

Public Education, Participation, and Outreach

PEPO 2023
Education Action Plan

South Platte Basin Roundtable
Metro Basin Roundtable

PEPO MISSION & GOALS

(From Statewide PEPO Meeting Slide Deck)

PEPO's genesis: [Water for the 21st Century Act \(HB 1177\)](#)

- Create a process to inform, involve and educate the public on the Interbasin Compact Committee's activities and progress of the Interbasin Compact Negotiations.
- Create a mechanism by which public input and feedback can be relayed to the Interbasin Compact Committee and Compact Negotiators.

PEPO Goals

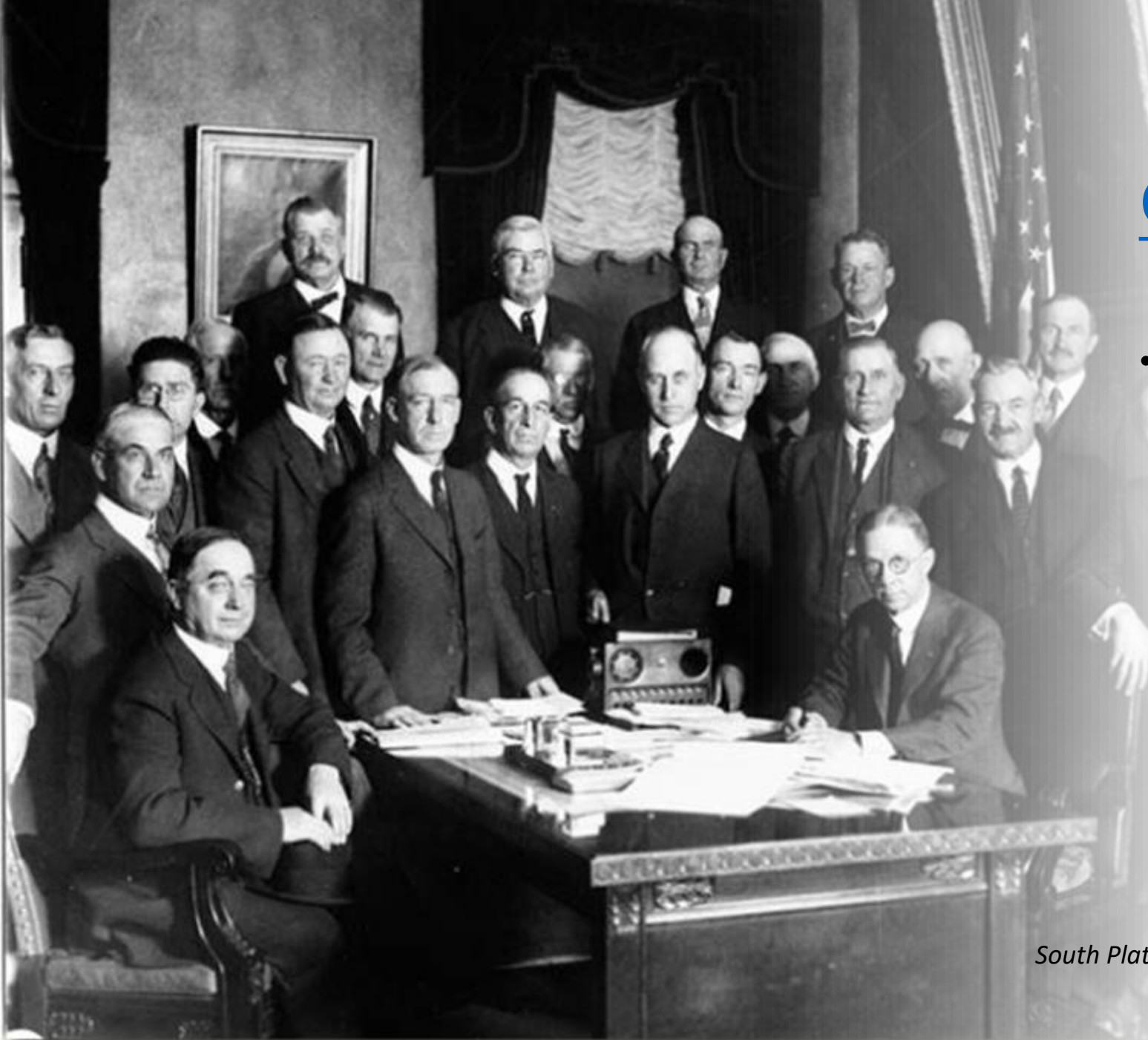
- Educate and support their roundtable.
- Educate the public on what topics and projects are critical to the IBCC, roundtable, and to the Water Plan.
- A conduit for carrying public information to and from the community.



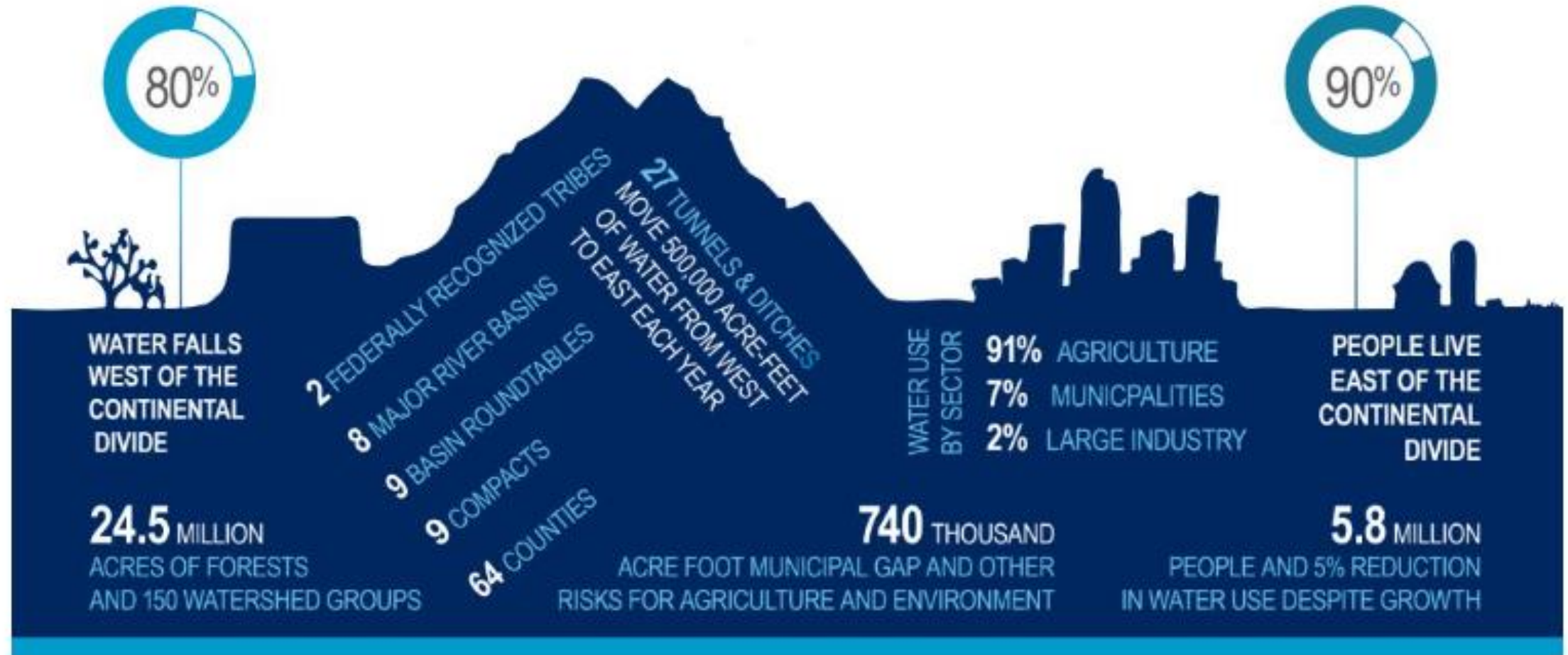
Guiding Documents

- PEPO has specific roles and responsibilities according to our Roundtable Bylaws and Basin Implementation Plan.
 - The role of PEPO is to support the South Platte Basin Implementation Plan ([South Platte Basin Implementation Plan](#))

*South Platte Basin Compact agreed to by Colorado and Nebraska, 1923
Signed by Colorado Governor Clarence J. Morley, 1925*



Please comment on the plan, commit to taking action, and share your own stories of water resilience.



SOUTH PLATTE

Basin Implementation Plan

Basin goals, future projects, and desired water future for the Basin informed four primary strategies:

These strategies are:

- Meet the municipal supply gap
- Protect irrigated agriculture
- Protect and enhance watersheds
- Implement projects

<https://www.southplattebasin.com/>

More than
\$9.8 billion
total estimated
costs for project
implementation*

282 Total Projects

39 Tier 1 Projects

54 Multi-purpose
Projects

185 New projects
added in 2020



Committee Coordination, Organization, & Facilitation

South Platte & Metro Basin Roundtables WSRF Projects

Colorado Water Conservation Board

About the WSRF Basin Wide County Wide Study Areas Stream Reaches/Diversions Site Locations

The projects listed below were conducted within discrete areas within the basin. Please click on the project titles to highlight each project location on the map as well as to gain access to the final report.

Projects funded by South Platte Basin Roundtable are **green**.

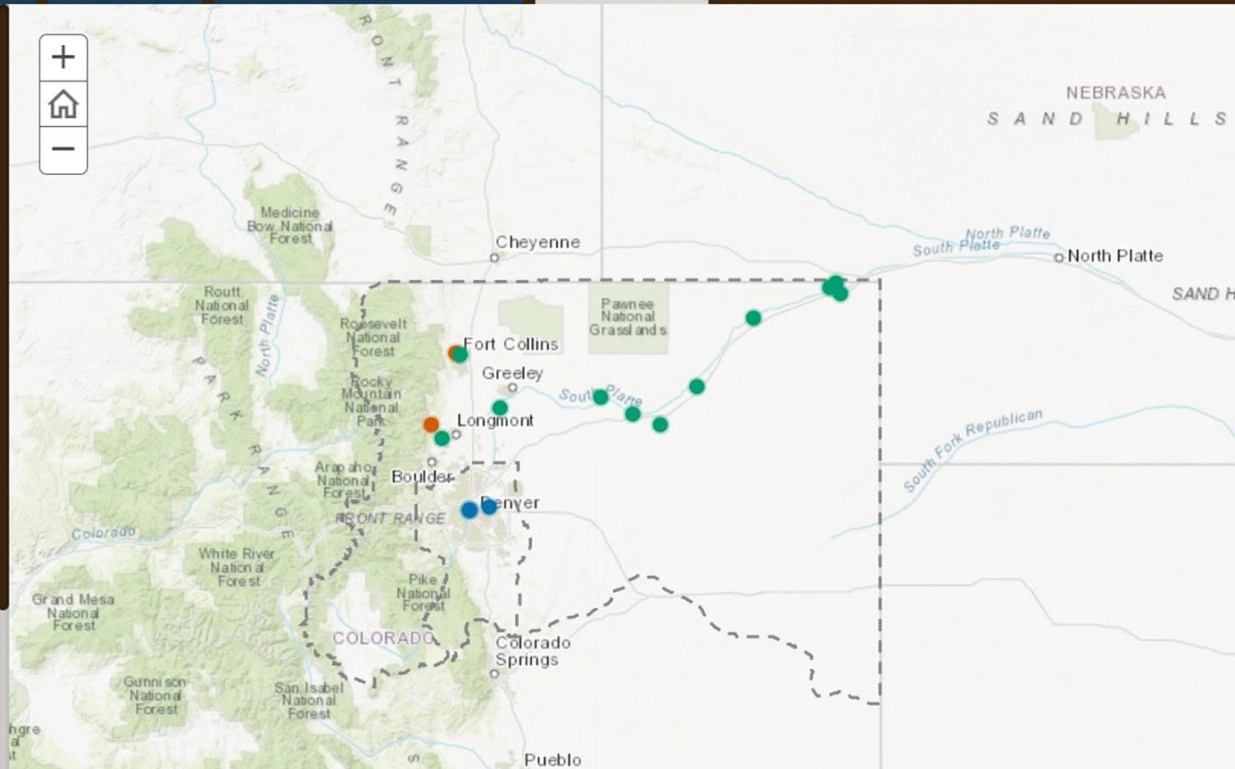
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Projects funded by both South Platte & Metro Basin Roundtables are **red**.

2009 - South Platte Water Protection and Restoration

2010 - Lower South Platte Wetland Initiative Phase I South Platte River

2011 - Ovid Reservoir Comprehensive Feasibility Study



[Link to WSRF Projects Map](#)

- Participate in meetings and conversations with other Roundtables.
- Report to Metro and South Platte Roundtables.
- Share outreach materials and promote a common message with 'local flair'.
- Coordinate with Metro and South Platte Committees.
- Maintain calendar of regularly scheduled Committee and Sub-committee meetings.
- Post public meeting schedules on website: [The South Platte Basin](#)
- As requested, participate in meetings and planning process to provide facilitation and record-keeping.



Communication

- Website development and utilization includes creation of 'story maps', document management software, enhanced utility, content and analytics.
- Using all social media tools currently used by the Metro and South Platte Roundtables, promote the '[A River Shaped by Use](#)' video created in 2021.
- Develop press releases, articles and written inserts to be shared with identified program partners.



Outreach



Bylaws

[South Platte Basin \(2013\)](#)

[Metro Basin \(2017\)](#)

Member Handbooks

[South Platte Basin \(2019\)](#)

[Metro Basin \(2019\)](#)

Education Action Plan (EAP)


[Combined South Platte and Metro Basins \(2020\)](#)

- Leverage existing outreach network and messaging to promote the goals of the Basin Implementation Plan, message WSRF funding and the Colorado Water Plan.
- Represent Roundtables at Community Events.
- Update and promote Orientation Package for new RT members, including [Headwaters](#) publications, By-laws, and other relevant educational/organizational materials.



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- Going forward, what is the SP BIP directing SPBRT & MRT membership to do?

The basin has **12 GOALS** centered around:

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- ✓ Encouraging project implementation
 - ✓ Maximizing development of native supplies while supporting cooperative outside supply options
 - ✓ Maintaining and improving municipal and industrial conservation and efficiency
 - ✓ Maintaining and promoting reuse
 - ✓ Protecting irrigated agriculture
 - ✓ Protecting and enhancing watershed function and environmental and recreational attributes
 - ✓ Using scenario planning to manage uncertainty of future water needs
 - ✓ Broadening communications, outreach, and education
 - ✓ Improving efficiency and effectiveness of water project permitting