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HEADWATERS

BY THE COLORADO WATER EDUCATION FOUNDATION

Inaugural Issue

DROUGHT 2002

COLORADO'S DRIEST
YEAR ON RECORD?

**HAID TIMES ON THE WHITE RIVER:
LESSONS FROM HISTORY - LAW & DROUGHT
2003 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

Legislative founding - HB02 1152

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



WELCOME FROM DIANE HOPPE
INAUGURAL ISSUE, HEADWATERS MAGAZINE

*W*elcome, readers, to this inaugural issue of *Headwaters* magazine published by the Colorado Foundation for Water Education. I certainly hope you enjoy it.

The Colorado Foundation for Water Education was established legislatively by the Colorado General Assembly in 2002, during one of the state's worst droughts. The purpose and mission of the Foundation is to promote a better understanding of water issues through educational opportunities and resources, so Colorado citizens will understand water as a limited resource and make informed decisions. The Foundation does not take an advocacy position on any water issue.

Headwaters magazine is designed to provide up-to-date information on recent events and fundamental concerns related to Colorado's water resources. Growth, legal developments, drought, floods and the use of water in the everyday lives of Coloradans are some of the very public and personal themes we will explore in every quarterly issue.

The feature of this inaugural issue is drought, a very timely topic in the fall of 2003. In this issue we recount the 2002 drought - its severity and what it says about our vulnerability to future droughts. Thank you, Roger Peita, our State Climatologist, for presenting us with important information on just how little precipitation we did receive during last year's withering dry spell. Reagan Wakom, Colorado State University, provides us with critical information on how

severe drought conditions in 2002 had significant impacts on the state's economy and natural resources. And, as Justice Hobbs recounts, drought events have profoundly shaped our state's water laws and institutions.

Our "Profiles" section features individuals from around the state whose lives are shaped by their relationship and dependence on our water resources. In this issue we highlight residents from the small town of Moeker who all managed to "give a little bit" so that the community as a whole could survive in tough times.

In our special section "Voices" we ask writers and poets to submit their original work. Thank you, Mary Crow, Colorado's Poet Laureate, for creating the poem "Colorado Drought" especially for this inaugural issue of the magazine. Also, thanks to Katie Post, for sharing your River Of Words prize winning poem, "I Am the Headwaters."

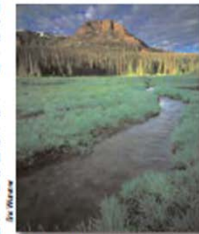
I hope you will consider becoming a member of the Foundation and subscribing to *Headwaters* magazine.

The Foundation for Water Education is a non profit organization, and proceeds from your membership or subscription will be used to fund additional water education efforts.

Thank you!

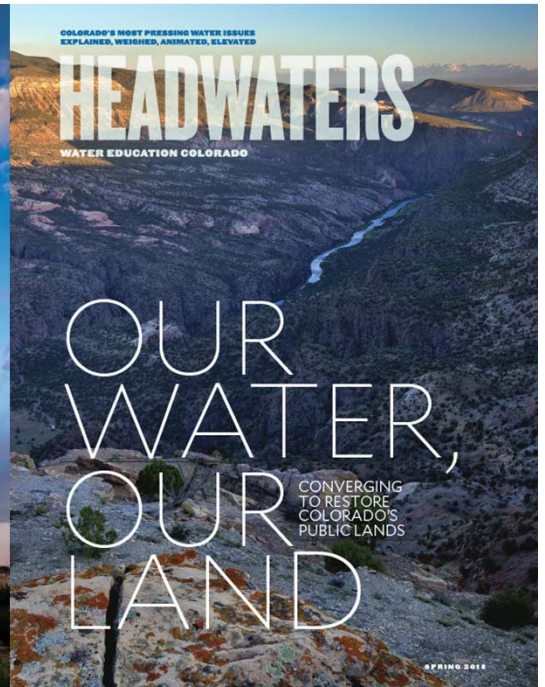
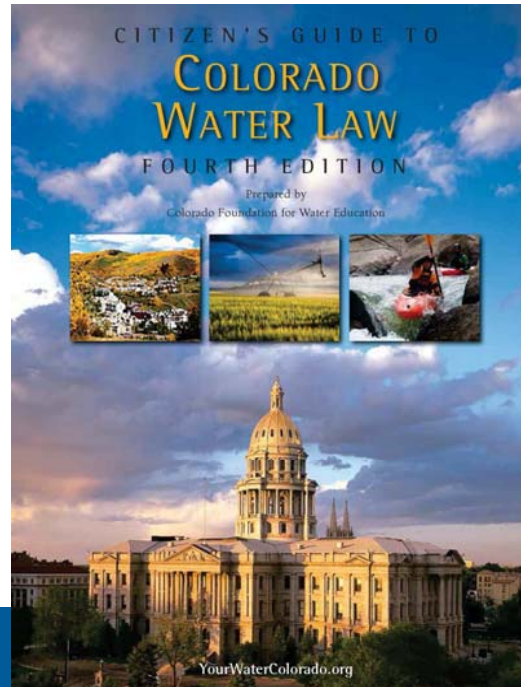
Diane Hoppe

State Representative (R Sterling)
& President, CFWE



Pat Egan, Wilderness,
Upper Colorado River Basin

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- Various courses, trainings, conferences
- WEco Water Fluency program
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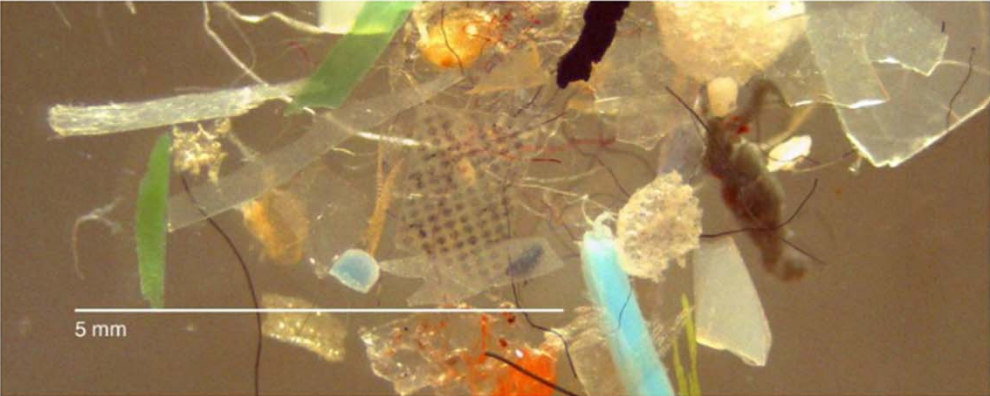
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Microplastic pollutants found in pristine Colorado high country, can a San Francisco Bay research initiative offer answers?

by Gary Pitzer | July 31, 2019



ENVIRONMENT



Denver Water asks EPA for rare exemption from Safe Drinking Water Act

July 17, 2019 by Jerd Smith

News Digest

Despite a \$50 million PFAS cleanup in El Paso County, residents remain concerned about the contamination

Fresh Water News delivery



FRESH WATER NEWS 8/21/2019

Fresh Water News is an initiative of Water Education Colorado dedicated to covering water issues across Colorado and the West. This week FWN looks at a major new effort, fueled by hundreds of thousands of dollars and a small army of volunteers, to plant trees to restore a shade canopy and help the Yampa River stay cool in the face of climate change. We're also following a new technology that uses Fitbit-like devices to monitor crop water use; the first-ever mandatory water cutbacks on the Colorado River; and a look at the City of Aurora's decision to spend \$34 million to reclaim water from a toxic mine site.

This week from Fresh Water News



Far away in northwestern Colorado's Yampa River Basin, a massive community tree-planting effort aims to help the river combat climate change

As the young shade trees take hold, the program may offer hope for other rivers in the American West

[Read more Fresh Water News here](#)

Top stories from Colorado and the West



Can Fitbit-like device help corn growers use less water?

Researchers in Nebraska and Iowa think their device could hold one of the answers to reducing farm water use

[Read more here](#)

Annual River Basin Tour - Heading to the Lower Arkansas June 2020







Water Leaders - 175 graduates

Applications open for 2020 on Nov. 15





Wagers for Watersheds

June 21, 2018



Land Use in Water Efficiency Plans

A workshop for water providers on Best Practices for Implementating Water Conservation and Demand Management Through Land Use Planning Efforts.

Learn from Examples in Your Area!



Anne Castle
Getches-Wilkinson Center

Are you a water provider, a consultant or someone in a position to write, guide or approve Water Efficiency Plans? Water Education Colorado and the Babbitt Center for Land and Water Policy invite you to join us for a workshop. This free workshop will focus on opportunities, requirements, and new guidance for incorporating land use practices into Water Efficiency Plans.

Speakers:

Anne Castle, Getches-Wilkinson Center
Erin Rugland, Babbitt Center for Land and Water Policy
Kevin Reidy, Colorado Water Conservation Board
Local Special Districts (varies by location)
Local Municipalities (varies by location)



Kevin Reidy
CWCB

Workshop Details:

This workshop will take participants through the new guidance in detail, with examples of how different land use practices can be implemented. Each workshop will include case studies of land use integration from a special district and a municipality in the region.



Erin Rugland
Babbitt Center

Registration is open! Registration will be capped at 30 participants. The event is free. Lunch is included.



FREE

Longmont - September 16
SW Weld County Building
9:00am-3:30pm

Pueblo - November 5
El Pueblo Museum
9:30am-4:00pm

Durango - October 30
Durango Public Library
9:30am-4:00pm

Grand Junction - November 12
Colorado Mesa University
10:30am-5:00pm

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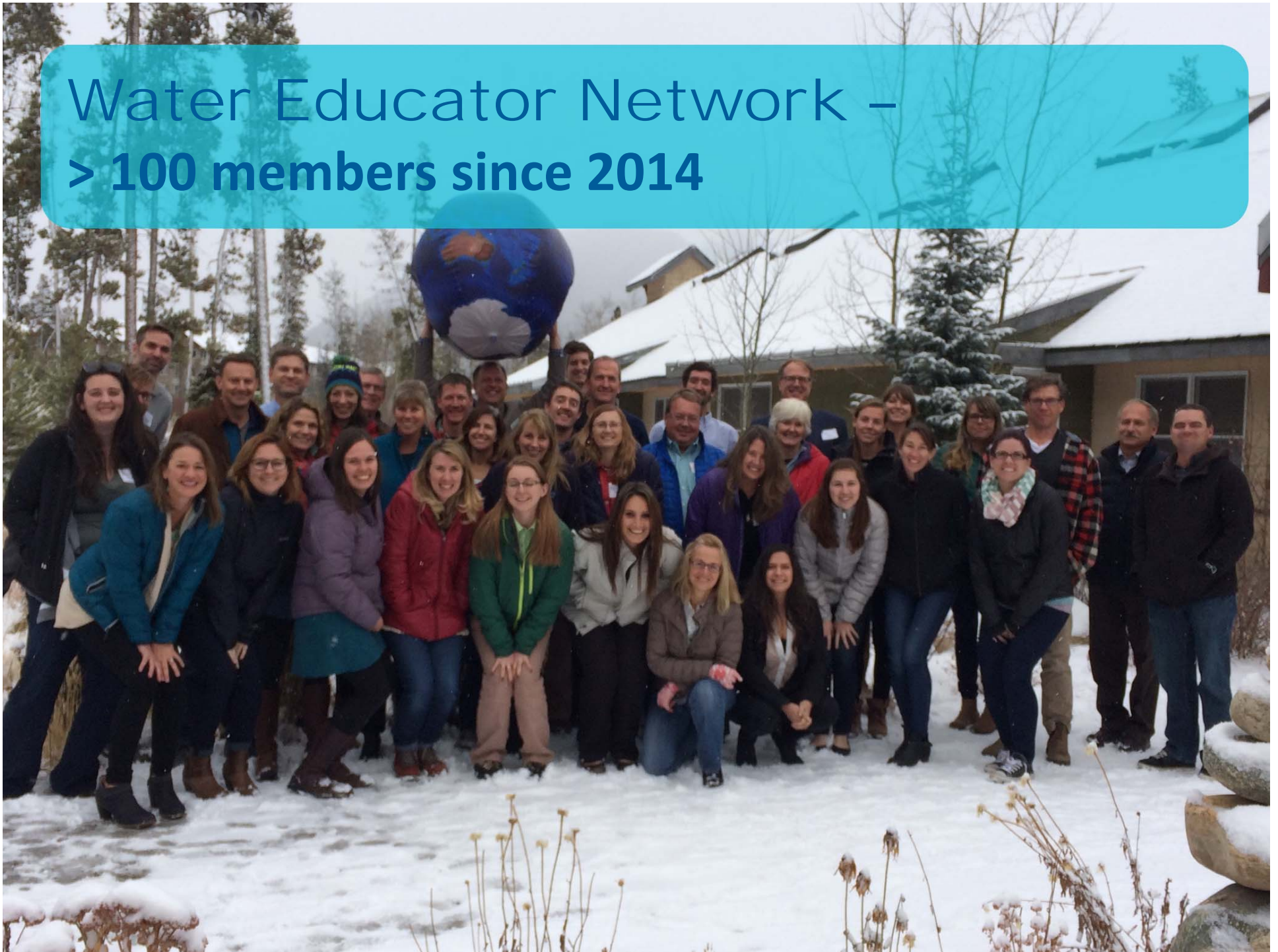
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Water Educator Network – > 100 members since 2014



A statewide plan for water education – SWEAP

- 10 Shared Outcomes
- Custom local/regional implementation
- 5-year time horizon



What's next for WEco?

- **Leadership role in SWEAP implementation**
- **Deepen reach to core audiences**
- **Expand to diverse, unreached audiences**





Water keeps Colorado running



**Water is the lifeblood of our state.
All Coloradans must work
together to safeguard this
precious resource.**

Questions, Feedback, Suggestions?
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