

Exhibit A

QQ POLICIES

- I. **PROTECT AND IMPLEMENT LOCAL GOVERNMENT AUTHORITY TO PROTECT WATER RESOURCES**
 - A. Defend against attacks on 1041 and other local government regulatory authority.
 - B. Strengthen and implement water quality provisions of municipal and county land use codes.
 - C. Support legislation or policies designed to minimize impacts of transmountain diversions.

- 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. 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.
 - C. Foster cooperative regional management of water resources. Minimize redundant systems.
 - D. Seek support of other local governments and organizations in efforts to protect headwaters interests.

- III. **TRANSMOUNTAIN DIVERSION OVERSIGHT**
 - A. Transmountain diversion projects will not be supported by QQ unless all socioeconomic and environmental impacts are mitigated to the satisfaction of the affected governmental units.
 - B. Existing water projects should be operated to minimize local impacts where possible.
 - C. Transmountain diversion water should be re-used to extinction to the extent allowed by law.
 - D. Cooperate to determine water quality and quantity impacts caused by new or expanded transmountain diversion; identify measures and conditions that would help mitigate those impacts; and assist the local government with 1041 permitting of water projects.

- E. Implement intergovernmental agreements among member jurisdictions to extend regulatory oversight beyond individual jurisdictional boundaries so that the impacts of water diversion projects can be fully addressed.
- F. Educate Front Range elected officials on transmountain diversion impacts in the headwaters communities.

IV. WATER QUALITY

- A. Water development activities should not have an adverse effect on the quality of water resources.
- B. Local wastewater facilities should be protected from increased operational costs caused by hydrologic modifications and transmountain diversions.
- C. Regional water quality interests should be protected during rulemaking hearings before the Water Quality Control Commission and the Colorado Water Conservation Board that affect the upper Colorado River Basin.
- D. Defend and update the regional Water Quality Management Plan (208 Plan).
- E. Coordinate local governments' efforts to adopt Water Quality Protection Standards and other measures to protect local water quality.

V. STATEWIDE WATER POLICY

- A. West Slope consumptive and non-consumptive needs should be integral to state-wide water policy.
- B. Oppose water policies that protect east slope interests at the expense of headwater water quality and quantity.
- C. Water conservation and efficiency measures in Colorado should be increased.
- D. Instream flow programs should be protected.
- E. Programs that allow agricultural users to transfer water to municipal uses on a temporary basis should be implemented.