



Summary Report

of Interim Committee Activities

November 2025

Water Resources and Agriculture Review Committee

Committee Members: Senator Janice Marchman, Chair, Representative Karen McCormick, Vice-chair
Senators Jeff Bridges, Marc Catlin, Byron Pelton, Dylan Roberts
Representatives Matthew Martinez, Julie McCluskie, Matt Soper, Ty Winter

Committee Charge

The Water Resources and Agriculture Review Committee's (WRARC) purpose is to monitor the conservation, use, development, and financing of Colorado's water resources and identify, monitor, and address Colorado agriculture issues. The committee is also required to review statewide planning for water resources. The WRARC reviews and proposes legislation to further its purpose. In conducting its review, the WRARC consults with experts in the fields of water conservation, quality, use, finance, and development and the field of agriculture. While the committee is considered a year-round committee, it follows interim committee guidelines for drafting and requesting legislation.

Calendar of Events

June 3-4, 2025

- Southwest River Basin Tour

June 30, 2025

- Ranch Property Taxes
- Colorado Farmer's Market Association
- Environmental Good Samaritan Bill
- Precipitation Harvesting Pilot Project
- Wolf Reintroduction

August 19-21, 2025

- Colorado Water Congress Conference

August 20, 2025

- Colorado River
- Perkins Canal
- Stream Access in Colorado

September 15, 2025

- Agriculture Mental Health
- Watershed Health Forest Management
- Colorado Outdoor Strategy
- Healthy Soils
- Bill Draft Requests

October 29, 2025

- Perkins Canal
- Artificial Intelligence in Pesticide Application
- AgWell Funding
- Agrivoltaics and Solar Projects
- Zebra Mussels
- Bill Draft Approval



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Recommended Legislation

As a result of committee discussion and deliberation, the committee recommends the following two bills and one resolution for consideration in the 2026 legislative session.

Bill A – Agricultural Property Tax Definitions

The bill modifies the definitions of farms and ranches used to classify agricultural land for property tax purposes, and specifies ranches are for grazing livestock through pasture-based operations.

Bill B – Protections for Ag Products Grown in Colorado

The bill prohibits marketing agricultural products not grown in Colorado as grown in Colorado

Resolution A – Support Farmers' Market Managers

The resolution expresses support for Colorado's farmers markets and urges the Colorado Department of Agriculture and the Colorado Farmers Market Association to provide expertise and financial and other resources necessary to support farmers' market managers.