

LARIMER COUNTY WATER MASTER PLAN

Table 1. Larimer County prioritized risk criteria, derived from January Water Advisory Group and Technical Advisory Group meetings, a January 2024 survey sent to the advisory groups and County Core team, and feedback from various Larimer County boards. Risk Categories 1-4 can be mapped spatially and will be included in the risks mapping part of the project, whereas Risk Categories 5-6 will be addressed in the mitigation strategies but will not be mapped.

Risk Category	Risk Criteria
1. Reduced water supply and increased water demand	Increasing demand from population growth
	Uncertain water futures as it relates to climate
	Changes in land use
2. Hazards to watersheds	High-intensity wildfires
	Droughts
	Source water quality
	Loss of ecosystem services/instream habitat
3. Water rights	Water rights owned by non-county entities
	Water rental market limitations
	Buy out dry out/loss of water for agriculture
4. Infrastructure risks or limitations	Aging or damaged infrastructure
	Inadequate storage
5. Lack of water conservation policies or measures	Policies or guidelines
	Measures to avoid curtailment
	Cohesive approach: municipalities, HOAs, County
	Water efficiency in agriculture
	Land use policies
6. Lack of water education	Lack of public awareness
	Lack of understanding by policy/decision makers