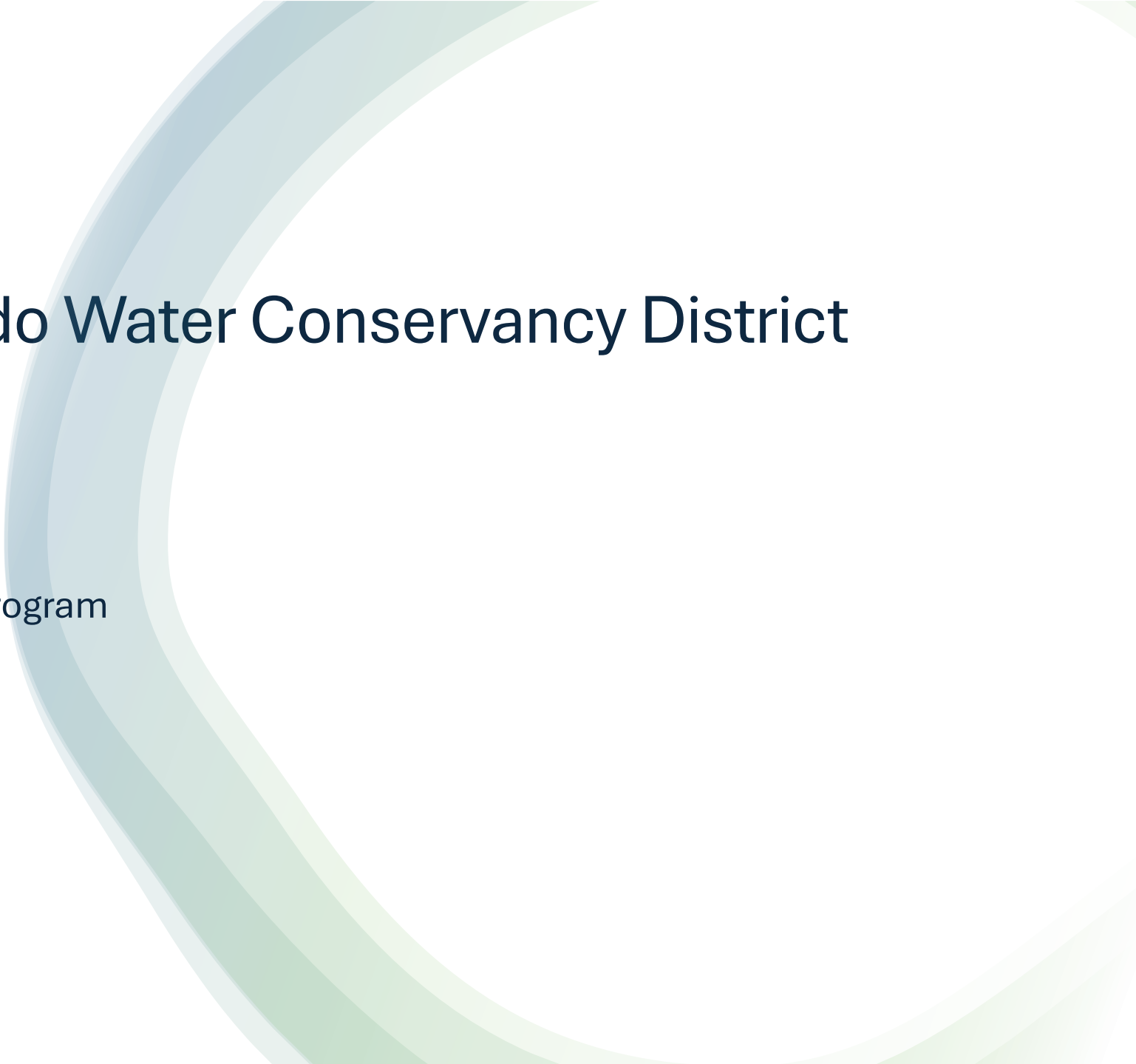


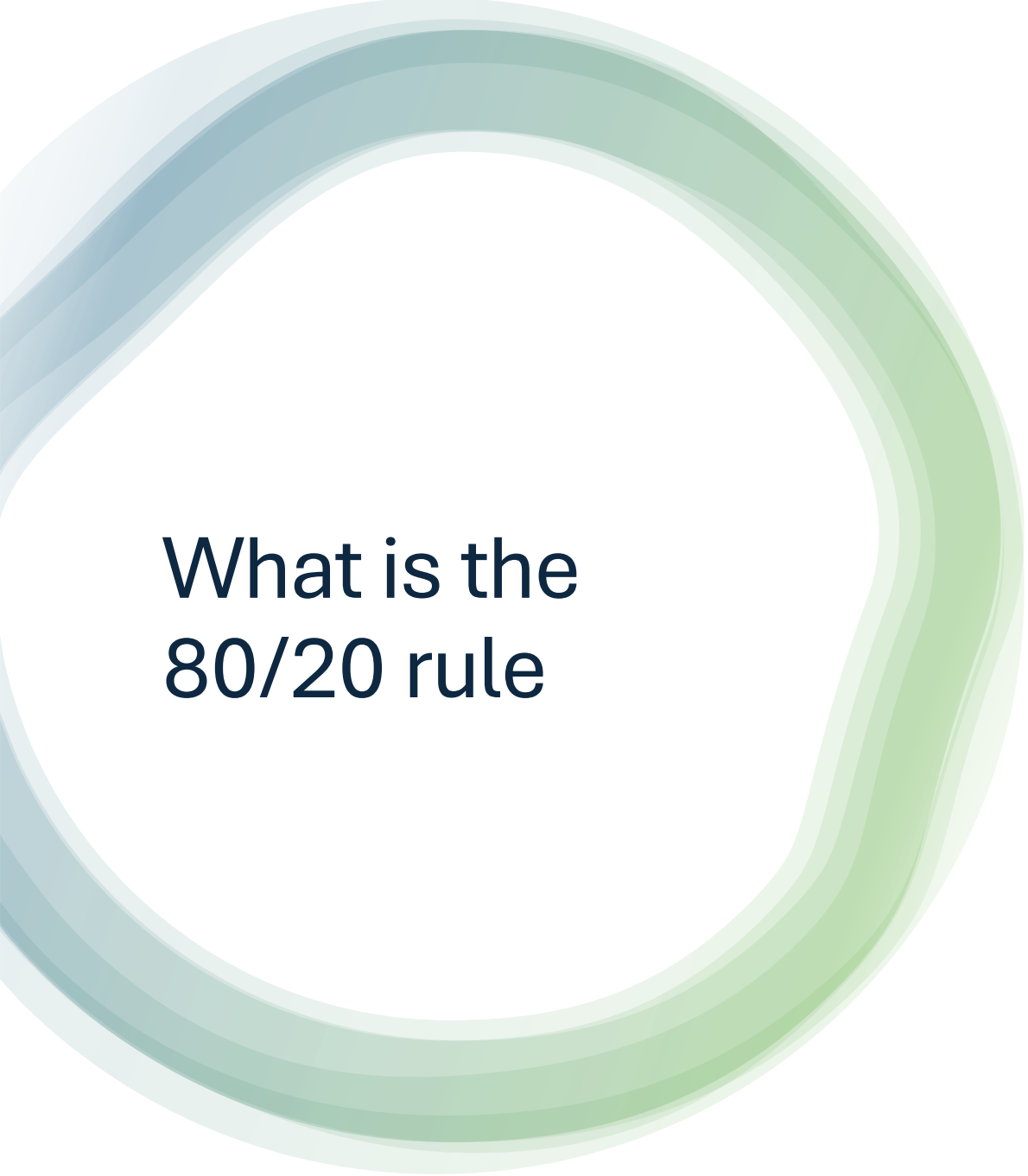


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Winter Water Meeting

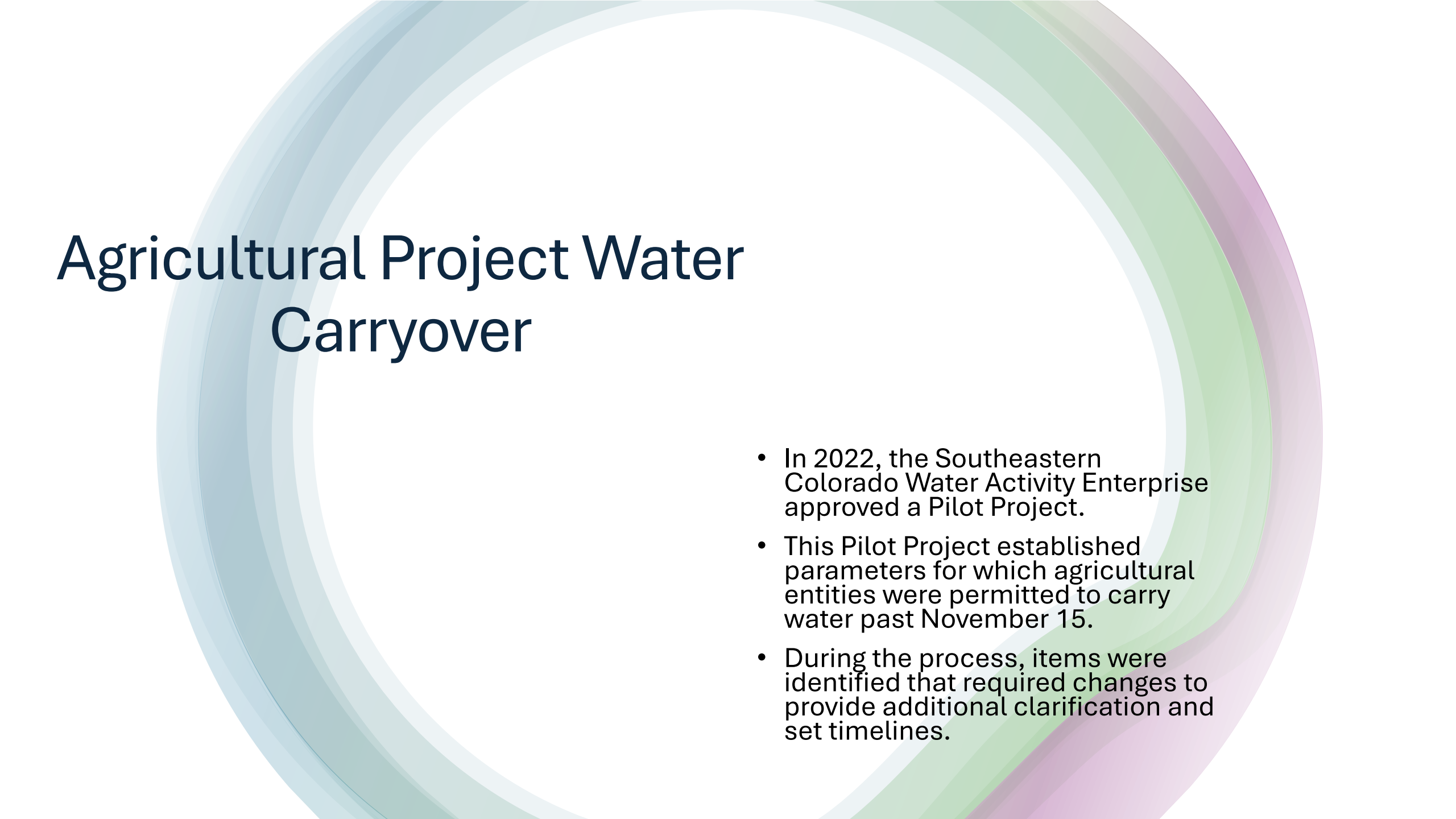
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What is the 80/20 rule

Eighty (80) percent of any allocation of Project water purchased for agriculture must be used before November 15 of the current year.

The remaining twenty (20) percent must be used by May 1 of the following year.



Agricultural Project Water Carryover

- In 2022, the Southeastern Colorado Water Activity Enterprise approved a Pilot Project.
- This Pilot Project established parameters for which agricultural entities were permitted to carry water past November 15.
- During the process, items were identified that required changes to provide additional clarification and set timelines.

Proposed Changes to the Program

- Limited to entities who choose to use the first right of refusal on Return Flows.
- District staff will assess feasibility in August and September in coordination with:
 - Bureau of Reclamation
 - Colorado Division of Water Resources
- Allocation Committee will make a recommendation to the Board in September as to spill risk in Pueblo Reservoir.
- Board will decide at the September Board meeting as to spill risk in Pueblo Reservoir.
- Decision is based on current forecasts and hydrologic outlook.
- Participation is subject to change as hydrologic conditions evolve.

Imminent Spill Risk:

(Pueblo Reservoir Spill Likely)

- 80/20 Rule (per policy):
 - I. 80% of Agricultural Project Water must be used by November 15 of the allocation year.
 - II. 20% of Agricultural Project Water must be used by May 1 of the following allocation year.
- The Allocation Committee will recommend one of the three spill categories to the Board of Directors in September.
- The Board of Directors will decide on one of the three spill categories in September.
- Agricultural entities may submit requests for variance by September 15 each year, subject to Board approval in October.

Marginal Spill Risk:

(Spill Possible, But Not Likely)

- Annual Waiver of the 80/20 Rule.
- Agricultural Project Water may be stored from November 15 to March 15 but must be used by April 15.
- The Allocation Committee will recommend one of the three spill categories to the Board of Directors in September.
- The Board of Directors will decide on one of the three spill categories in September.
- In March the Allocation Committee and the Board of Directors will receive an update on storage conditions in Pueblo Reservoir and take one of two actions:
 1. Change to a different category. (Category 1, Category 3)
 2. Look at and consider and variance letters that were received by the September 15th Deadline of the year prior.



Unlikely Spill Risk:

(Spill Unlikely As of May 1
Following Allocation Year)

- Annual Waiver of the 80/20 Rule.
- Agricultural Project Water may be stored from November 15 to March 15
- May be carried past May 1 but must be used by November 15 of the carryover year.
- The Allocation Committee will recommend one of the three spill categories to the Board of Directors in September.
- The Board of Directors will decide on one of the three spill categories in September.
- In March the Allocation Committee and the Board of Directors will receive an update on storage conditions in Pueblo Reservoir and take one of two actions:
 1. Change to a different category. (Category 1, Category 2)
 2. Look at and consider and variance letters that were received by the September 15th Deadline of the year prior.



Factors Impacting Spill Risk

- WINTER WATER
PROGRAM DEMAND

- M&I PROJECT
WATER CARRYOVER

- EXCESS CAPACITY
MUNICIPAL
CONTRACTS

- ESTIMATED RELEASE
SCHEDULES

- EVAPORATION
LOSSES

- PUEBLO RESERVOIR
CONTENT VS.
HISTORICAL
AVERAGES

- CONSERVATION
POOL LIMIT: 245,373
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Questions?