

**White River Planning Advisory Council Meeting  
Oct. 21, 2019 – 6:00 p.m.**

**Weiss Center at CNCC**

Welcome, introductions and a brief reminder of the roles were reviewed by facilitator, Linda Masters. She reviewed the purpose of the project and the PAC.

Callie Hendrickson provided a brief preview of the information available on:

- EPA’s website regarding the 2016 Colorado Water Quality Assessment Report [https://ofmpub.epa.gov/waters10/attains\\_state.control?p\\_state=CO](https://ofmpub.epa.gov/waters10/attains_state.control?p_state=CO)
  - Multiple segments are listed as “impaired” and participants were encouraged to visit the site to find more information if they had interest in learning more about what the impairments.
  - It was noted that there are Water Quality Control Division reviews most streams and updates are done about every three years. Expect updates for 2020.
- Colorado Water Conservation Board’s website regarding instream flow water rights held within Rio Blanco County. <https://gis.colorado.gov/dnrviewer/Index.html?viewer=cwcbviewer>
- The various links and Conservation District website was reviewed as well. See [www.whiteriver.org](http://www.whiteriver.org) and click the White River PAC button for more information.
- See below slides presented to the Committee.

The group reviewed the list of questions (see below) that had been drafted based on the questions provided by members of the Committee. It was determined several questions were redundant and we needed to add a couple to capture the location, specific interests, and domestic water source to the list. Linda and Callie will update the questions and submit them to the group in survey form by Friday.

- Committee members and alternates are asked to answer the questions and return the survey by Nov. 8, 2019. Along with their answers, they will provide any final feedback about any questions that seem redundant or unclear.
- District staff will review and then begin conducting interviews during November and December.
- The Committee will receive a report from District staff and hold a meeting early January.
- Once finalized the report will be turned over to the Facilitation Contractor with the goal of hosting public meetings in January.

# Planning Advisory Committee Meeting

October 21, 2019  
Rangely, CO

## Colorado Water Quality Assessment Report

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### Colorado Water Quality Assessment Report

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**Data are also available for these cycles:**  
2002 2004 2006 2008 2010 2012  
[Waterbody Changes from Prior Cycle](#)

**Assessed Waters of Colorado by Watershed**

Select a watershed from the list: Alamosa-Trinchera

or click on the map to choose a watershed:

**Search for a waterbody within Colorado**

Enter Waterbody Name: White River

Display impaired waters and TMDL information only

## EPA Assessment Summary for Reporting Year 2016 Colorado, Upper White Watershed

[Click here to list All Assessed Waters](#)

NOTE: Click on the underlined "Waterbody Name" to view a Waterbody report.

<u>Waterbody Name</u>	Waterbody ID	Location	Map	Waterbody Type	Size	Units	Status	State TMDL Development Status
<a href="#">Colcwh07_A</a>	COLCWH07_A	White River From Above The Confluence With Miller Creek To Above A Point Below Meeker.		Stream	19.8	Miles	Impaired	TMDL needed
<a href="#">Colcwh07_B</a>	COLCWH07_B	White River Below Meeker To The Confluence With Piceance Creek.		Stream	27.2	Miles	Impaired	TMDL needed
<a href="#">Colcwh11_B</a>	COLCWH11_B	Rio Blanco Lake		Lake	117.4	Acres	Impaired	TMDL needed
<a href="#">Colcwh12_A</a>	COLCWH12_A	Mainstem Of The White River From A Point Immediately Above The Confluence With Piceance Creek To A Point Immediately Above The Confluence With Douglas Creek.		Stream	45.2	Miles	Impaired	TMDL needed
<a href="#">Cousuc10a_C</a>	COUCUC10a_C	Fraser River Tribs At And Above Jim Creek		Stream	11.7	Miles	Impaired	TMDL needed

# EPA Assessment Summary for Reporting Year 2016 Colorado, Lower White Watershed

Click here to list [All Assessed Waters](#)

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<u>Waterbody Name</u>	<u>Waterbody ID</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Map</u>	<u>Waterbody Type</u>	<u>Size</u>	<u>Units</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>State TMDL Development Status</u>
<a href="#">Colcwh21_A</a>	COLCWH21_A	Mainstem Of The White River From A Point Immediately Above The Confluence With Douglas Creek To The Colorado/Utah Border.	Data Unavailable	Stream	29.1	Miles	Impaired	TMDL needed
<a href="#">Colcwh22_B</a>	COLCWH22_B	West Evacuation Wash With Tribs And Douglas Creek	Data Unavailable	Stream	10.0	Miles	Impaired	TMDL needed
<a href="#">Colcwh23_A</a>	COLCWH23_A	West Douglas Creek From Sources To Confluence	Data Unavailable	Stream	223.8	Miles	Impaired	TMDL needed
<a href="#">Colcwh23_B</a>	COLCWH23_B	East Douglas Creek From The Point Below Tommy'S Draw A Point Above Its Confluence With Douglas Creek	Data Unavailable	Stream	9.1	Miles	Impaired	TMDL needed
<a href="#">Colcwh23_C</a>	COLCWH23_C	Mainstem Of East Douglas Creek And Tribs From The Source To A Point Below Tommy'S Draw	Data Unavailable	Stream	98.8	Miles	Impaired	TMDL needed

# EPA Assessment Summary for Reporting Year 2016 Colorado, Piceance-Yellow Watershed

Click here to list [All Assessed Waters](#)

NOTE: Click on the underlined "Waterbody Name" to view a Waterbody report.

<u>Waterbody Name</u>	<u>Waterbody ID</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Map</u>	<u>Waterbody Type</u>	<u>Size</u>	<u>Units</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>State TMDL Development Status</u>
<a href="#">Colcwh13b_A</a>	COLCWH13b_A	Yellow Creek From Source To Below The Confluence With Barcus Creek. Tributaries To Yellow Creek From The Source To The White River, Except For Corral Gulch And Tribs, Stake Springs Draw And Tribs Above Stake Springs And Duck Creek And Tribs.	Data Unavailable	Stream	289.1	Miles	Impaired	TMDL needed
<a href="#">Colcwh13b_B</a>	COLCWH13b_B	Corral Gulch And Tribs	Data Unavailable	Stream	19.8	Miles	Impaired	TMDL needed
<a href="#">Colcwh13b_C</a>	COLCWH13b_C	Stake Springs Draw And Tribs Above Stake Springs	Data Unavailable	Stream	25.5	Miles	Impaired	TMDL needed
<a href="#">Colcwh13b_D</a>	COLCWH13b_D	Duck Creek And Tribs	Data Unavailable	Stream	21.1	Miles	Impaired	TMDL needed
<a href="#">Colcwh15_B</a>	COLCWH15_B	Mainstem Of Piceance Creek	Data Unavailable	Stream	13.3	Miles	Impaired	TMDL needed
<a href="#">Colcwh15_C</a>	COLCWH15_C	Piceance Creek From 3 Miles Above The Confluence With White River, To The Confluence With White River	Data Unavailable	Stream	3.0	Miles	Impaired	TMDL needed
<a href="#">Colcwh20_A</a>	COLCWH20_A	All Tribs And Wetlands Of Black Sulpher Creek From Source To Confluence With Piceance Creek	Data Unavailable	Stream	88.0	Miles	Impaired	TMDL needed

[https://ofmpub.epa.gov/waters10/attains\\_state.control?p\\_state=CO](https://ofmpub.epa.gov/waters10/attains_state.control?p_state=CO)

# Sample: 2016 Waterbody Report for COLCWH07\_B

Water Quality Assessment Status for Reporting Year 2016  
The overall status of this waterbody is Impaired.

[Description of this table](#)

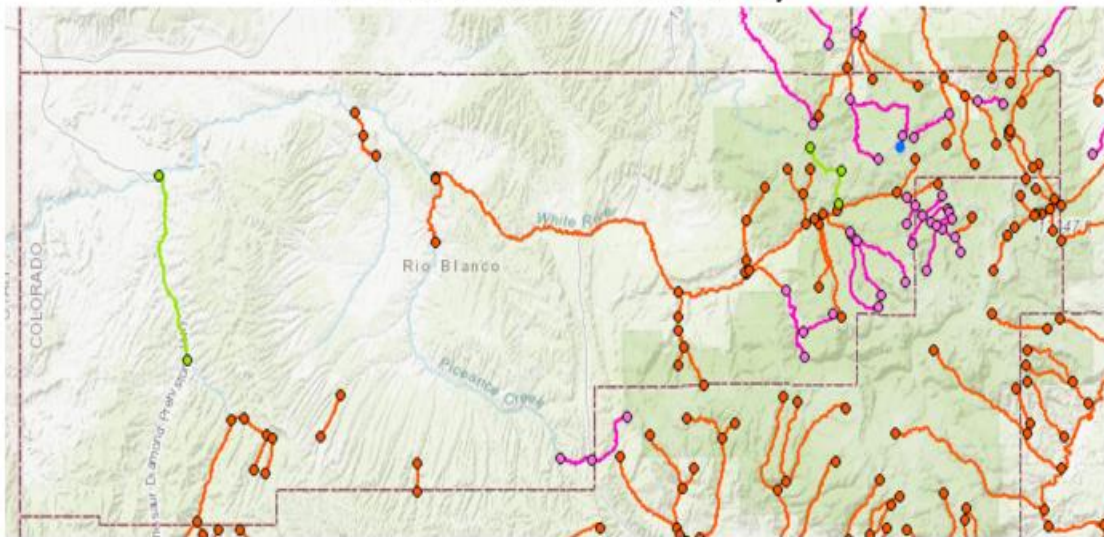
Designated Use	Designated Use Group	Status
Agriculture	Agricultural	Good
Aquatic Life Support	Fish, Shellfish, And Wildlife Protection And Propagation	Impaired
Recreation	Recreation	Good
Water Supply	Public Water Supply	Impaired

## Causes of Impairment for Reporting Year 2016

[Description of this table](#)

Cause of Impairment	Cause of Impairment Group	Designated Use(s)	State TMDL Development Status
Arsenic	Metals (other than Mercury)	Water Supply	TMDL needed
Cause Unknown - Impaired Biota	Cause Unknown - Impaired Biota	Aquatic Life Support	TMDL needed
Temperature	Temperature	Aquatic Life Support	TMDL needed

## Instream Flow Water Rights in Rio Blanco County



<https://gis.colorado.gov/dnrviewer/Index.html?viewer=cwcbviewer>

Water Management Plan Questions	
1	How long have you lived in and/or been involved in the White River Basin? What changes have you seen on the White River or it's tributaries, for the better or worse, during your period of use?
2	a)What are the water-based issues that most affect your way of life, livelihood, or quality of life as a resident of the White River Basin?
	b) How do you see these issues evolving or changing over the next 20-30 years assuming climate and runoff projections that, in general, suggest less runoff and higher temperatures hold true,?
3	Has there been any time in recent years that you were unable to access water (consumptive or non-consumptive) from the White River? If so, what was the cause and what could be done to improve that access?
4	What are the benefits and drawbacks to flood irrigation and sprinklers (or other conservation measures)? Do you have any suggestions regarding how either/both could be used to continue providing and/or improving environmental benefits to the White River Basin and below?
5	Please rank the following by importance to you in regards to the White River and give examples for each:
	Water Quantity
	Water Quality
	Infrastructure
	Riparian
	Other <u>Specify</u> :
6	What do you see as the biggest challenges and opportunities to the White River and its water users?
7	What worries you most about our water future?
	What, if any, signs of encouragement do you see?
8	Do some segments of the White River warrant more attention than others?
9	What are the needs, if any, for upgrading river infrastructure (e.g., diversion structures)?
10	What should water users and inhabitants along the White river be doing to plan for the future?
11	There are numerous studies that have been completed or are in the process of being completed regarding the White River Basin.
	a) Would you be interested in learning more about the various programs, plans, and studies available for the White River Basin community and how they may be put to beneficial use by you, a local agency, organization, or group?
	b) How important is it that the local communities learn more about these programs, plans, and studies before developing additional plans such as a stream management plan, integrated water management plan, or watershed plan?
12	Do you think a community grassroots approach would be useful in identifying key issues and solutions for the whole or parts of the river?
13	If there is a White River management plan developed locally, what are the top issues that you would like to see addressed?
14	Summary:
	A) What is your greatest interest in developing a "plan"?
	B) What is your greatest concern about developing a "plan"?
	C) Are you willing to commit time to being involved in the development of that plan?
	D) Do you believe there is a need for a water management plan on the White River?
	E) If there is a process to develop a plan, what entity would you prefer to coordinate that effort?
15	Any final comments you would like to provide regarding the White River and/or the development of a water plan in Rio Blanco County?

