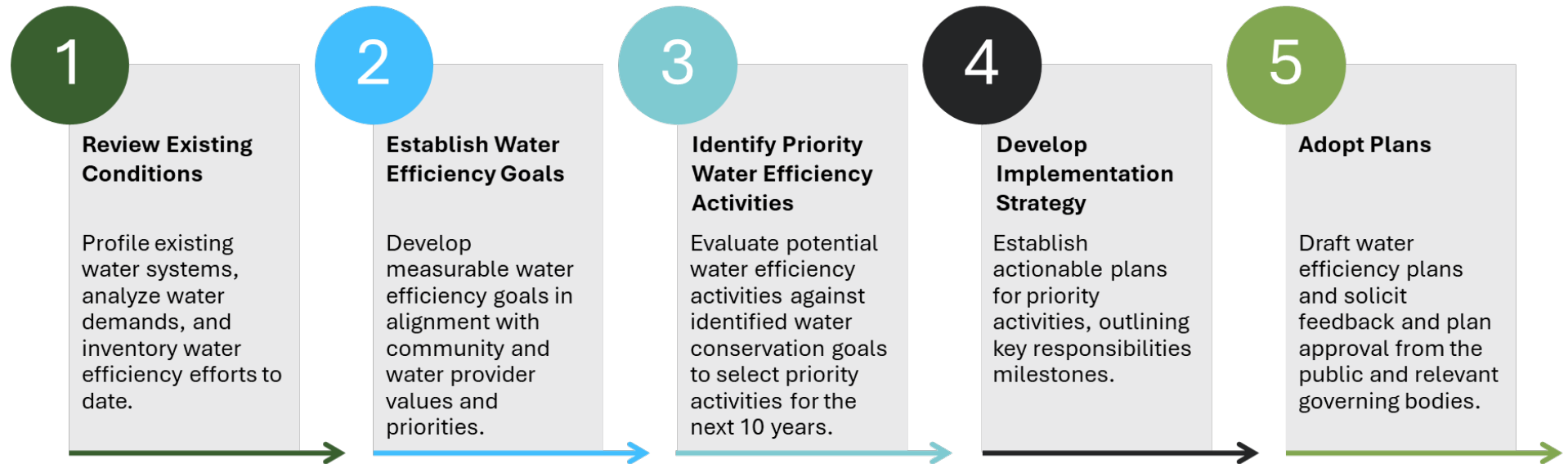
In 2018, the four water providers, in partnership with the High Country Conservation Center (HC3), developed four individual Water Efficiency Plans and one Regional Water Efficiency Plan. These plans established local and regional water conservation goals and outlined priority activities to promote water conservation efforts through 2025.

Since the adoption of the 2018 plans, the region has continued to experience demographic, economic, and climate-related shifts that impact water demands and water conservation efforts. In alignment with Colorado Water Conservation Board's requirement to update water efficiency plans every seven years, the four providers and HC3 are endeavoring to update the Water Efficiency Plans to adapt water efficiency goals and efforts to the region's evolving future.



Project Timeline

Building on the 2018 plans, the planning process will focus on developing individual plans for each provider that identify practical, actionable strategies responsive to community-specific challenges and responsive to community-specific values. The regional plan will roll up key themes and extract goals and strategies that resonate regionally across and beyond the providers. This planning process kicked off in August 2025 and is expected to conclude in March 2028.



How can I be involved?

Throughout the planning process, water providers, key stakeholders, and community members will have opportunities to shape the plans via different engagement opportunities – including surveys, open houses, and plan comment periods. Specifically, feedback will be gathered from and via:

- ✓ A **steering committee** comprised of four water providers and HC3. The steering committee will guide the technical approach and process.
- ✓ A **greater interest group** comprised of key community staff and water stakeholders to inform key plan elements and goals.
- ✓ The **greater community** with a focus ensuring the community's water values and interests are woven into each plan.

To learn more about how you can be engaged, or be added to our email list to receive project updates, please email Heather Allen at heather@highcountryconservation.org.

