



## **Colorado Water Congress 2023 Federal Priorities**

### **Action Plan**

Colorado River Drought Contingency Planning Efforts and Programs Drought Response Operations  
Colorado River Interim Guidelines Renegotiations

Authorizing/Funding for Control of Aquatic Nuisance (Invasive) Species

Implementation of Federal Infrastructure Funding and Financing Programs

For Example the Arkansas Valley Conduit

Implementation of Watershed and Forest Health Funding Programs

Support continued role of hydropower at federal facilities

Tax Exemption for Water Conservation Rebates

Waters of the United States Rulemaking

Farm Bill – Conservation and Forestry Titles

PFAS/PFOA – CERCLA Designation

### **Monitor List**

Good Samaritan Legislation / Superfund Programmatic Funding for Abandoned Mines (ex. Gold King)

Endangered Species Recovery Implementation Programs

Upper Colorado and San Juan River Endangered Fish Recovery Programs Platte River Recovery Program

Regulatory Certainty

NEPA and Permit Streamlining

ESA Rulemakings

Staffing Regulatory Agencies

Clean Water Act Section 404 Permitting Support Updating of 401 Certification Rule Clarify Status of  
Discharges to Groundwater

NRCS Funding for Manual Snow Course Measurement

Federal Deference to State Water Law / Water Rights Protection Act