

**Headwater Authority of the South Platte
(AKA) HASP
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2016 BUDGET MESSAGE**

1. The Headwater Authority of the South Platte (HASP) was formed 21 March 2007 pursuant to the provisions of the Colorado Constitution, Article XIV, Sections 18(2) (a) and (b), and Section 29-1-204.2, C.R.S., known as the “Water Authority Act.”
2. The Center of Colorado Water Conservancy District and the Upper South Platte Water Conservancy District (Districts) entered an “AGREEMENT REGARDING GRANT OF AUTHORITY TO HASP” (Agreement) on the 24 of September 2008 to empower HASP with the financial and operational responsibility to manage the various water rights and facilities owned by the Districts.
3. The Districts boards provide two board members each to serve as the 4 member Board of Directors for HASP. HASP utilizes a cash accrual accounting method in the budgeting processes.

As a result the Agreement, current HASP Board of Directors has established certain prime objectives to sustain and improve the quality of life for the residents of the Districts by effective use of the water resources in the District. These goals and objectives are:

- A. Manage the water and financial assets to the maximum benefit of all citizens in each of the respective Districts.
 - B. Accept water use applications and process them according to Colorado Law and the various Districts Plan of Augmentation and exchanges. To the degree possible, vigorously preserve and defend the remaining water supplies within the boundaries of the Districts.
 - C. Maximize available water use and minimize the wasteful use of the water supply.
 - D. Promote intergovernmental agreements to defend against underground or other surface water storage reservoirs, or any conjunctive use concept with the support of other applicable entities, agencies and groups.
 - E. Procure surface water rights and storage rights at a reasonable cost when available.
 - F. Cooperate with our sister agencies to bring to fruition a district wide plan of augmentation to provide necessary water supplies for the citizens within the District. Currently lands within the district boundaries that are within Water Division 2 are without an approved Plan of Augmentation.
4. In consultation and coordination with other entities, closely collaborate with the Coalition for the Upper South Platte (CUSP) in areas of water quality, public education and watershed protection. Involve both public and private initiatives to improve water basin wide water quantity and quality.