

QQ POLICIES

- I. PROTECT AND IMPLEMENT LOCAL GOVERNMENT AUTHORITY TO PROTECT WATER RESOURCES.
 - A. Strengthen available tools to protect water quality and quantity. Defend against attacks on 1041 and other local government regulatory authority when necessary.
 - B. Assist local governments to strengthen and implement water quality provisions of their land use codes.
 - C. Fund legal services to local governments for specific projects when the QQ Committee approves involvement and expenditures from the Defense Fund.
- II. BUILDING COALITIONS AND EDUCATION
 - A. Advocate the headwater communities' water quality and quantity interests throughout the State. Identify and work with other groups statewide that share QQ's concerns. Develop educational tools for varied audiences.
 - B. Identify strategies to minimize Front Range's dependency on West Slope water resources. Advocate "smart growth" to those utilizing headwater sources as water supplies, oppose the ad hoc policy of growth driving demand for imported water supplies.
 - C. Coordinate with elected officials, private sector and other decision-makers on water quality issues. Develop working relationships with governmental entities, the private sector and others where appropriate.
 - D. Foster cooperative regional management of water resources. Minimize redundant systems.
- III. TRANSMOUNTAIN DIVERSION OVERSIGHT
 - A. Evaluate potential future Front Range water development projects and alert QQ members of possible impacts.
 - B. Influence operations of existing projects to minimize local impacts where possible.
 - C. Advocate for all transmountain diversion water to be re-used to extinction by Front Range diverters.
 - D. Provide technical assistance to QQ members to determine water quality and quantity impacts caused by new or expanded transmountain diversion. Identify

measures and conditions that would help mitigate those impacts. Assist the local government with 1041 permitting of water projects.

- E. Educate Front Range elected officials on transmountain diversion impacts in the headwaters communities.

IV. WATER QUALITY

- A. Protect local wastewater facilities from increased operational costs caused by hydrologic modifications and transmountain diversions.
- B. Advocate regional interests during rulemaking hearings before the Water Quality Control Commission and the Colorado Water Conservation Board that affect the upper Colorado River Basin.
- C. Defend regional Water Quality Management Plan (208 Plan).
- D. Insure that water development in headwaters region does not adversely impact water quality.
- E. Limit interpretations of Section 104 of the Colorado Water Quality Control Act so that it is not used to immunize water development activities from water quality protection requirements.
- F. Assist local governments in adopting NWCCOG/QQ's Water Quality Protection Standards and other measures to protect local water quality.

V. INFLUENCE WATER POLICY

- A. Identify and plan for future West Slope water needs.
- B. Coordinate with State water planning efforts. Participate in State water policy initiatives and forums. Help formulate and implement water quality and water quantity policy.
- C. Educate policy makers and expand scope of state water policy to include water quality, headwater impacts and recognition of instream water uses.
- D. Develop strategies to improve conservation measures on the West Slope.
- E. Support instream flow program in this region.