



Winter Water Program

Southeastern Colorado Water
Conservancy District

Why Winter Water?

History

- Initiated in 1976 as a voluntary winter storage initiative.
- First Water Court application filed in 1984; amended in 1986.
- Purpose: Capture winter flows for use during peak irrigation periods.



Operations Overview

- Initial 100,000 acre-feet of storage allocated as follows:
 - 28% to ditch companies without storage rights, based on historical winter usage.
 - 72% to ditch companies with storage rights, based on combined historical irrigation and storage use.
- Additional allocations:
 - 2,750 acre-feet to Amity for storage in Great Plains or John Martin Reservoir.
 - 356 acre-feet to Holbrook for storage.
- When storage exceeds 103,106 acre-feet, allocation shifts to:
 - 25% Direct Flow only
 - 75% Direct Flow and Storage
- River call during operations set at March 1, 1910, aligning with the most junior storage decree among participants

Legal Challenges

- In 1985, Kansas filed suit against Colorado, alleging three violations of the Arkansas River Compact, including the operation of the WWSP.
- In 1997, the Special Master's Second Report concluded that there was not enough evidence that WWSP violated the Compact.

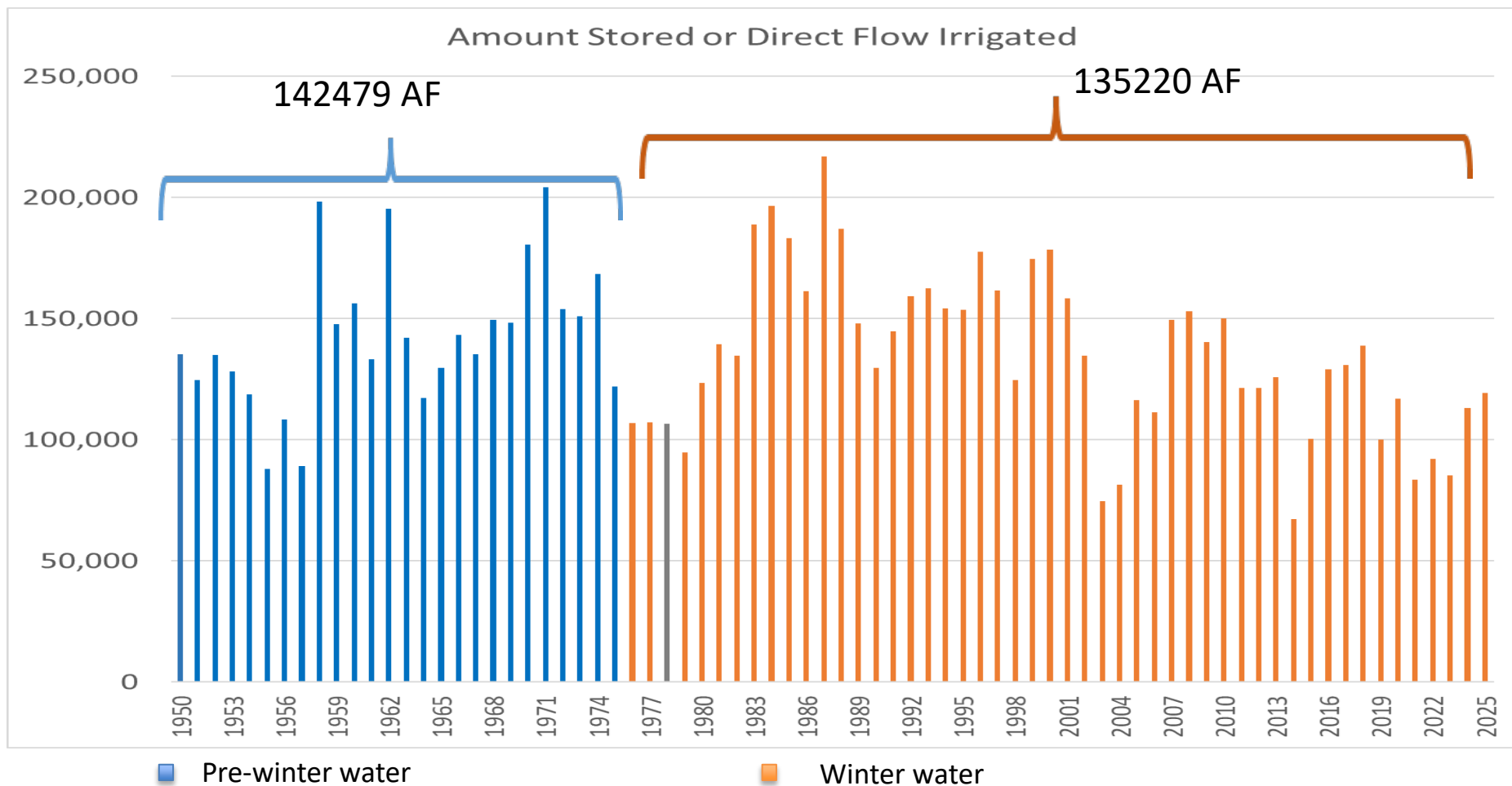
Resolution and Progress

- A formal decree was issued by Colorado Division 2 Water Court in 1989.
- The program has operated successfully every year since.
- WWSP participants now benefit from reliable storage, even those without prior reservoir access.

Disbursement For First 100,000 AF

Ditch Company	Allocation (AF)
Bessemer	6,190
Highline	8,310
Oxford	2,000
Catlin	9,140
Consolidated	2,760
Riverside–West Pueblo	400

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Colorado, Lake Henry, Lake Meredith	10,690
Holbrook	8,520
Fort Lyon	38,160
Amity	13,830



Numbers at a Glance

Annual storage and deliveries over time

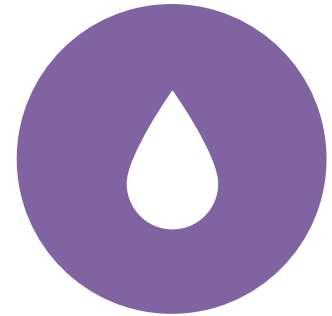
Looking Forward



STRENGTHEN COLLABORATION



IMPLEMENT ADAPTIVE MANAGEMENT
STRATEGIES TO RESPOND TO
CHANGING CONDITIONS



CONTINUE TO MAXIMIZE THE
BENEFITS OF WINTER WATER STORAGE
AND DELIVERY

Questions & Discussion

Thank you for your time and continued partnership.