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## Session 4: What's Next for Larimer County Water November 16th, 6-8pm

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Larimer County Short- and  
Long-Term Water Plans;  
Public Engagement

Jessica  
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Colorado  
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Diversity, Equity, and  
Inclusion in Water

John Hunt,  
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Flood Review  
Board Member

Larimer County Flood  
Planning Efforts

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Resources and  
Opportunities for  
Public Engagement

Claire Bouchard  
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# NEXT STEPS - LARIMER COUNTY

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NOVEMBER 16, 2023

# THIS PRESENTATION

## 1. Water Planning:

- Existing Conditions (2022)
- Water Master Plan (2023-2024)

## 2. NOCO Water Alliance

## 3. Climate-Smart, Future Ready Plan

## 4. Strategic Plan

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# 2022 FOUNDATIONAL WORK

## Existing Conditions Assessment

- **Scope:** Assessed existing conditions related to water supplies and agricultural land and identified risks and vulnerabilities
- **Delivered:** Regional Existing Conditions Report

## Initial Vision and Goal Setting

- **Scope:** County staff work session and stakeholder open house
- **Delivered:** Final memo with key findings, action items and recommendations for developing a water plan

**JUNE 2022**



# **LARIMER COUNTY REGIONAL WATER EXISTING CONDITIONS REPORT**



**Posted at:**  
**[larimer.gov/planning/water](https://larimer.gov/planning/water)**

# WATER MASTER PLAN





# THE WATER MASTER PLAN

A detailed roadmap to implement water related actions, focusing on areas of high risk, with detailed milestones to measure progress toward achieving Larimer County's vision and goals.

## Firms:

SWCA and AE2S

## Timeline:

Through end of 2024

## Funding:

FEMA and County



# WHO WILL BE INVOLVED?

## Larimer County:

- Engineering
- Natural Resources
- Community Development
- Housing Resources
- Emergency Operations
- Boards and Commissions

## Partner Agencies:

- Municipalities
- Water Districts
- Agricultural groups
- Watershed protection groups
- Environmental groups
- Others interested in water issues

# COUNTY'S ROLE AND OPTIONS

- Long-range planning for water and related infrastructure
- Land Acquisitions with water-sharing agreements
- Emergency operations and recovery
- Data and information management
- Public education and engagement
- Regional convening
- Fees and revenues to fund incentives and programs
- Regulations (land use, building, floodplain, streams)
- Watershed risk assessment
- Leader in water-wise county facilities
- Legislative advocacy



## EVENTS HELD TO DATE

1. Formed Water Advisory Group (convened Oct. 11)
2. Formed Technical Advisory Committee (started Oct. 16)
3. Public Meeting on Nov. 6 / 8 – Vision and Goals
4. Public questionnaires



# NOCO WATER ALLIANCE

1. County is a participant
2. Regular updates are provided to the Board of Commissioners
3. County regulatory authority – 1041
4. County interest includes agricultural, watershed health and recreational uses – not the same as water providers
5. Early discussions include sharing development and fee approaches and the impact to water usage and housing permits

# CLIMATE-SMART, FUTURE READY

1. Phase 3: Plan development
2. Purpose: Better adapt to and mitigate the social economic and environmental risk that the county faces from climate change
3. Partners: Over 50 partner agencies
4. Water: Increase water use efficiency across urban, agricultural and ecological needs with emphasis on regional alignment

# COUNTY STRATEGIC PLAN 2024-2028

1. Final stages of development
2. Previous Strategic Plan had water sharing and water planning objectives
3. Current Strategic Plan will have a natural and built environment goal to:
  - Create structure to better coordinate and advocate regionally on air and water quality projects
  - Improve forest and watershed health

# QUESTIONS OR SUGGESTIONS?



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